GERMANY HAS EYES ON CANADA

EXTENSIVE CRUSADE TO ENCOURAGE TRADE

Economic Association Sending Delegation to Ottawa—Will Boom Dominion.

Berlin, March 19.—It is stated that the German-Canadian Economic Association intends to send a delegation to Canada for the purpose of lobbying in favor of closer German-Canadian trade relations. The delegation will include representative business men and they hope to reach Canada while the Dominion parliament is in session and lay before it definite suggestions for relieving the imposts under which German trade is now suffering.

The association has ambitious plans for furthering German trade interest in Canada and is preparing to promote them in characteristically systematic fashion. Arrangements are proceeding for booming Canada throughout Germany by means of public lectures, literature, etc. Excellent Canadian products will be advertised and the wide reaches of the Dominion as a home for German emigrants will be glowingly depicted. Canada, it is hoped, will in its turn not be ungrateful, but will gradually develop taste for wares "made in Germany."

German newspapers will also dispatch special commissioners to Canada this summer. It is believed negotiations for a tariff truce is hindered by the fact that neither side seem inclined to begin negotiations.

SCOURING COUNTRY FOR KIDNAPPERS OF BOY

Ransom of $10,000 is Demanded—A Pennsylvania Mystery.

Sharon, Penn., March 19.—Ten thousand dollars ransom is demanded for the return of William Whitla, Attorney James P. Whitla's eight-year-old son, who was spirited away from school here yesterday morning by unknown men, furnishing a mystery which detectives of the country are being asked to solve. Accompanying the demand for ransom is a covert threat that the boy will be killed unless the money is produced. The police or various cities have been asked to assist in the search for the boy.

Chief of Police Crane last night received word that the kid in which the boy was taken away had been recovered at Warren, Ohio, with the child's hat on the buggy seat.

About 9:30 a. m. two men drove up to the boys' school in a buggy and told the janitor that William Whitla was wanted immediately at his father's office. As the teacher was pulling on the child's coat she remarked to him: "I hope they are not kidnapping you." That was the last seen of the boy.

The father, James Whitla, was in New Wellington, Pa., yesterday. When Whitla failed to return home at noon, Mrs. Whitla went to the school and there learned that her son had been taken away by two men about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The postman left a letter at the Whitla house addressed to Mr. Whitla, it demanded $10,000. The letter instructed Mr. Whitla to advertise where the money could be secured. The police have sent out, a description of the men, who are said to be Italians, and have asked the police of nearby towns to co-operate in helping them.

Mr. Whitla is a brother-in-law of F. H. Buhl, the millionaire iron manufacturer.

Search Unsuccessful.

Sharon, Pa., March 19.—(Later.)— Notwithstanding a rigid search, lasting all night, by many officers in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia, no trace has yet been found of the man or men who yesterday kidnapped Wm. Whitla, eight years old, son of James P. Whitla, a prominent and wealthy attorney. The lad's relatives are making every effort to locate the child and his abductors. No decision has yet or can be made regarding the ransom of $10,000 demanded by the kidnappers for the safe return of the child.

Mr. Whitla immediately complied with the terms of the letter received from the men in so far as the insertion of an advertisement in various papers about the country is concerned. The advertisement was to the effect that he is willing to pay the ransom of $10,000, but up to 10 o'clock this morning no word has been received from the kidnappers as to when and where the sum is to be paid.

ONTARIO'S ATTITUDE TO CANADIAN NORTHERN

Toronto, Ont., March 19.—At the close of yesterday's session of the legislature, Premier Whitney announced the government's final refusal to guarantee bonds or to make cash grants to the Canadian Northern railway, but to allow for the construction of approximately 500 miles of railway from Sellwood to Fort William, skirting the north shore of Lake Superior and tapping the great clay belt of the north. The grant of $4,000 per mile is to be in acreage, to lie solely within the clay belt.

CONDUCTOR UNDER ARREST.

Toronto, Ont., March 19.—Thomas Harrison, a conductor on the Toronto Street railway, was arrested charged with stealing tickets from the fare box. He has been employed in the company for 18 years.

