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PEKING NOW UNDER SWAY OF SOLDIERY

Martial Law is Proclaimed in Capital With Beneficial Effect.

BRITISH TROOPS ACTIVE

Hundred of Them Defend Women and Children at Feng Tai But Are Unable to Restrain Rioters from Pillage.

Peking, Mar. 3.—Martial law, which has been proclaimed in the capital is operating successfully. At one o'clock this morning quiet prevailed in the vicinity of the legations, but continual cannonading was heard in the direction of Fong Tai, with which communication has been temporarily cut off.

The detachment of American troops from Tien Tsin is due to arrive here at 8.30 o'clock in the morning. One train due from that city at 7.30 last evening has not yet reached here. The legations are preparing for a siege. Direct attacks on the legation quarter are not feared, but the Chinese troops possess many modern guns, might be used effectively if turned in the directions of the legations.

By the dynamiting of the bridges on the Hankow Railway and because of the fighting along the Tien Tsin line, Peking is out of communication with the places for the present. The foreign guard along the railway will be increased.

The diplomatic body held a conference last night and considered measures for the restoration and maintenance of communication with Tien Tsin. The river is now open, therefore it may not be necessary to guard the line between Tien Tsin and Ching Wang Tao, as it will be possible to reach the sea by way of the river.

British On Hand.

It is reported here that the third and twentieth divisions are battling at Feng Tai, where 100 British troops are stationed. The Britishers, while protecting women and children, have been unable to stop the looting and could not prevent the burning of the station. A passenger train which was bound for Peking returned to Tien Tsin fearing to pass through the Feng Tai region.

The legations would not be surprised should all telegraphic communication be interrupted and because of this they are arranging a wireless system between the Italian towers here and a Japanese warship at Tien Tsin. The ministers are agreed that the present garrisons are sufficient to protect the legation quarter, but think it advisable that the legation guards be reinforced to 1000 by additional troops. Fears are entertained for the safety of the missionaries at Pao Ting Fu which city has been looted and of which large areas have been burned, and other cities in the south where the mutiny is spreading. The foreigners resident in these cities have been unable to escape owing to the destruction of the bridges. News reaching here indicates that a number of these towns have been sacked.

The American women and children have been concentrated from the other missions into the ample compound of the Methodist mission, which is located only a block from the legation quarters. This compound is surrounded by high walls and can easily be defended. The men connected with the missions remain in their own quarters on guard with a few American soldiers. Detachments of other foreign troops are guarding outlying property.

Parties of foreigners, without being molested, toured the city yesterday in carriages, on bicycles and horses and afoot and behld the results of the revolt which were evidenced by burned buildings and headless bodies lying beneath the archways or in the most conspicuous corner of the crossroads. Fires were still burning and now and then investigators encountered an executioner at work.

FIRST STEAMER OF RUSSIAN-CANADIAN SERVICE TO HALIFAX

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, March 3.—The Russian East Asiatic Steamship Company has opened a fortnightly service to Canada, the port of call to be Halifax. The first boat of the line, the Lituania, arrived today with 976 passengers, of whom 341 landed at Halifax for Western Canadian points, the balance of 635 proceding with the steamer this afternoon to New York. The new comers are pronounced by the immigration officials to be a superior class well supplied with funds.

WRITER IN 76TH YEAR

Prominent Men of Letters Gather to do Honor to William Dean Howells on 75th Birthday.

New York, Mar. 2.—William Dean Howells was the central figure tonight of a birthday party which will be memorable in the literary world. The novelist was 75 years old today and to do honor to him the President of the United States and more than 400 prominent men and women of letters gathered as dinner guests of Col. George Harvey.

To swell the volume of testimony to the eminence to which Mr. Howells had risen in letters, scores of congratulatory messages with tributes both in prose and verse were read from literary celebrities all over the English speaking world.

Drawing from a fund of reminiscence of his personal acquaintances with such men as Hawthorne and Emerson and Walt Whitman, Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier and Lowell, Bryant, Bancroft and Motley, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Julia Ward Howe, Artemus Ward and Mark Twain, Mr. Howells spoke with reverence and love of old friends, but optimistically of the present and future of American literature—in all departments of which he saw "a high or higher average—which is the distinctive American thing."

