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Hon. R. Lemieux Sees No Prospect Successful Intervention By Federal Government

Hearing of the Libel Charges By Su-preme Court is Postponed For a Time

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VICTORIA B. C. FRIDAY SEPT. 25 1908

Denver, Sept. 22.—Prizes in the L O. O. F. drill contest of the Patriarchs Militant were awarded today as follows: Class A. 24 chevaliers and three efficers—First prize, \$1,000, won by Canton Lucas team, Toledo, Ohlo; second prize, \$500, won by Canton Toronto team, Toronto, Ont.

Anxiety of Both Parties to New York, Sept. 23.—Chairman John Norris, of the committee on paper of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, tonight said that there would be a sale of 10,000 tons of news print paper at the St. Regis Paper company in this city on October 30 at 11 a. m. There will also be a sale of Cheboygan paper by Mr. Norris on September 30 at 11:30 a. m. GOVERNOR HASKELL'S CASE

Thirty Years in Pris matic ending came today in the trial of August Bberhard for the murder of his aunt, a well-to-de Viennese widow, when the defense suddenly collapsed, a plea practically amounting to guilt was offered and the youth was promptly sentenced to serve thirty years at hard labor in prison. Eberhard heard the judgment of the court, thirty years in prison at hard labor, without a tremor and between two deputies he marched away to the cell with his head in the air. Washington, Sept. 23.—President Roosevelt tonight, following upon a prolonged conference with members of the cabinet at the White House, prepared and gave out his reply to Wm. J. Bryan, the Democratic candidate, relating to William R. Heart's charges that Governor Haskel, treasurer of the Democratic campaign committee, had represented Standard Oil Interests, both in Ohio and Oklahoma.

Mr. Bryan had demanded proof of the charges, promising that if it were substantiated, Governor Haskell would be eliminated from the campaign.

Dismissing the Ohio case, which involved an allegation of attempted bribery, with the explanation that he had made no direct charges against Gov-

Vancouver, Sept. 28.—Arthur M. Dobson of this city, formerly of the city hall staff, has returned from a trip in the Pemberton Meadows country, where he had a very narrow escape from meeting death in Stony creek, near Dalsy lake. He was riding a horse across the stream, which was very high. The channel is full of boulders, and with the rushing water, the crossing was a dangerous one. The swift flow swept the horse off his feet, and the rider fell near enough to a rock to get a hold. The horse came against him, but he managed to retain his grasp. Finally the animal was recovered without much injury. A gun and other articles still lie at the bottom of the river.

ernor Haskell as regards that particular instance, President Roosevelt takes up the matter of the Prairie State Oil and Gas company's and argues that Governor Haskell's action in stopping legal proceedings begun by the attorney-general of Oklahoma demonstrates conclusively that he was controlled by the great corporation to which the Oklahoma company was subsidiary. Concluding President Roosevelt says that no law-defying corporation has anything to fear from Mr. Bryan, 'save what it would suffer from the general paralysis of business which would follow Democratic success." Deeming the reply too long to be sent by wire, the method of communication Mr. Bryan had employed in his challenge to the president, it was forwarded by mail to the Democratic candidate at Lincoln. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER APPEARS AS AUTHOR

Will Say Many Kind Things About Standard Oil in His Reminiscences

was produced sgainst Senator Foraker, in connection with the Standard Oil company, he would expect the treasurer to act as Senator Foraker did, but that no evidence had been adduced up to the present time. The national chairman said he had no communication with the governor or Mr. Bryan with regard to the charges that had been made. Speaking of the report from Chicago that the campaign fund of the Republican party was about \$300,000 he said the fund in the Democratic treasury's office once."

The of the democratic treasure to deeple and fluence, the first of which will appear on Friday.

Mr. Rockefeller, among other things, says: "It has been said I forced the men who became my partners in the oil business to join with me. I would have been so short-sighted. If it were true that I followed such tactics, I ask, would it have been possible to make of such men life-long companions. For fourteen years I have been out of business, and in eight or ten years have only gone to the company's office once."

office once."