RIFLE SHOOTING CONTEST.

Colonel Bigger Gives Cup for Competition Among Army Service Corps Teams.

Ottawa, March 19.—Col. J. Lyon Bigger, of Ottawa, has offered a cup to be competed for in rifle shooting by teams from the different companies of the Army Service Corps throughout the Dominion. The teams will all shoot at local ranges and forward the results to Ottawa. There will be a series of four matches for teams of ten, the aggregate score to count.

PRAIRIE LANDS COMPANY.

London, March 19.—The Canadian Prairie Lands Company has declared a half yearly dividend at the rate of ten per cent.

BASIS ON WHICH EMPIRE RESTS

SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON MARITIME SUPREMACY

Sir John Colomb Discusses Responsibilities of Oversea Dominions.

London, March 19.—Sir John Colomb, a well-known writer on naval and military subjects, interviewed by the Morning Post, said that possibly one good result from the present state of things may be that the governments of the Oversea Dominions may realize that the preparations necessary for their survival in maritime war are more or less determined by the exigences of local parties and local conditions prevailing at home. That is the position they must expect, so long as they do not recognize their responsibility as citizens of the Empire to share the burden of providing for the maritime safety of the Empire to which they all belong. Without adequate provisions, necessary to provide for all reasonable probabilities, their future is not in their hands to determine, and their liberties will pass when the freedom of the sea is lost to them.

Sir Gilbert Parker stated in an interview: "We must make up our minds to accept the inevitable result of a growth of national feeling and ourselves to encourage the Dominions to build their small navies so as to bring those navies into strategical co-ordination with our own."

Dreadnought Policy.

In the House of Commons last night the opposition speakers made a strong effort to force the government into giving a guarantee that four "conditional" Dreadnoughts should be laid down. Premier Asquith declined to promise anything except that the vessels will be built if Germany continues her active construction of warships. He argued that this question of Dreadnoughts had nothing to do with the maintenance of a two-power standard. It is believed that the premier's non-committal attitude will occasion renewed agitation on the part of the press and the public.

AN IMPERIAL NAVY IS NEW SUGGESTION

Oversea Dominions to Have Joint Control of Empire Sea Forces.

London, March 19.—The Standard thinks it is felt in the Overseas Dominions that Britain is incapable of providing adequately for the fleet which is required to protect one-third of the world's coast line. The fleet wrought home taxpayer must obtain assistance from his kindred. The Standard urges, as one alternative consolation, that in providing stimulated for such assistance, a definite place for the Overseas states in the empire's council of defence and concludes:

"May we not hope, in spite of all discouraging signs to the contrary, that there is enough patriotism and public spirit among our politicians to rise above the limitations of party and co-operate in laying the basis of a true imperial organization founded on a joint responsibility for imperial defence and joint and equal control of the imperial sea forces?"

CONDITION OF LIBERIA.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Members of the government commission to investigate the condition of Liberia have been named to-day. They are: Robert C. Ogden, or New York; A. Morgan Spuster, formerly collector of customs for the Philippines, and Emmet J. Scott, private secretary to the district of Washington. The commission will be summoned to Washington shortly to acquaint themselves with the work in hand, their researches including a perusal of the diplomatic condense in the state department bearing on Liberia, when they will proceed to Europe, taking steamer there for Monavia, the Liberian capital.

DEFERRED ELECTIONS.

Martin Burrell's Resolution is Defeated on Straight Party Vote.

Ottawa, March 19.—The resolution introduced in the Commons by Martin Burrell, the member for Yale-Cariboo, to do away with deferred elections, was defeated last night on a straight party vote. The government majority was 46. Mr. Fielding, who was leading the House in the absence of Sir Wilfrid, refused to accept Mr. Burrell's resolution on the ground that it was a want of confidence motion.

CANADIAN CHEESE.

Ottawa, March 19.—According to the analysis of the Inland Revenue Department of 38 samples of cheese submitted from all parts of the Dominion, there were only two samples which contained skimmed milk cheese, while there were no foreign fat substances in any of

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CHINAMAN TERRORIZES PASSENGERS ON TRAIN

Tries to Jump From Car and is Chained to Seat by Brakemen.

