

WORST STORM IN TWENTY YEARS

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IN MANITOBA IS ALSO INTERRUPTED BY BLIZZARD

Special to the Times. Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 2.—The storm that raged last night, starting in the afternoon and abating this forenoon, is declared to be the worst here in twenty years.

The street car service was suspended early last evening, and after much work on the road the first car started at Fort William at 10 a.m.

Storm Strikes Ottawa. Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The blizzard which has been prevailing west struck Ottawa at 2 o'clock this morning and by 8 o'clock street car traffic was tied up.

Both Ottawa and Montreal declare that conditions could hardly be worse. Wires to New York this morning were very patchy and dispatches for Toronto in some cases had to be relayed at Buffalo.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—The blizzard that hit this city last night is still raging. There is a strong wind with temperature in the neighborhood of zero.

Conservatives in a Quandary. Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Conservatives, after being in caucus for three hours last evening and for the same length of time this morning, did not give out any definite statement as to what the party had decided to do when Hon. W. S. Fielding's reciprocity agreement resolutions come up for discussion next.

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Jan. 29.—A fire broke out in the C. A. Burns, on Sunday night and were Kelly street, and every dr building was ashes market food.

Jan. 30.—Weather so bad that probably proposed flight was to-day.

Jan. 31.—Cigarettes and under the banner passed a bill or give away and the House action.

ANOTHER BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS

MEXICAN REBELS BEGIN ATTACK ON JUAREZ

Passenger trains bearing 100 Americans, including James R. Garfield, arrived at Juarez at midnight and gave the alarm after they had been marooned three days in the Mexican desert.

The Juarez military authorities rushed 200 troops with dynamite to destroy the five-mile bridge between Juarez and Samalayuca and succeeded in blowing it up just before the arrival of Orozco's train.

The desperate nature of the battle, which has been in progress since the forces clashed, is indicated by the fact that 114 Mexican infantrymen which left Juarez this morning, only 68 had returned at 10 o'clock.

Doctors Bush and Sinks of this city, have left here under a Red Cross flag for the scene of the fighting, with the design of giving medical assistance to Orozco's wounded.

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Waters of Rivers in Idaho Rise Rapidly, Sweeping Out Several Bridges

Pocatello, Idaho, Feb. 2.—Bridges are out, trains delayed and the people of Robn county are isolated as a result of the heavy flow pouring down the valley of the Fort Neuf river and its tributaries.

The trains on the Oregon Short Line tied up in the yards here on account of a washout at Idahon, near here, were scheduled to leave for their various destinations to-day.



Hon. W. S. Fielding in his announcement of successful conclusion of reciprocity agreement with United States.

MORE THAN SCORE PROBABLY DEAD

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION ON JERSEY CITY PIER

Property Loss Believed to Exceed \$500,000—Officials Are Investigating

New York, Feb. 2.—Four men dead, 22 reported missing and the possibility that even more perished is the summing up to-day of a disaster yesterday when a carload of dynamite exploded on a Jersey City pier.

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WANTS GOVERNMENT TO BUILD RAILWAY

Amendment Regarding Hudson Bay Line Debated in Saskatchewan Legislature

Regina, Feb. 2.—The Hudson Bay railway was the chief subject of discussion in the legislature yesterday, and kept the stage for the greater part of the sitting.

The debate was not concluded when the House rose

TWO HUNDRED PERSONS PERISH

STORM IS RAGING ALONG COAST OF SPAIN

It Is Feared Later Reports Will Increase the List of Dead

Madrid, Feb. 2.—Two hundred deaths were reported to-day from a storm that raged along the coast of Spain.

It is feared that a number of wrecks have occurred. Hundreds of craft have sought refuge in harbors.

WRECK AVERTED

Bakerville, Cal., Feb. 2.—Carl Nelson and William Hogan averted a wreck of an eastbound Santa Fe passenger train when they discovered an embankment nearly washed out by Kern river bridge, west of here.

LEASING ORCHARDS

London, Ont., Feb. 2.—A big syndicate is leasing all the best orchards in North Huron, especially around Godwin. They will pick, pack and use the latest methods of cultivation.

RUMORED ARMY PLOT IN SPAIN

CONSPIRACY FOR THE OVERTHROW OF KING

Troops Are Being Concentrated at Points Where the Outbreaks Are Feared

Madrid, Feb. 2.—Discovery of a widespread army conspiracy for the overthrow of King Alfonso and the establishment of a republic is the cause to-day for the greatest movement of Spanish troops in the recent history of the country.

