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THE BATTLE RIVER
BRIDGE FINISHED

The Last Bolt in Longest Steel Struc-
ture on G. T. P. Inserted on
Thursday.

Wainwright, Alta., Dec. 11.—The G.
T. P. bridge over the Battle River,
the largest steel structure on the en-
tire system, was completed yesterday
and steel laying on the trestles com-
menced. The first engine will cross
on Tuesday. The track-laying ma-
chine and material are here ready to
rush the steel Edmontonward.

The Battle River is 10 miles west of
here and 128 miles east of Edmonton.
The bridge is 2,800 feet long and 198
feet high. It is constructed of steel
towers, which rise from 104 concrete
pedestals. The river itself is not wide
where the bridge crosses, but the val-
ley is, and in consequence a tremen-
dously long bridge was necessitated.
At both the west and east ends of the
bridge there are huge concrete abut-
ments, 50 feet above ground and
which extend 40 feet below the sur-
face. These are built on 300 piles
driven 40 feet into the earth. From
the west end approach to the bridge is
a wooden trestle half a mile in
length.

The contractor for the substructure
of this bridge was held by John
Gunn & Sons, of Winnipeg, and the
superstructure was placed by the Cana-
dian Bridge company, Walkerville,
Ont. Work on the bridge was com-
menced in January, 1907. The en-
tire work taking less than two years
to complete.

A. M. Bouillon, of Edmonton, dis-
trict engineer, in charge of bridges,
was present at the completion of the
bridge, when the last bolt was in-
serted.

C. P. OFFICIALS MEET
In Winnipeg to Discuss Operations
For Next Year.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Western offi-
cials of the C. P. met here today to
review their estimate for operations next
year preparatory to the annual con-
ference at headquarters in Montreal.
Considerable extension work is con-
templated, and the settlement of the
roadbed on existing lines will also be
included.

The total expenditure of the com-
pany on its system in these depart-
ments during the present year is said
to have been in the neighborhood of
forty millions, but the estimates for
1910 will be considerably under that
amount, as there are no such exten-
sive works as double-tracking contem-
plated. Nearly all the principal officials
of the company are now en route to
Winnipeg to confer with Mr. Whyte.

Funeral of Chinese Emperor.

Pekin, Dec. 11.—The funeral of the
Chinese Emperor took place today
with a strange mixture of ancient cus-
toms with western forms. The cortege
was accompanied by 6,000 moun-
tains and 4,000 soldiers. Fully 10,000
people knelt in the street as the pro-
cession went by. In the procession
were horses with cushioned saddles,
camels with panniers on their backs,
and other pack animals. It is re-
garded as essential of the dignity of
an emperor to be so conducted to his
final resting place. As a concession,
foreigners were permitted to witness
the funeral.

Bourassa to Publish Paper.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Announcement
is made that Henri Bourassa will
publish a newspaper, Le Bien Public,
and will issue early in the new year.
The company is capitalized at \$100,000.

THE MANCHESTER HOUSE

ESTABLISHED 1880

CONTROL LUMBER OUTPUT.

Consideration Effected of Interests
Wide Enough to Regulate
U. S. Business.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—A lumber colla-
tion that will not only control the
output of the United States, but
which will also take in Canadian
lumber fields, and which will regu-
late the importations from the North,
was consummated in Chicago today.
Edward Hine, the Chicago lumber-
king, Bert Cook, of Duluth, and Wm.
O'Brien, of St. Paul, were in consul-
tation at the Grand Pacific hotel
throughout the day and left this after-
noon for Toronto, where they expect
to close operations on a valuable time.

These three men, who represent
the most powerful lumber combine in
this country and who are said to be
the active committee for the inner
circle of the Lumber Dealers' associa-
tion over the United States, acquired
the valuable timber holdings in Ontario
two months ago. At that same time
they were said to be acting on behalf
of the so-called lumber trust, but later
information was to the effect that the
combination had been fully completed.

14 KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

On Pasqua Canal Work—Fifty In-
jured—Some May Die.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Capt. Boggs,
of the Ististman canal commission
here, received a cablegram today from
Major Goetzl, engineer, in charge
of the isthmian, stating that fourteen
men were killed and fifty injured by
the dynamite explosion yesterday
morning at Barro, Ohio. Major Goetzl
said that some of those seriously
injured will probably die.

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TO PROVOKE PROSECUTION.