Further on he says: "Another thing to be remembered about the so-called octopus is that there has been no water introduced into the capital (perhaps we felt that oil and water years has anyone had to wait for money which the Standard owed. It is a common thing to hear people say that this company has crushed out its competitors. Only the uninformed could make such an assertion. It has a laways and always and always and always and such as the company's off all the currents. Then their helplessness in the factoric spread of the fire, to out of the building.

URRICANE SWEEPS

THE BAHAMA ISL Montreal, Sept. 23.-A special dis-

Montreal, Sept. 23.—A special dispatch from Ottawa to the Star today says: "When Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, minister of labor, arrived in Ottawa this morning, his attention was called to a report from Toronto that the railway brotherhood had decided to request the government to intervene in the Canadian Pacific machinist strike.

Mr. Lemieux expressed the opinion that in view of the failure to reach a settlement under the industrial disputes investigation act, there is not much that can be done. He further expressed, as his personal opinion, that if the strikers would go back to work unconditionally, they would receive every consideration from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Mr. McNichoil. He had assurances to that effect.

Proceeding, Mr. Lemieux said that no one regretted the situation more than himself, but nothing further could be done under the circumstances until public opinion reaches the point where compulsory arbitration will be accepted by both capital and labor.

The Witness says tonight that altogether since the strike started, the C.

Mr. Rockefeller recalls what he said at an official hearing that, "if I were to suggest any legislation regarding industrial conditions, it would be, first, federal legislation under which corporations may be created and regulated, if at all possible; second, in lieu thereof, state legislation as nearly uniform as possible, encourage combination of persons and capital for the purpose of carrying on industry, but sufficient to prevent frauds upon the purpose of carrying on industry, but sufficient to prevent frauds upon the purpose of carrying on industry, but sufficient to prevent frauds upon the purpose of carrying on industry, but sufficient to prevent frauds upon the purpose of carrying on industry, but a controller of none, with one exception, and that a company which has not been much of a dividend-payer, and I, like all the others, am dependent upon the honesty and capable demonstration of the industries.

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Nicola, B. C., Sept. 23.—John Rice and Harold Green are the two men arrested here on the charge of having murdered Hotelkeeper Thomet a month ago at Midway, B. C., They had been traced from camp to camp, and were arrested yesterday. They were before the magistrate today for preliminary hearing, and remanded eight days. In size and general appearance they tally with the description given of the murdereds.

Regina, Sask., Sept. 23.—The fall sittings of the supreme court opened here yesterday with a large number of big cases on the list, including two libel charges arising out of the recent election campaign. J. Owen, charged with theft, did not appear, but counsel asked for an adjournment to consult which was granted.

The case of King vs. Walter Scott, criminal libel, was called and Norman McKenzie, for the defendant, stated that Mr. Scott was out of town and asked for an adjournment to permit of filling an answer to the charges laid.

A similar application was made by Mr. McKenzie in the case of King vs. Macdonald, stating that he had no definite instructions. Judge Johnstone said that as there had been no preliminary trial in this case, and the document complained of did not disclose any libel, he was not disposed to allow further proceedings in the case. In view of the arrangement between counsel, however, he would consent to the disposal of the case on Friday next.

PARIS ISOLATEI

Central Telephone Building Destroyed and Wires Burned Out

TELEGRAPH ALSO AFFECTED

result of the fire that last night destroyed the central telephone building. The postofice building was not destroyed, as was at one time reported. It was saved only by the untiring efforts of the firemen.

In addition to the total interruption of the telephone service between Paris and the provinces, and Paris and foreign points, the department of posts announced this afternoon that the fiames had destroyed also a large number of the long distance telegraph wires, which were strung under the telephone wires. Consequently the telephone wires. Consequently the telephone wires. Consequently the telephone wires of Paris is seriously affected, and it is impossible to handle the business offered.

The fire broke out last night in the central telephone building and spread with such rapidity that the telephone employees were forced, after brief and ineffectual efforts to entinguish the flames, to fice hastily to the streets. The entire building was soon in flames and was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000, but a much greater loss is likely to be involved through the complete interruption of all telephonic communication in the centre of Paris, as well as communication with the provinces and abroad.