DR. DANIEL LIKELY TO BE NEW SENATOR FROM NEW BRUSWICK

Senator Wood Probably Be Appointed Lieutenant Governor Today and Dr. Daniel Mentioned as Successor.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Mar. 3.—The appointment of Senator Josiah Wood as lieutenant governor of New Brunswick will, it is expected, be made tomorrow. Senator Wood succeeds Lieutenant Governor Tweedie whose term of office has expired. The new senator from New Brunswick in place of Senator Wood, will likely be Dr. Daniel, of St. John, who gave up his seat in the Commons to Hon. J. D. Hazen.

GRITS ACCLAIM THE ADVENT OF GRAHAM TO COMMONS AGAIN

Festive Board Spread in Commons Restaurant in Honor of Former Minister—Copp was There.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Mar. 3.—Liberal members and senators Saturday night sat around the banquet board in the Commons restaurant and welcomed Hon. Geo. P. Graham back to the firing line and sought to convince each other that all was not lost. The new member for South Renfrew and his predecessor, Tom Lowe were there and were toasted. N. W. Rowell, Liberal leader in Ontario and A. B. Copp, Liberal leader in New Brunswick were present and were also toasted. Sir Wilfrid Laurier presided and was toasted. He encouraged the hope that he would continue to lead the opposition so long as his health remained good and the party wanted him.

Referring to the defeat of his government on the issue of reciprocity, he said: "I have nothing to regret, not even defeat. If it were to be done over again, I would be ready again to fall on the same issue."

The Liberal leader during the course of his speech, paid a warm tribute to the memory of the late Hon. Edward Blake.

"The Canadian people of today do not realize how much they owe to Blake. Canada has lost one of her ablest sons, her greatest lawyer, and one of her most brilliant parliamentary orators. We never knew the full measure of his stature until he was gone and it was too late."

FOUR INJURED IN TOLEDO FIRE.

Toledo, March 3.—Four men, three city firemen and the night watchman, were injured tonight in a fire which destroyed the plant of the Owens Bottle Machine Company. The loss will reach $100,000, which is amply covered by insurance.

NEWEST SEA MONSTER READY FOR SERVICE

Titanic, Twin Ship of Olympic, Marvel of Marine Architecture.

Not a Speed Marvel but Last Word in Comfort and Luxury for an Ocean Voyage.

TITANIC IN DRY DOCK.

Only the other day the "Lusitania" and the "Mauretania" were the world wonder sisters of the briny. Now they must yield the palm to a new pair of marine twins—the Olympic and the Titanic. This pair has just been filled out by the completion of the Titanic, the Olympic being already in commission.

The Titanic, which is shown here lying at the dock at Belfast preparatory to her trials, is 882 feet long and of 92 feet beam. She is nearly 100 feet longer than any other ship in the world except her sister, and her tonnage—45,000—is 13,000 in exces of that of the biggest of rival liners.

Her engines, 50,000 horsepower, are both turbine and reciprocating, are expected practically to eliminate vibration.

She has accommodations for 5,000 passengers.

She cost $7,500,000.

The Titanic is not a speed marvel—she makes but 21 knots as against the Mauretania's 25—but she is the last word in the way of comfort and luxury in trans-Atlantic travel.

She will go on the New York-Southampton run in the White Star service.

FREDERICTON NEWS IN BRIEF

B. H. Babbitt of Gibson Dead—Col. J. B. M. Baxter to Move Address in Reply to Speech from Throne.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Mar. 3.—B. H. Babbitt for many years postmaster at Gibson died this evening after an illness of pernicious aenemia. He was 60 years old and besides carrying on the general store business and post office at Gibson, also conducted an insurance business, and was one of the best known residents of Gibson. Besides his widow, he is survived by a large family. The late Mr. Babbitt was a member of Hiram Lodge Free and Accepted Masons.

Tomorrow will see the commencement of the influx of visitors for the session of the legislature which will be opened on Thursday afternoon by Hon. Josiah Wood, the new lieutenant governor of New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Wood accompanied by members of his family is expected to arrive here tomorrow evening from Sackville and sessions of the provincial government will open tomorrow evening and will continue until the opening of the House on Thursday. Hon. Mr. Wood will be sworn in either on Wednesday or Thursday and therefore one of his first official acts will be to open the session of the legislature.