Regular Theatres in Montreal Will
Open on Sunday.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—There is every
indication that the war between the
regular theatres and the moving pic-
ture shows will be fought out in the
criminal court.
The moving picture shows have
been running here every Sunday for
a year or more, while the theatres
have been shut, and are also losing
patronage during week days from the
cheap show's competition. This
week the theatres have advertised
that they will open on Sunday, with
pictures and a sacred song program,
and that it is their right to do so.
Chief of Police Campeau stated today
that if the regular theatres took this
move on Sunday they would be pro-
secuted against under the criminal
laws and that plain clothes men
would be sent to catch theatre to col-
lect evidence. That is just what
the theatre managers want, as it will
bring the whole matter to the courts
and decide whether or not moving
picture shows can go on Sundays
while they have to close up on Sat-
urday. They are not at all sure that
the picture shows will corral the public
money while they are observing the
Sabbath.

GERMANY WILL MAKE
OVERTURES TO CANADA

Should French Senate Ratify Franco-
Canadian Commercial Treaty Kai-
ser's Government Will Try to
Make Similar Arrangement.

London, Dec. 14.—A Berlin despatch
states that the German government is
awaiting the result of the debate in
the French senate regarding the prop-
osed Franco-Canadian commercial treaty.
Should the senate, as expected,
ratify the treaty, then there is little
doubt Germany will try to come
to a similar arrangement with Cana-
da. It is believed that, supported by
Premier Laurier, the present Cana-
dian cabinet will find a cash arrange-
ment which will be acceptable to the
commercial interests of Germany.

FRANCE AGAIN IN FOLD.

Pope Pius Looks for Reclamation of
This Country to the Faith.

Rome, Dec. 14.—In the presence of
a large number of church dignitaries,
especially French, the decree of beatifi-
cation of Joan of Arc was read in
the hall of the consistory of the
Vatican today. At the same time several
missionaries, martyred in China and
Tongkin, were declared "venerable."
Pope Pius, looking in excellent
health, entered the hall. Cardinal
Parroti read the decree of beatifi-
cation. Bishop Touchet, Orleans,
then made a discourse thanking the
supreme court in the name of all
France. His holiness in the course of
his reply, said:
"The church militant will carry on
the struggle under the banner of
Christ until the end of time. The
heroes, who are the objects of honor
in the decrees just read, who gave us
such a glorious example, were from
that France whose present rulers un-
derstand the banner of revolt, breaking
the bonds which united the country
to the church. The heroic example
of these martyrs will, however, give
new life to the church in France and bring
her people to the faith. When you
return to your people that if they
love France they should love God and
the church and remember the words
of the heroine of Orleans: 'Christ,
the King of France.' So doing, God
will protect France and make her
great."

The pontiff was loudly applauded.
Copies of the decree were posted on
all churches.

CONSTRUCTION TO DATE.

The chief outstanding facts are that
very nearly 9,000 out of the 3,000 miles
of road already built or are under
construction, and that of the prairie
contract between the government and
the Grand Trunk Pacific and are now
being operated by that company. The
total length of the section when com-
pleted will be 920 miles. The whole of
it will be in operation next year.

Run from the Yorkton section. Past
to Prince Rupert one section has been
sailed out, that of 100 miles that is
Pacific end and the other 130 miles
under the section in hand. Fifty
miles to let very shortly. This leaves
613 miles that are not yet under con-
tract. The contractors who have the
mountain section in hand, Foley,
Welch and Stewart, are making good
progress, but the work is admitted to
be very slow. The cutting which is being
effected with the most advanced types of
plant and machinery.

\$20,000,000 Equipment.

The equipment of the line is an im-
portant matter and this has all to be
provided by the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Its agreement with the government
stipulated that it should equip the
entire line with modern and complete
rolling stock and the first equipment
for the completed road has to be of
the value of at least \$20,000,000. For
the purpose of providing the capital
for the construction of the rolling
stock an act of parliament was passed
giving the company powers to issue
debenture stock to the amount
of \$25,000,000 in addition to the cap-
ital stock authorized in the charter.

The main work proceeded to place
orders accordingly. Of the 14,500 flat
cars ordered 14,500 have already been
delivered. Those not required for the
rolling stock are being ordered. They
have been put in temporary use on
the Grand Trunk. Upwards of two
thousand other cars—flat, ballast, ex-
cesses, etc., have been received. Of
two hundred and seventy-five passen-
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been received and of seventy-five lo-
comotives fifty have been delivered.