Perex Galdes, an author is to be president, Rodrigo Soriano minister of finance, Senor Arcaat minister of foreign affairs and high places will be found for Senor Sol. Ortega and Senor Lerroux, both of whom are prominent in radical agitation.

Edinburgh Paper Says Need for Action is More Pressing Than Ever

Edinburgh, Feb. 2.—The Scotsman says: "The American-Canadian reciprocity agreement leaves the cause of tariff reform as strong and more pressing than it was before."

INJURIES PROVE FATAL

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Injured Tuesday night by a fall while alighting from a street car at Bloor and Young streets, A. Cecil Gibson, barrister, died yesterday from concussion of the brain.

HON. W. TEMPLEMAN REPLIES TO J. JARDINE

Minister of Mines Explains Why the Member for Esquimalt Recanted—Reason for Blackguardly Attack in Post Office.

Law, Feb. 2.—When the Hon. Wm. Templeman was asked by the Times correspondent to make a statement in respect to the speech of John Jardine in the legislature on Monday, in which certain reasons for Jardine's political volte face were given, the minister at first demurred, stating that he had hitherto refrained from discussing Jardine and his political treachery.

"Well, perhaps I should make a statement. When falsehoods are allowed to go uncontradicted they are often believed to be the truth. I am free to admit that being a party man I have felt I could be held in some measure responsible for his election, but I was not then in possession of certain information which has since come to my knowledge, and which has destroyed whatever confidence I may have had in him."

"On the occasion of the personal encounter in the post office, I had been discussing Jardine's creditable actions as well as other matters with the agent of the public works department, Wm. Henderson, in his office, Victoria, when Jardine entered the room uninvited. Although his coming was an intrusion, I requested him to remain and told him what the subject of the conversation with Mr. Henderson had been."

"I charged him with slandering Mr. Smith and myself. He denied my statements, I repeated them and denounced him as an enemy of the Liberal government. I spoke strongly, because I felt the circumstances justified it. I was defending Mr. Smith and myself against the leaders of a man who had revealed himself to be utterly unworthy of the confidence that had been placed in him."

"Desiring to terminate the discussion, I asked Jardine to leave the room, at the same time turning round to resume my seat. Jardine, as he stated in the legislature, then assaulted me, and in a singularly cowardly manner. Briefly, these are the facts both as to the assault and the provocation. Jardine's dishonest methods of doing work for the government—as to which it was my duty to protest and to put an end to—were the reasons for my vigorous protests, and these protests were the immediate cause of the incident of which he has boasted so much."

"Jardine deserted the Conservative party in 1896 after it was defeated. When he found he could no longer bleed the Liberals of Victoria or flourish from the Dominion government, he returned to his old party affiliations. Neither the Liberals of Esquimalt nor of Victoria have any cause to regret that their ranks have been purged of the erratic and quite irresponsible member for Esquimalt."

"Moreover, I feel that a man who will violate the trust put in him by his party is not safe to trust with the interests of the people in the legislature."

"These are the facts as reported to me. The refusal of friends to provide this sum of \$1,700 angered Jardine, who commenced and continued a campaign of fault-finding and personal abuse directed against Mr. Smith and myself, which was continued for months. This was one reason for Jardine's recent conversion."

"Another and more serious reason was my opposition to Jardine's methods as a contractor on government works. In the year 1908-9 Jardine was authorized to do a specified amount of painting at the quarantine station, not to exceed \$2,000 in cost. The facts in connection therewith only came to my knowledge in 1910. The work was done by day labor. The total appropriation for maintenance and repairs at quarantine had been voted for that year, which, on being allocated to the purchase of paint, was exhausted."

Chinese at Harbin Die in Few Hours After Being Stricken

Pekin, Feb. 2.—Dr. Graham Ashland, of the Church of England mission, who, with his wife, is at Harbin, telegraphed to-day that "the virulence of the disease is simply incredible. Men are walking about and declaring themselves in perfect health when suddenly they develop a temperature as high as 40 degrees centigrade. In two or three hours they are dead."

"The fatalities in the native city to occur at the isolation hospital. The remainder are persons picked up in the streets by the sanitary forces."