The telephone building was compar-

THE BAHAMA ISLANDS

Governor Wilson Reports Much Devastation Wrought By Storm of Sept. 11

London, Sept. 23.—The Colonial Office today received a cablegram from Sir Guy Wilson, governor of the Bahama Islands, regarding the devastation wrought by the hurricane of September 11-13.

Sir Guy Wilson says that the Islands of the Great and Little Inagua, Acklin Islands, Crooked Island, Fortune Island, Long Island, Rumcay and Watling Islands were swept by the storm. All vessels caught by the storm were either stranded or wrecked.

At Clarence, on Long Island, the Jall, the court house, all the churches and ninety-seven per cent of the dwellings were completely destroyed. No details have yet been received from any of the Islands, and the distress is believed to be great.

CONFESSED CRIME

Saskatoon Man Gives Evidence Against Himself and Two Other Robbers

Talk of Labor Candidate Saskatoon, Sept. 23.—The laboring men of the city talk of coming out with a candidate at the coming elections. So far, their organization is somewhat naturals.

Murder of Priest New York, Sept. 23.—Enrique De-lara, the Santo Domingo youth ar-rested last night charged with the murder of Father Ar uro Azencio in Central park on Sepu 14, was taken to the police court today and remand-ed to the coroner without examination.

Standstill—Postoffice Was

W. Barely Saved

Paris, Sept. 21.—Paris is practically prostrated commercially today as a result of the fire that last night destroyed the central telephone building. The postoffice building was not destroyed, as was at one time reported, t was saved only by the untiring today as a result of the fire that last night destroyed, as was at one time reported, t was saved only by the untiring today as a result of the fire was a display of fruit grown at altitudes of 3000 feet and upwards above sea level.

For Island. The sixth annual Nelson agriculturat and industrial fair was opened here today by S. S. Taylor, K.C., mayor. It is the biggest exhibition yet on record. Among a thousand prize withners was Earl Grey, with a fruit exhibit off his ranch on Kootenay lake. A marked feature of the fair was a display of fruit grown at altitudes of 3000 feet and upwards above sea level.

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Vancouver, Sept. 23.—W. H. White, of Boyne City, Mich., who is now here says that the White Bros. Lumber company has been incorporated with a capital of \$2,000,000 under the laws of the state of Michigan, to do business in British Columbia, and has acquired timber limits on Kla-ancheriver. Vancouver island, at a cost of quired timber ilmits on Kia-anche river, Vancouver island, at a cost of over \$2,000,000. The actual price of the first area, comprising twenty claims, was \$1,500,000. If Congress places lumber on the free list and business conditions continue to improve, the company will erect next year near Alert bay the largest sawmil in the world. It will have a capacity of a million feet per day. The latest purchase was made a few days ago, and was for five hundred millions feet of timber.

Service Formally Inaugurated From Winnipeg to Battle

EVENT DULY CELEBRATE

Line Likely to Be Opened to Edmonton Before Close of Winter

Winnipeg, Sept. 21.—The first Grand Trunk Pacific train left Winnipeg for the west this morning sharp on time at 3.30 o'clock, officially inaugurating a new railroad, and almost a new era

River, 666 miles west.

Alfred W. Smithers, a director of the Grand Trunk Pacific company, presided at this official opening, and a large number of railway officials and

From Bark Star of Bengal

Twenty-Seven Saved o Crew and Passengers Who Were on Board

Seattle, Sept. 22.—Advices received from Alaska by the United States signal corps say that 110 men, including nine white men, were drowned in the wreck of the American bark Star of Bengal, on Coronation Island, west of the Prince of Wales archipelago.

Twenty-seven of the vessel's crew and passengers were Saved.