One of the items for the government to take up tomorrow evening or on Tuesday will be the formal selection of the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Col. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., the new member for St. John city and county and Scott D. Guptill, the new member for Charlotte county, will probably be the mover and seconder respectively.

Otherwise arrangements for the opening of the legislature are about complete, orders having been issued some time ago for the guard of honor to be furnished by the 71st Regiment of this city and the firing party to fire the salute by the 3rd Regiment Canadian Heavy Artillery, of St. John.

DEFEAT PROPOSAL TO PUT PREMIUM ON HOME MANUFACTURE

St. Petersburg, Mar. 2.—The opposition aided by the peasant deputies of all parties, in the Duma today defeated the proposal providing for bounties in the manufacture in Russia of harvesters and binders.

CHARGES MAY BE DISMISSED

Legal Entanglement Makes Jury Bribery Indictment Against Darrow Hard to Pass—May be Abandoned.

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 2.—The jury bribery indictment against Clarence S. Darrow, former chief counsel for the McNamara Bros., became so meshed in legal tangles today that according to attorney there is a possibility that all charges may be dismissed.

The complications arose when Attorney Earl Rogers, representating Darrow, refused to accept fragmentary notes of testimony as a compliance with a court order that the district attorney supply the defence with a full transcript of the evidence on which the grand jury had indicted Darrow.

Declaring a full transcript was not to be had because all the testimony had not been taken by the official stenographer, District Attorney Fredericks announced he would pay no more attention to the indictments and have Darrow re-arrested on information.

More legal obstacles arose at this juncture, however, leaving a doubt as to whether such an arrest could be made in view of the fact that Darrow was under indictment for the alleged offence. Then Judge Hutton, who first ruled that the partial transcript was sufficient and reversed himself last week, added further complication by naming March 11 as the date when the accused lawyer should appear in court to have his case set for trial. When court adjourned the case was left in a condition that puzzled the attorneys for both sides. As it stands, according to counsel, the prosecutor cannot send the case back to the grand jury because the conditions developed are not covered by the penal code. He cannot arrest Darrow on information as he has already been indicted.

INSURANCE WILL BECOME MONOPOLY OF GOVERNMENT

The Italian Chamber of Deputies Approves Bill Providing for State Monopoly of Insurance Business.

Rome, Mar. 2.—By a vote of 268 to 79, the Chamber of Deputies today approved the bill providing for a state monopoly of life insurance. As a result national and foreign insurance companies will be gradually taken over by government insurance institutes.

MARAUDERS RUN RIOT IN TIEN TSIN

Outbreaks of Alarming Character Responsible for Considerable Loss.

Arrival of Inniskilling Fusiliers Strikes Terror to Body of Chinese Engaged in Obstructing Railway.

Tien Tsin, March 3.—Rioting of a serious nature occurred here last night. The outbreak had been feared and precautions were taken as far as it was possible to protect the residents from harm. Between 9 and 10 o'clock in the evening the soldiers mutinied. They set fire to a number of buildings and then began looting from house to house. They were joined by the rabble. The shops and tanks on all the important streets were looted and some of them were wrecked. In order to intimidate the populace the soldiers kept up a continual gun fire. The rattle of musketry could be heard throughout the night. Only a few of the police remained loyal and they were greatly outnumbered and powerless to suppress the disorders.

No fewer than 14 fires were raging simultaneously in various parts of the city. The soldiers broke into the Peiyang mint which was set on fire. Machinery to the value of many thousands of dollars was destroyed. The looters entered the silver stores, wrenching off the iron shutters and even making holes in the walls. The mint was completely looted of everything portable and the ground was strewn with empty cartridge clips and cases.

The German consul despatched a guard to protect the German residents in the city composed chiefly of the engineering staff of the Tien Tsin-Pukow railway. A German doctor, Schreeter by name, who entered the city and was attempting to assist German friends, was shot dead by looting soldiers. Foreigners generally, however, were not molested.