The quiet of the passengers on the Canadian Pacific express from Toronto, which arrived in the city Sunday, was rudely disturbed by the wild behavior of a Chinese traveller, who apparently became suddenly demented, says the Winnipeg Free Press. He was a large, powerful man, and when he lost control of himself the services of a number of men were required to hold him in check.

He gave his name as Lee Hung, and he was on the way back from Toronto to China, accompanied by his brother. The attention of other travellers on the train was first specially attracted to the demented man owing to his treatment of his young brother. He beat him unmercifully, throwing him about the car in such a manner that it seemed that every bone in his body would be broken. When travellers interfered the man exhibited homicidal tendencies, and for a time several passengers were in danger of a murderous attack. At a later time the traveller made an attempt on his own life, and in order to prevent him from jumping from the train, as well as to protect other travellers, the brakemen eventually chained the Chinaman to the seat. In the course of a few hours his sanity returned, and he stated that he would be able to take care of himself if released. During the day there were symptoms of a return of the trouble, and the traveller was again chained to the seat, and was brought to the city in this condition. On arrival here he was immediately placed under arrest, and is being held here pending an examination into his sanity. The Canadian Pacific officials state that he will not be permitted to resume his journey unless he is accompanied by guards. The brother is with Chinese people in the city, and will remain until arrangements are made for the transportation of the demented man. The unfortunate traveller is now in the provincial jail.

KILLED ON WAY FROM SCHOOL.

Oshawa, Ont., March 19.—Eight-year old Samuel Williams was run over and killed yesterday by a freight car being shunted on the Oshawa Electric Street railway, while on his way home from school.

DEATH OF U. S. REAR-ADMIRAL.

Andover, Mass., March 19.—Rear-Admiral Edward Trask Strong, United States navy retired officer, died of heart disease in his home here yesterday. He was born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1840.

AMERICAN INVASION OF DOMINION

Homesteaders Flocking Across International Border in Large Numbers.

Winnipeg, Man., March 19.—The rush of settlers into Western Canada from the States has this month reached proportions greater than in any previous year with two season's exceptions. At North Portal on the Soo Line a greater showing has been made. Fifty cars of effects pass there daily and all the passenger trains are in two sections. At Gretna and at Emerson a hundred cars of settlers' effects are coming in each week. To-morrow four hundred Ontario settlers arrive to begin farm work on located homesteads.

LONGEST TRIP TO FAR NORTHLAND

SERGEANT PELLETIER RETURNS TO WINNIPEG

British Flag Planted at Many Points Hitherto Unexplored.

Winnipeg, Man., March 19.—Sergeant Inspector Pelletier, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, of Canada, arrived here last evening, completing practically the longest and most northernly trip ever undertaken into the far northland of Canada, having travelled from Edmonton to the Great Slave Lake, thence to Fort Churchill by way of Cape Fullerton, then down the Great Nelson river to Norway House and across Lake Winnipeg to Gimli. Sergeant Pelletier left Edmonton last July and interest was added to his adventure by the report that he and his party had perished.

He planted the British flag at many points and his report will be valuable to geographers.

NEW WESTMINSTER RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting—Plans for Season.

New Westminster, March 18.—At the annual meeting of the Westminster Rifle Association held in the board of trade room, the following officers for 1909 were elected: Captain, T. S. Annandale (re-elected); vice-captain, W. H. C. Abbott; secretary-treasurer, W. Nelson (re-elected); executive, the officers and J. D. Kennedy and Alex. Pringle. Messrs. Kennedy and Pringle were appointed auditors.

It was decided to hold the first shoot of the season as early as possible, probably on Good Friday.

While the meeting was not largely attended, those present represented the most enthusiastic rifle shots in the city, and the keen interest taken in the proceedings augurs well for the success of the association this season.

In presenting his report as captain for the past year, Mr. Annandale remarked that the season had not been as successful as had been anticipated, but it had been far better from every point of view than any previous year. He expressed himself as disappointed that with so many members on the roll, comparatively few had turned out to the weekly shoots.

