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NEWS OF "CONFESSION" HAS REACHED OTTAWA

R. L. Borden Reads a Statement Connected With Colonel's Forged Telegram.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 22.—In the Commons this afternoon R. L. Borden, on a question of privilege, again brought up the matter of the Colonel's forged telegram.

SECURES \$5,000 BY FORGERY.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—Eight bank officials from Toronto, Ontario, came to Philadelphia on Saturday and identified Christopher M. Holland, who is held here awaiting requisition papers from Toronto, where he is wanted for a series of forgeries.

LIBERAL VICTORY. Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22.—The Liberals won a notable victory in Pictou county by-election, when R. H. McKay defeated Chas. Tanner, leader of the Conservative party in provincial politics, by 200.

GREAT BRITAIN'S SEVENTH DREADNOUGHT AFLOAT

H. M. S. Vanguard May Go Into Commission Before the End of 1909.

Barrow, England, Feb. 22.—The battleship Vanguard, the seventh vessel of the Dreadnought class, was successfully launched here at noon to-day. Mrs. Reginald McKenna, wife of the first lord of the admiralty, performed the christening ceremony.

SPEEDING MOTOR BOAT WRECKED, TURNS TURTLE

Crew of Four Thrown Into Hudson, Rescued by Tug.

New York, Feb. 22.—While being given a speed test, the Standard, a 500-horse power boat owned by Price McCormick, ran into a submerged log or other obstacle and capsized off 15th street, on the Hudson, while going at a rate of between 25 and 30 miles an hour yesterday afternoon. The craft turned turtle, and the four men on board were plunged into the river. All were taken on board a tug which was standing by.

SOO WILL BE CANADA'S GREATEST STEEL WORKS

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Feb. 22.—Manager Franz, of the Lake Superior corporation, which was recently taken over by English capitalists, on Saturday issued a statement that the company would immediately commence extensive additions to the open hearth furnaces at the Algoma steel plant in the Canadian Soo. Other improvements are to follow fast, the intention being to make it the greatest steel concern in Canada. It is reported that the company will erect new blast furnaces and a structural steel plant.

"BANISH THE BAR" AS LIBERAL SLOGAN

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 22.—The Liberal party of Manitoba will probably adopt the "banish the bar" cry as one of the chief planks in their platform. The Roblin government is so wedded to the liquor interests as a part of their political machine that there is not much hope of temperance legislation in that direction.

AT ANCHOR IN HAMPTON ROADS

U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET COMPLETES WORLD TOUR

Globe Encircling Voyage of 45,000 Miles—President Welcomes Battleships.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 22.—Homeward bound, paying off, pennants streaming far behind them, 28 bands playing the "Star Spangled Banner," and saluting cannon roaring a tribute to the president of the United States, the battleship fleet of the American navy ended its world's cruise here to-day. After steaming in review of the president, whose eagle crested flag of blue was at the main of the cruiser yacht Mayflower, the sixteen white battleships finally cast anchor in the same fairway of Hampton roads, whence they started fourteen months ago on the notable world journey of 45,000 miles.

The joy of home-coming was written upon the face of every bluejacket, and every officer on board the sixteen ships. The long cruise, the visits to many of the most famous ports of the world, the efficient force, through the Virginia Capes to-day and entered the hospitable waters of Chesapeake bay and Hampton roads.

MEN DIE AMONG BURNING WRECKAGE

Seven Fatalities in Head-on Collision—Princess Trixie Among Victims.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 22.—Seven men were killed or burned to death early to-day in a head-on collision between an express train and two locomotives on the Delaware division of the Pennsylvania railroad at Delmar, 100 miles south of this city. Two passengers were injured. Princess Trixie, the educated horse, was burned to death. She had been exhibited in Philadelphia for the past two weeks and was being taken to Norfolk to fulfil an engagement. In Europe she was a favorite with vaudeville audiences, and she has appeared three times before King Edward, each time receiving a handsome present from His Majesty.

IMMIGRATION WILL NOT BE HEAVY THIS-YEAR

British Government Gives Grant to Help London's Unemployed to Canada.

London, Feb. 22.—John Burns, president of the local government board, has granted \$20,000 in order to emigrate West Ham's unemployed to Canada and Australia. A Liverpool dispatch says emigration prospects this year are not promising as regards Canada. The Allan liner Concord sailed on Friday for Canada with a large number of second-class passengers, also a party of boys and girls from Mrs. Birt's sheltering homes.



HEARD AT QUATSINO. The Chief Commissioner:—"Say, Scotty, you'll have to squat elsewhere. This place belongs to another fellow." Scotty Settler:—"The devil it does! I've got ma papers!" The Chief Commissioner:—"Tut, tut, man; it's not papers, but votes, that count."