A company of the Somerset Regt. was sent to the British station at midnight to protect the railway property. The damage already done cannot be estimated at present. The city was quiet this morning, although hundreds op carts laden with household belongings and loot were leaving for other parts. Further disturbances are anticipated.

An Associated Press correspondent while proceeding from Peking to Tien Tsin today witnessed a critical incident at Feng Tai, which was in the hands of the mutineers. The trains pulled in between lines of troops of the Somerset Regiment, who were crouching with guns loaded and bayonets fixed. One hundred yards away groups of Chinese soldiers were sulkily discussing the action of the Britishers. It was explained that the Chinese troops had stopped the trains and had threatened not to let any pass.

They were given one hour by the British commander in which to vacate their position. Just about that time 700 of the Inniskilling fusiliers arrived and began to detrain a quarter of a mile away, while the Chinese who numbered 1,500 did not move until the Inniskillings marched up and took their positions. Then they scurried away in all directions as the train continued on to Tien Tsin.

The foreign forces are seriously depleted by the despatch of drafts of British, German, French and American troops to Pekin. The total foreign forces now available here are, roughly speaking, 700 British, chiefly of the Indian regiment; 500 Japanese, 300 French, 170 Russians and Germans, and 20 Americans. It is believed that it would require a minimum of 1,500 men to police the city effectively. This cannot be done, and therefore it is anticipated that the disorders are likely to increase.

Numerous executions took place in this city today, but the authorities are practically powerless, as they cannot rely on the loyalty of the troops or the police, and have no means to prevent further outbreaks.

SECOND READING OF BOUNDARIES BILL IN THE HOUSE TODAY

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Robert Rogers Will Be Chief Speakers—Opposition Attitude Not Known.

Special to The Standar.

Ottawa, March 3.—The Manitoba Boundaries Bill will come up in the House tomorrow for a second reading, when it is expected that the chief speeches will be made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior. No intimation has been given as to the line the opposition proposes to take, nor is it definitely known that they will move an amendment to the second reading.

HARDSHIPS OF LIVES OF TEXTILE WORKERS

NO LACK OF HANGMEN NOW

Over Forty Applicants Willing to Relieve Sheriff Martin of Unwelcome Duty on March 8th.

Montreal, March 3.—Since the publication in the press of Montreal of a story from Fraserville, Que., to the effect that Sheriff Martin of that district was worried over his inability to find a hangman to officiate at the hanging of Jules Poudre, which is to take place March 8, Sheriff Lemieux of this city has been literally beseiged by swarms of would-be executioners anxious to relieve Mr. Martin of his trouble.

No less than forty men have called upon Sheriff Lemieux in the past two days to ask him to use his influence to secure them the post. The applicants were of all ages and appearances, some of them being mere boys. Yesterday Sheriff Lemieux had to order his office staff to admit no more would-be hangmen as the stream of willing executioners still kept up. No one was definitely engaged, but the names of a few with their addresses and qualifications were taken in case it should be necessary. The authorities still hope to engage an experienced hangman in the few days left at their disposal.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION IN COAL TROUBLE

London, Mar. 3.—The coal strike, the greatest in the history of the British Isles marked time over the week end. One satisfactory feature is the complete absence of any disorder in the districts affected. All negotiations looking to a settlement have ceased as the leaders who were recently gathered in London have dispersed to various parts of the city to attend to local matters in connection with the strike.

Labor leaders in speeches during the last day or two, have insisted upon the far-reaching importance of supporting the miners, because now that the government has decided to institute a minimum wage in connection with the mines, it will be impossible much longer to withhold the establishment of a minimum wage in all industries. Thus the strike will become a triumph for the cause of labor all around.

The next word is with the government and Premier Asquith's promised statement tomorrow is awaited with the greatest interest. The parliamentary whips, however, have not yet made any arrangement for the introduction of a minimum wage bill.

At a mass meeting of the dock workers of Bristol today a resolution was adopted to the effect that imports of foreign coal should not be handled.

Most of the railways announce the further curtailment of their services beginning tomorrow.

CAN THE CROWN BE HELD LIABLE AS COMMON CARRIER?