W. Nelson, secretary-treasurer, in his annual report, quoted figures to show the small attendance at the shoots last season, thirteen having been the largest number attending on any one day. The members as a whole were well satisfied with the Ross rifle.

The Dollars in Hand.

The financial statement showed receipts amounting to $63 from membership fees and $25.40 from the sale of ammunition; expenditures totalled $37, which included markers' fees, printing, purchase of ammunition, care of rifles, etc. A balance of $16.40 remains to the credit of the association. The report was adopted.

A slight change will be made this year in the issuing of ammunition, 100 rounds being given free to each paid-up member, additional rounds being charged at the rate of 1½c. per round.

NOVA SCOTIA'S PREMIER.

Halifax, N. S., March 19.—Premier Murray is said to be anxious to resign but his colleagues oppose the step.

WILL ERECT Y. M. C. A. BUILDING AT NELSON

Nearly Half of Amount Required Already Subscribed —Executive Elected.

Nelson, March 18.—At ——— of the Y. M. C. A. ——— [ge]orge W. Kerby, of ——— godist church at Cal[gary] ——— [b]ranch in Nelson and the value of such an institution to any city, especially in the west where there are so many young men. The purpose of the meeting was to form an executive committee who were selected as follows: Chairman, Judge Forin, and William Waldie, Dr. Wolverton, W. G. Thomson, R. S. Lennie, George Horstead, W. G. Gillett, E. B. McDermid, Joseph Patrick, A. G. Lambert, R. W. Hulbert and G. H. Playle.

Some $12,000 has already been collected in sums of $500 and upwards and it was decided that a vigorous canvass for further subscriptions should be commenced immediately. The cost of the building and full equipment will be $30,000 and it is confidently anticipated that this amount can easily be raised among the citizens of Nelson.

The structure will be built of brick and will probably be located on a site facing Stanley street and near the corner of Baker and Stanley streets. The structure will be three stories and a basement. The last will contain a bowling alley, shower, plunge and ordinary baths while the first floor will be occupied by offices, a reception and social hall and a gymnasium which will also take up part of the second floor. On the second floor will be the gallery, a spacious hall, a kitchen and three good class rooms. The third floor will be taken up with bedrooms, of which there will be 13, and large and comfortable lounge rooms.

The building will be furnished and equipped in first class style with all modern conveniences. Stens are being taken to secure a suitable secretary and physical director. The committee intend that the work shall be started free of debt and that the institution shall be run on a sound business basis. Judging by the experience of other cities of a smaller population than Nelson, it is hoped that it will be possible for the Nelson branch of the Y. M. C. A. to be carried on with no outside assistance after the building has once been equipped. The rooms are relied upon to produce a large amount of revenue; in addition there will be the subscriptions of members. The intention of the committee is that the building shall be erected and ready for use by next fall.

COBALT MINER KILLED.

Cobalt, Ont., March 19.—Robert Johnston, a miner, was killed by an explosion of dynamite in his hand while he was charging holes.

TOWN TERRORIZED BY GANG OF ROBBERS

Bank Buildings at Little Rock Dynamited—Running Fight With Citizens.

Little Rock, Ark., March 19.—A despatch from Bald Knob, Ark., says that two bank buildings were dynamited and the town of Bald Knob terrorized at the rate of by a small band of men. Citizens who ventured from their houses were met by a fusilade of bullets, and in the running fight which followed a citizen was wounded. The robbers escaped.

CASTRO GOING TO TRINIDAD.

Dresden, March 19.—Ex-President Castro has given up the idea of going direct to La Guayra. He will leave for Port of Spain on March 25th.

SHIPPING GOLD TO LONDON.

New York, March 19.—The National City bank to-day engaged $2,000,000 in gold coin for shipment to London.

THIEVES' MOUNTAIN CAVE.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 19.—After working on the case for several months, the police discovered the quarters of a gang of value thieves and car burglars operating on both sides of the border. The headquarters are in a cave on Lewiston mountain, in which thousands of dollars' worth of stolen goods are thought to be hidden. Arrests are expected shortly.