GREAT LOOK FOR A. B. C. WHEAT ROUTE

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 22.—F. W. Peters, of the C. P. R., is here to arrange plans for terminals and efficient force, through the Virginia Capes to-day and entered the hospitable waters of Chesapeake bay and Hampton roads.

FISHERIES IN NORTHERN WATERS

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Three Cruisers, With 18-knot Speed, Suggested for Protection Work.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Feb. 22.—Official recommendations respecting the increased requirements of Canadian fisheries protection service in northern waters, have been forwarded to the Dominion government. It is understood that the construction of at least three vessels of the fisherman type capable of steaming eighteen to twenty knots per hour, and costing about one hundred and sixty thousand dollars each, is recommended. Small craft are favored owing to their ability to enter small bays and harbors where it is alleged American fishermen resort to clean their fish.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Planning to Re-establish Devastated Town of Gallina.

Rome, Feb. 22.—Winthrop Chardler, of Philadelphia, has been sent south by Ambassador Griscom to take charge of the relief work for the earthquake sufferers in Gallina. He is accompanied by the Marquis Spicella, Count Scialoja and Dr. Montecchiari and will transform Gallina into a model town with perfect sanitary arrangements. The funds for this work are being provided by the American Red Cross Society. The people of Gallina will be re-established in their various professions. The Italian National Relief Committee will co-operate in this work which is being undertaken at the request of the Italian military authorities.

WOMEN TRAMPLED UPON IN EARTHQUAKE PANIC

Congregation Flees From Church—Houses Rocked in Spanish Town.

Alicante, Spain, Feb. 22.—Severe earth shocks, which came while the people were assembled at mass in the village church yesterday, caused a panic among the congregation who rushed to the doors, throwing down and trampling under foot a score of women and children. The furniture in the houses was overturned and crockery and window panes broken.

G. T. P. ISSUES NEW LOAN IN LONDON

London, Feb. 22.—Subscriptions are invited for £1,000,000, Grand Trunk Pacific 4 per cent. debentures at 90, redeemable in 1936 at 105. The Morning Post fears Canadian undertakings have shown such an inordinate appetite for cash that there must be serious trouble before very long, and although individual issues look well secured for the time being, it is impossible to forecast what might happen if serious troubles occurred.

RELIGIOUS FRENZY

Tacoma Woman Bathes in Street Fountain Singing Hymns the While.

TO SUPERINTEND REFORMATORY

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 22.—The Rev. Canon Macmorine, for many years rector of St. Mary's church, Portage la Priele, has been appointed superintendent of the new reformatory in that city.

100 FATALITIES IN RUSSIAN BLIZZARD

London, Feb. 22.—It is reported here that more than a hundred lives have been lost in a blizzard which raged in southwestern Russia during the last three days. The tracks of the southwestern railway are blocked for 2,000 miles.

RAILWAY TO RUN FARTHEST NORTH

LINKING EDMONTON WITH FORT McMURRAY

Road, Given Charter by Alberta Government, Will Tap a Wealthy Country.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 22.—The necessary legislation was passed on Saturday by the Alberta legislature, to enable the promoters to go ahead with the most northerly railway in Canada running from Edmonton, Alberta, to Fort McMurray on the Upper Athabasca river by way of Lac LaBiche.

"JACK THE RIPPER" CRIME

Woman Attacked for Second Time by Berlin Fiend.

LIABLE FOR INCOME TAX

London, Feb. 22.—The Hudson's Bay Company is held liable for income tax on its land sales.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Hon. W. S. Fielding announced in the Commons this afternoon that arrangements were being made to allow depositors in the Postal Savings bank drawing interest of three per cent, divert it they so desired. Depositors holding an equal amount of Dominion government stock are drawing in some cases a higher rate of interest.

SIX DEAD IN PANIC AT THEATRE FIRE

Tula, Russia, Feb. 22.—Six persons were crushed to death and thirty were seriously injured here to-day during a fire panic in a moving picture theatre. The film of a machine caught fire, starting a rush of spectators for the exits.

BLAST GOES OFF KILLING SEVEN

SWEDES VICTIMS OF DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Sub-Contractor Among Dead in Disaster on G. T. P. Near Nepigon.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 22.—A premature explosion of dynamite, while blasting in a rock cut on the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway north of Nepigon, sent seven men, all Swedes, to death last Friday. Nelson Hansen, sub contractor, was one of the victims. The bodies were brought to Nepigon in packing cases on Sunday. The accident happened on the contract of Chambers, McQuig & McCafferty three hundred miles east of here.