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the other road projects the Grand Trunk
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concerned the Grand Trunk Pacific
has built a two million bushels an-
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quarter million bushel elevator is in
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NEW EPOCH IN THE
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\$70,000,000 Has Been Spent on This
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THE NATIONAL
TRANSCONTINENTAL.
Cost to date, \$70,000,000.
Spent on government security,
\$40,000,000.
Total estimated cost, \$110,000,000.
Total mileage, 3,000 miles.
Constructed or under way,
3,000 miles.
Rolling stock already deliv-
ered, 14,500 flat cars, 12 pas-
senger cars, 50 locomotives.
Forty-five elevators built be-
tween Winnipeg and Wain-
wright.
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Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—About \$70,000,000
have been spent on the Transcon-
tinental railway that will soon form
a new bond connecting the provinces
of the Dominion from ocean to ocean.
When the fiscal year closed the ex-
penditure on the National Transcon-
tinental or government section of the
road had been \$27,000,000. This total
has since been increased to \$40,000,000.

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TRIO OF BANDITS
HOLD UP A TRAIN

Great Northern Express Rifled by
Men Who a Year Ago Pulled
Off a Similar Coup.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 10.—Three
men held up an eastbound Great
Northern train at Hilliard this morn-
ing, robbed the mail car and escaped.
Only the presence of mind of W. Per-
ron, the fireman, prevented the looting
of the express car, which carried a
large amount of money, including
\$20,000 consigned from Spokane
bank to a Montana town.
The train had slowed down in the
yard at Hilliard when the robbers
creaked over the tender, painted re-
volvers at the engineer and fireman
and ordered the train brought to a
stop. While two of the robbers stood
guard over the engineer, the other
took Fireman Perrin back to uncouple
the mail and express cars.
In the darkness, the bandit failed
to see that the first car was the mail
car, while the second carried baggage
and the express car was third. Per-
ron cut off the mail and baggage cars,
leaving the express car attached to
the train. The robbers then ran the
locomotive several miles east, where
they rifled the mail car, again boarded
the engine, uncoupled the baggage cars
and proceeded three miles to Mead.
There a horse and buggy was awaiting
them.

Old Hands at Game.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 11.—Ed. Frank-
hauser and J. McDonald, together
with another man, were arrested here
today by the trio who early
this morning held up train No. 4 on
the Great Northern inside of the city
of Spokane. Frankhauser and McDonald
northern crack hold-up train in
Montana, a short distance east of the
scene of the present robbery, securing
\$40,000. The expenditure of \$1,000
a night in the dance hall of Bonner's
Ferry, Idaho, where they chartered
the tender for several nights, led
to their arrest. The bandits broke
out at Helena and since then have
been at liberty. Officials are silent
as to the amount of the booty secured
last night. One report further parading
that amount is \$20,000, but this is impossi-
ble.

CHURCH UNION IS NEARER.

First Committee Reaches Satisfactory
Stage for Union.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The official re-
port of the church union conference
issued today by the conference has
been completed. The stupendous work
to which it first addressed itself in De-
cember, 11, says that much dis-
cussion has been carried on, and the
emergence of unlooked for difficulties,
has been overcome. The report of
the special committee concerning the
basis of terms on which the Angli-
cans would come in was unanimously
adopted, but the documents will not
be made public till the reply of the
joint committee reaches the Anglican
representative.

The report requiring the most con-
sideration was that of the sub-
committee on administration, the special
difficulty being to frame a scheme
for the amalgamation of benevolent
funds of negotiating churches so as
to conserve the existing rights, with-
out interfering with the obligations
of the proposed united church to
those who may become its ministers.

A satisfactory plan, however, was
devised. The committee of each
church are satisfied with the basis
of union proposed by the joint com-
mittee and will recommend its adop-
tion by the governing courts of the
various churches. To place all churches
on equal footing it was decided that
the voting on the union should be
simultaneous in the three churches.
As the Methodist general conference
does not meet till September, 1910,
it was agreed that the different
churches express their opinion on the
subject in the autumn of that year.

RESTRICTION EFFECTIVE.

Moderate Policy in Dealing With Asiatic
Immigration Powers to be
Eminently Satisfactory.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—As a result of the
restrictive measures adopted by the
Canadian government last spring and
the co-operation of the Imperial au-
thorities in discouraging the emigra-
tion of Hindus to British Columbia,
this year there has been only six as
compared with over two thousand
last year.