The Bengal belonged to the Alaska Packers' Association, and was on her way from Fort Wrangel to San Francisco with a cargo of 45,000 cases of salmon. In addition to the crew, she carried 100 Chinese and Japanese, who were employed in the canneries of the

Much Land Taken Up. Much Land Taken Up.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—Under the new Dominion Lands act, from Sept. 1 to Sept. 16 inclusive, the following numbers of quarter sections were entered for: Homesteads, 4,539; preemptions, 5,386; purchased homesteads, 334; homesteads and preemptions, 586. Total nuber of acres disposed of by entry, 1,745,200. Taking the preemptions and purchased homesteads, 6,306 quarter sections sold as either preemptions or purchased homesteads have provided over \$3,000,000 towards building the Hudson's Bay railway.

Calgary's Postal Advance
Calgary, Sept. 22.—The growing importance of Calgary is clearly demonstrated in the fact that we now receive mail direct from the Atlantic steamships from Europe. Formerly this mail was distributed at Winnipeg. The recent additions to the Calgary postoffice, which make it one of the finest in the Dominion, were made with this end in view.

in the west. The destination of the train is Battle SUPERINTENDENT MILNE PLACED UNDER ARREST

Newmarket, Ont., Sept. 23.—North York Liberals today nominated Hon.

Women Missionaries. Railway Commission

Saskatoon, Sept. 23.—The railway commissioners arrived here at 2.30 this afternoon. Nothing of any account has happened yet.

One Hundred and Ten Lost Kitamaat, B.C.

Colonel Stopped Stray Bullet Helsingfors, Sept. 23.—Colonel Leichay, of the fourth Finnish sharp-shooters, was killed today by a stray bullet during the rifle practices. The soldiers of the battalion were placed under arrest

Overcome by Natural Gas Port Arthur, Ont., Sept. 23.—Three Finlanders were killed today by gas Bubonic Plague Makes Fresh n a well they were digging on the farm of a man named Erickson, eigh miles from Stanley, Ont. In digging they struck natural gas, and were im-mediately overcome by it.

Fatal Trolley Collision Saratoga, Sept. 23.—Four men were badly injured, one fatally, in a rearend collision during a heavy fog on the Hudson Valley railroad near Fort Miller today. Motorman Aubrey of Glen Falls died in the hospital and Motorman Kane is not expected to survive his injuries.

Alberta Gold Story

Sedgewick, Alb., Sept. 23.—Rumors of gold near this town have been coming in from time to time, but have never been confirmed until this week. Almost forty claims have been staked, and active development will brigin at once. A mining expert from Spokane has spent several days in the district and pronounces the discovery a valuable one. He left town this morning with samples, and will return shortly with machinery to detelop the claims he and some friends have staked. Land is easily and cheaply worked and the field is easily reached, so it will prove very profitable.

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GANADIAN PACIFIC

Chicago Great Western Road Will Shortly Pass to Its Possession

nection with the defect of the Chicago Great fine future destine of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy denied on Monday that there was any truth in the story, but it now appears the deal is made in the name of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Ste. Marie Railway, controlled by the C. P. R., who own 51 per cent of the stock. Sir Thomas thus got out of committing himself to the announcement until ready to give out the same.

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The Chicago Great Western or "Maple Lear" system as it is called, is at present in the hands of receivers for better protection of the property, pending the formulation of a plan for financing its requirements for retiring the 5 per cent gold notes maturing between 1998 and 1912 and for providing improvements.

Washington, Sept. 22.—A discussion marked the proceeding the international fishery of which began its session here yet when the question of the effect of fisheries of firing heavy guns ships was unexpectedly brown provements.

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RUSSIAN PALACES

FIFTIETH YEAR

Case of Disease Found in the Czar's Usual Winter Residence

ARISTOCRATS FRIGHTENED

Outbreak in Venezulan Capital

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—Not only has the number of cases of Asiatic cholera in this city increased today, but the disease has invaded the aristocratic precincts of St. Petersburg. It has reached the winter palace, one case having been discovered in the

mails.

In order to test the efficiency of vaccination in cholera cases several graduates of St. Petersburg university voluntarily permitted themselves to be vaccinated, after which they drank a potion containing cholera

Washington, Sept. 23.—Cholera conditions in Manila are improving, according to Governor General Smith's depatch to the war department today. For the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning, there were 35 new cases against 55 for the preceding twenty-four hours.

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