LONGER SOLDIERS

New York, Feb. 22.—Lucien Merignac, the fencing expert, arrived here on Saturday on the French liner Savoy en route to the City of Mexico, where he will introduce in the national military school the system of callisthenics of the Swedish army. Merignac says the system is used to increase the height of soldiers.

ALBERTA'S ESTIMATES

(Special to the Times.) Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 22.—The Alberta government estimates total three and a half millions of dollars, including fifty thousand dollars for the government packing plant.

ANOTHER PITTSBURG GRAFTER FOUND GUILTY

Councilman Was Accused of Accepting Bribe of \$17,500 From Banks.

Pittsburg, Feb. 22.—Councilman John F. Klein was found guilty late on Saturday afternoon in connection with the bribery scandal. Klein was accused of accepting a \$17,500 bribe from the former president and cashier of the German National Bank, in return for which he was to make the bank a city depository.

CASTRO MAY GO BACK TO VENEZUELA

Wants to Live as Private Citizen, Recognizing Sovereignty of Gomez.

Dresden, Feb. 22.—Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, is resuming to return to that country and resume the position of a private citizen. He sent a letter some weeks ago to President Gomez, setting forth his purpose to return and his willingness to regularize the position of Gomez by himself voluntarily retiring from the presidency, but up to the present time he has received no answer.

LEVEL CROSSING QUESTION

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 22.—The Trades and Labor Council on Friday night adopted resolutions endorsing Mr. Lancaster's bill for the abolition of the Senate and the protection of level crossings, and Mr. Macdonnell's bill for the abolition of the \$200 deposit required from candidates seeking election to the Commons.

STRIKING LABORERS FIGHT WITH TROOPS

Hongkong, Feb. 22.—Laborers engaged in the construction of the Canton-Hankow railway began rioting to-day because the wages of some of the men who had been absent from work were withheld. Troops were called out to suppress the disorders, and in a clash which ensued 25 laborers were injured. Three soldiers are missing.

SMUGGLED CHINKS IN BONDED CAR

HALF-STARVED ASIATICS DISCOVERED BY CRIES

Unearthing of Plot to Bring Orientals Across Mexican Border.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Feb. 22.—What is believed to be an organized plan to smuggle Asiatics into this country has been unearthed as a result of the discovery of twenty-two Chinese in a box car in this city yesterday. The most peculiar feature of the discovery was that the Chinese were in a bonded car, sealed with the government stamp. The car was billed from Algiers, La., where it left on February 10th for San Francisco. Owing to numerous landslides and washouts the car was delayed on the coast division of the Southern Pacific.

While passing by the box car in the yards to-day, Conductor Page heard voices in it. In response to a question who was in the car he received an offer of \$2 for a bucket of water in the pigeon English of the Chinese. The sheriff's office was notified, the seals broken and 22 half-starved Chinese taken out. All had large canterns, but these during the long journeys had been drained of every drop of water. One of them stated that they had crossed the Mexican border at El Paso but refused to give any further information. They were placed in the county jail, and are being held awaiting the arrival of immigration inspectors from San Francisco.

INDIAN WAR CHIEF RUNS AMUCK, WOUNDING THREE

Dashes Through Crowd on Station Platform, Slashing With Long Knife.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 22.—With an ear splitting war whoop, a Navajo Indian war chief ran amuck in the Union station yesterday and fatally stabbed and cut Mrs. Anna Devord, of Huntington, W. Va., and Max Meyers, of Cincinnati, and seriously wounded J. W. Gordon, of Cambridge, Ill.

The Navajo, with four Sioux chiefs from Kansas alighted from a crowded Chesapeake & Ohio train. As the passengers stepped from the train the Indian with a yell drew a long knife and started through the crowd slashing to right and left. Mrs. Devord was walking along the station platform with a child in her arms. The Indian buried the blade in her back and then slashed her across the body and arms. She fell insensible on the platform. The child was not hurt.

CASHIER'S BURGLAR STORY

St. John, N. B., Feb. 22.—One of the most sensational burglary stories that ever had St. John for its scene, the announcement that Cashier Downey of the Sims brush factory, was attacked at noon on Friday when alone in the office and choked into insensibility. \$1,200 being stolen, had an equally sensational sequel. The money was found in a box under Downey's desk, and the discovery was followed by Downey's arrest in his boarding house.

AN AMERICAN VIEW OF IMPERIAL TIES

"Would Great Britain Spend \$5 to Hold Her Colonies in a Crisis?"

New York, Feb. 22.—"In case of emergency Great Britain would not spend \$5 to hold Canada and Australia as her colonies," said Dean Russell, of the University Law School, in a speech before the People's Institute last night. "As a matter of fact England has found the United States a much more profitable friend of hers as a separate nation than a vassal and might not be unwilling to lose the Dominion and Australia on the same grounds," said the preacher.