Ottawa, Mar. 3.—In the Exchequer Court on Saturday, Mr. Justice Cassels sat to hear arguments in the case of Smith and Edgett versus the King. In the case the suppliants filed a petition of right alleging that certain goods and merchandise belonging to them had been destroyed by fire while in the custody of the Intercolonial Railway authorities at Campbellton, N. B. The amount involved in the case is not large, but very important questions of law arise in it as to whether the crown can be made liable as a common carrier or as a warehouseman of goods. Teed, K. C., and Hewson, K. C., for suppliants; Powell, K. C., Wallace, K. C., and McKenzie for the crown.

EXECUTIVE OF THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION IS CHOSEN

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, March 3.—At a meeting of the Canadian group of the Interparliamentary Union which was largely attended by Senators and Commoners the executive for the ensuing year was chosen. Hon. Mr. Dandurand was re-elected chairman; Hon. Geo. H. Perley was named as vice-chairman and Duncan C. Ross, M. P. and L. Coderic were chosen as joint secretaries. Several speeches were made in favor of a celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace between Great Britain and the United States, the celebration to take place in 1914.

Children From Lawrence Mills Before Rules Committee of the House.

SOME PITIFUL CASES

One Italian Girl Had Scalp Torn Off by Loom and Wages, With Those of Father, Total Seven Dollars Weekly.

Washington, Mar. 2.—The factory boy and the factory girl had their first innings in Congress today when they appeared as witnesses before the rules committee of the House, which is considering the necessity for an investigation of the Lawrence, Mass., strike. Ten boys and three girls, a part of the striking army of woolen mill workmen appeared to tell the committee the hardships of life under the working conditions imposed by the mill owners. The committee seeking full information called the children as witnesses.

Carmella Tecli, an Italian girl of 16 years, pretty and shy, was one of the exhibits. Two years ago she was caught in a loom and frightfully injured. Her scalp was torn from her head, but no legal proceedings were instituted against the company. She still works in a woolen mill and with her father, is the support of a family of seven. The aggregate pay of the father and daughter is seven dollars a week.

The little boys who work in the mills enjoyed their strange situation today and took more interest in marvelling at the luxuriance of the fittings of the committee room than they did in the profundity of the examination by the attorneys who represented them. Moving picture men and other photographers took in their every move.

At the conclusion for the day of an unusual hearing before the house committee on rules and bills proposing an investigation of conditions relating to the strike of textile workers at Lawrence, Mass., Representative Victor Berger, of Wisconsin and Robert McCartney, of the citizens' committee at Lawrence, almost came to blows and were separated by Representative Wilson of Pennsylvania.

John Golden, president of the textile workers' union was called to the stand. He made a statement contradicting allegations made by Representative Berger.

"Mr. Berger," he said, "made the statement that the industrial workers of the world represented 20,000 of the Lawrence mill hands and that I, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, represented 120. The truth of the matter is that when this revolution in Lawrence occurred the Industrial Workers of the World had just 247 members. That organization is 2 years old. The organization I represent has 208 members in Lawrence, and is 25 years old."

Mr. Golding further declared that he "held no brief" for the Lawrence employers and that before the Industrial Workers of the World came into Lawrence he was as objectionable as could be imagined to the mill owners.

"Whenever I came to town, the mill hands were warned to beware of me" he said. "We spent thousand of dollars trying to organize Lawrence but were not successful. I want to urge an investigation of Lawrence.

Turning to Representative Berger, he said: "It is all the fault of your Ettor's and your Haywood's, who have gone to Lawrence and poisoned the minds of the mill workers. They have not preached trades unionism to them but absolute anarchy.

"That's a lie," cried several of the girl strikers, and Chairman Henry threatened to clear the room.

"Is the industrial workers of the world an organization of anarchists?" asked Representative Pou, of North Carolina.

"As a result of their conduct in Lawrence, we so claim," returned Golden.

"Have they urged violence?" asked Mr. Campbell.

"Yes," said Golden. "One man said the gun shops had better get busy because he was going out to buy a revolver."

"Who was that?"

"Ettor," replied Golden.

"He never said that. That's a lie," said several of the witnesses.

The hearing will be resumed Monday.