This fact, coupled with the restriction
of the Japanese immigration to
under 300 this year, justifies in a
striking manner, the moderate and
moderate policy pursued in the negotia-
tion of an effective restriction of Asiatic
immigration without in any way
jeopardizing Imperial interests. It
would have been the case had Sir Wil-
liam Laurier and his colleagues allowed
themselves to be stampeded by the
outcry from the "free traders" of the
Pacific coast, backed by Premier Mc-
Bride and other Conservative leaders,
who demanded a policy of absolute
exclusion.

Marriage Nullified by Vatican.

London, Dec. 14.—The Marquis Mar-
quis de la Roche has secured a divorce
from the Vatican, nullifying as far as
the church is concerned the marriage
of his daughter, Helen, with Arthur
H. Osborne, of New York, a report
is held by a credible source from
Rome. Mr. Osborne's appeal to the
Vatican from the decision of the au-
thorities of the New York archdiocese,
who refused to nullify the marriage.

TRADES UNIONS NOT LIABLE.

Judgment Relieves of Responsibility
For Damages to Non-Union Man.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—A signal vic-
tory was won by the stonecutters'
union of Victoria by the judgment of
the full court today in the suit of
Grand Jury Knott, the latter being
the secretary of the union. In effect
the decision relieves any trades union
of liability to any applicant who re-
fuses to submit to a test for admis-
sion into the union, and fails to se-
cure employment as a result of his
refusal to comply with the union's
conditions. They can threaten to
strike if he is employed and so force
him out of work as they did in this
case and still not be liable.

Danger Lurks in Coal Oil.

Victoria, Man., Dec. 12.—At 8:30
o'clock this morning Michael Farrell,
aged 15, employed by R. Schurman,
attempted to enliven a
full fire with coal oil, when it ignited
and blew the bottom from the can,
making a report that roused Schur-
man. Coming downstairs he found
the boy in flames and carrying him
outside, extinguished the flames in
a second. The boy was conveyed
to a hospital, where he lies in a pre-
carious condition. Schurman was
only burned. Slight damage was
done to the room and furniture.

BRITISH PEERS MAY
FORCE AN ELECTION

House of Lords Can do so by Reject-
ing Liberal Budget—The Election
Would Then Centre on Tariff Re-
form With the Unionists Committed
to the Policy of Protection.

London, Dec. 12.—The long suppres-
sed Liberal rage against the House
of Lords has broken at last in the
violence and rage is so fierce that it
spares no one, not even the Liberal
ministry. Already complaints are
being made against the members of the
latter that they have not gone into
the battle against the Lords, and a large
section indeed is ready for the im-
mediate dissolution of parliament and
an appeal to the country on the single
issue of the Commons versus the
House of Lords.

More than 200 malcontents present-
ed Premier Asquith with a remon-
strance to the effect that further parading
the question as when Premier Asquith
spoke at a banquet on Friday night
the Liberal party is not prepared to
accept the present position of the
House of Lords.

It is claimed that the constituents of
the Liberals, especially the working
classes, dislike this attitude and are
beginning to regard the Liberal min-
istry's attack on the House of Lords
as a mere volley of empty words,
now carrying on his fight against the
Lords. Summed up, the program
means that the ministry next year
will be carrying on his fight against
the Lords and the tariff reformers.

With trade enormously depressed,
and with the army of unemployed,
which larger than it has been in years,
with every estimate of the revenue
proven much exaggerated, and with
every estimate of the expenditure
proven much too small, that the bud-
get must involve gigantic new taxes,
is apparent to all. The ministry will
make the new taxes direct. That is
to say the already high liquor licenses
will be bigger and the income tax
will be increased. The House of
Lords cannot amend the budget under
the English constitution. It either
must adopt or reject it as a whole.
If, therefore, the Lords wish to defy
the Commons again it will be by re-
jecting a Liberal budget with a direct
negative proposing taxes on import-
ed goods as a means of meeting the
national expenditures.

It is doubtful if the Lords would
venture to take control by the Com-
mons is the mental basis of the British
constitution, but the Lords are
being urged to take this step by the
extreme reformers. The reformers
think the time is opportune to
commit the whole Unionist party
and England to tariff reform. Balfour
holds back, however, and so do most
of the able Unionists, such as the two
Ceas, sons of the late Lord Salis-
bury, but if the Lords reject the bud-
get in favor of tariff reform, Balfour's
hand would be forced and the whole
Unionist party would become the ex-
ponent of protection, without power
to recall their action for several years.

On the other hand the trade depres-
sion offers the best moment for accept-
ing a budget with the free trade ideas
in the constituencies and herefore there
is a great temptation to force a gen-
eral election next year before trade
recovers, and it is not, therefore, im-
possible for the Lords to accept
the Liberal challenge and throw out
the budget. That must bring an im-
mediate appeal to the country and a
general election next spring.

Kingston, Dec. 14.—Samuel Steven-
son, a guard in Royal Wood asylum,
was struck from the work with a hammer
by a patient Saturday. He died
from the injuries.

REACHING A BASIS
FOR CHURCH UNION

Conference on Problems of Union
Making Slow Progress Upon
Questions Before Them.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The conference
on Church Union, which has been
sitting since Wednesday, is making
slow progress in dealing with the
problems placed before them. So far
the questions of the law and the min-
istry have been settled and that of
doctrine is at present under discus-
sion. This is expected to be the sub-
ject where the greatest difficulty will
arise in arriving at a working basis
for union, and it is known that the
sub-committee of various churches
interested have had more than one
animated meeting. On the subjects
of the law and the ministry the con-
ference made a number of changes in
committee on the recommendations,
and the reports were adopted. They
will be printed and sent to the
churches for consideration.

The Anglican Communication.

The committee's reply to the com-
munication from the Anglican church
in Canada, setting forth the condi-
tions for union, and the body would
sent to consider union, was agreed on
this afternoon after a long discus-
sion. The joint committee spent over
an hour of arduous argument in work-
ing a reply.

The obstacle in the way of union
between the Anglican and the three
other churches was, as the commu-
nication from that body set forth, the
question of the "Historic Episcopate."
The joint committee replies to
this as follows:

This committee regrets that it is
unable to propose to the Anglican
church a basis of union which is
satisfactory to all, but if the Church of England shows
that it is willing to interpret "His-
toric Episcopate" in a liberal spirit
and to meet the joint committee on
a free-and-easy basis to explain its
interpretation, the conference on
Church Union will be glad to meet
with the proper representatives.

Report on Administration.

The discussion of the report of the
sub-committee on administration was
finally brought in and adopted. This
report recommended, (1) That the
present capital investments of the
various benevolent funds of the united
churches, and the income now con-
tributed to those funds by the pub-
lic, be placed in a common fund, to
be known as the "Common Fund."
(2) That a new scheme of uniting
churches be proposed, and that the
prospective claimants (the latter
being computed as of the date of
union) shall be first charge on the
revenue from this fund. If it be
found that the differences in con-
stitution and administration of the
several churches are such as to re-
quire separate trusts, instead of a
common trust, this shall not be a bar
to the carrying out of the plan. That
in the case of separate trusts, the
rights of the claimants upon and
contributions to the said fund.

MAD MULLAH TROUBLESOOME.

Indications That Dusky Hued Savage is
Again on Warpath.

London, Dec. 13.—Advice just received
from Somaliland indicate that the Mad
Mullah again shows signs of getting on
the warpath. He had not, according to
last advice, interfered with the British
protectorate, but is leading a large force
east and is threatening the British
frontier. A large number of troops have
been sent to the eastern borders of the
protectorate, and it is feared there will
be a collision with the forces of the Mad
Mullah, and another campaign will be
necessary.

Ottawa Garage Destroyed by Fire.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Five automobiles,
including the motor car presented to
Lady Laurier by Lord Strathcona a
year ago, were destroyed in a fire on
the premises of the Canadian Cycle
and Motor company on Sparks street
at an early hour on Sunday morning.
Lady Laurier's car was valued at
\$8,000. Another valuable car lost was
the one owned by T. L. Wilson, the
cable car king. The damage to the
building, which was constructed of
stone, was slight, but the five auto-
mobiles destroyed were valued at \$30,000. There was no insurance on the
cars owned by Lady Laurier and Mr.
Wilson, but the other three were
covered.

Will Gloan Retire?

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—William Sloan,
member elect for Comaxallin, ar-
rived from the west and will take
part in the conference respecting the
situation in British Columbia arising
from the defeat of Hon. Wm. Tem-
pleman. His retirement in favor of the
defeated minister is said to be one of
the possibilities of the near future.