CANADA'S GREAT INVENTOR.

Ottawa, March 19.—Dr. Graham Bell, whose recent experiments in aerial navigation at Baddeck, Cape Breton, have been attracting widespread attention, will be the guest of the Canadian Club at Ottawa, at luncheon on March 27th.

GRAVE OUTLOOK IN THE BALKANS

SERVIA DETERMINED ON RESISTANCE

European Nations Still Striving Hard to Prevent War.

Berlin, March 19.—A semi-official communication appearing in the Cologne Gazette to-day describes the situation between Austria-Hungary and Servia most pessimistically in the maintenance of peace, but it is hopeful that the conflict, should one arise, may be localized. The communication says:

"While attempts have been made in several quarters to find a solution of the crisis, a contrary course is being followed in Servia. Mild advice is not likely to serve any purpose in Belgrade. Severe pressure from the Powers, especially Russia, is necessary to bring the Servians to reason.

"The Russian proposals up to the present time have been unsuccessful, because simultaneously therewith there have been political demonstrations in Russia that have tended to increase Servia's stubbornness. Furthermore, the construction placed by Great Britain on the Russian note calling an international conference on the Bosnian-Herzegovinian question serves only to stiffen Servia's backbone of resistance. The Russian proposals are not calculated to serve the end of peace. The military situation critical; that perhaps, only a few days before the murder was committed; and not on the day of the crime, as was first published. Furthermore, the man did not draw a revolver and did not make any remark on the awful fate of Virginian girls who were fickle. While sitting in the same seat with the school teacher, whose name is Isaacs, the man was talking about firearms, and he asked her if men in Canada carried guns. She said they were not allowed to, and his reply was that in Virginia men were shot down on the slightest provocation. This strange spot off at Hamilton, and the strange part of it is that he answered to the description of the murderer given by Florence Kinrade three days later.

SPEAKER CANNON KISSES GIRL HEROINE

Miss McCann Rewarded for Brave Work in General Slocum Disaster.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—For heroism in saving the lives of nine children during the burning of the steamer General Slocum in 1904, Miss Mary McCann was yesterday presented by Speaker Cannon, on behalf of congress, with a silver life-saving medal. She was then just a little girl, 14 years old, recovering from scarlet fever on North Brothers island. Now she is a young woman, but notwithstanding her more advanced age, at the conclusion of the presentation ceremonies the "Iron Duke of American politics" took her blushing face between his hands and kissed her. The presentation took place in the Speaker's office at the capitol.

WISCONSIN CENTRAL.

American Railroad Will Be Transferred to C. P. R. in April.

Montreal, Que., March 19.—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy arrived in the city yesterday from the western states where he had been engaged for the past week or more on business connected with the Soo line. Regarding the Wisconsin Central and the Soo line, Sir Thomas said that if the present plans were carried out, the former would be transferred to the latter in April. After that the policy in connection with the line will be determined, but until the transfer is actually made, he naturally did not want to say anything about their policy.

Sir Thomas found a very buoyant feeling existing in the western states, and good crop prospects are already talked of.

E. H. HARRIMAN'S RETIREMENT.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 19.—Statements attributed to E. H. Harriman at Pasadena on Wednesday night regarding the present state of his health and the possibility of his retirement from active life, as published here yesterday, appear to have been somewhat at variance with the intended meaning of Mr. Harriman's remarks on the subject. There was no hint of retirement in the real sense. Mr. Harriman in his statement merely said that he knew that sooner or later the heavy burden of responsibility that rests upon his shoulders would have to be shifted to younger ones.

BOILER BLOWS UP, ONE DEAD.

Gore Bay, Ont., March 19.—News has reached here that the boiler at Crawford's sawmill blew up last week, injuring five men, one of whom, J. P. Gwin, has since died.

KINRADE INQUEST RESUMES TO-DAY

INTEREST IN HAMILTON'S MURDER SENSATION

Alienists to Study Victim's Sister—Crown Has 20 New Witnesses.

Hamilton, Ont., March 19.—The city is again being invaded by an army of newspaper correspondents who have been attracted by the Kinrade murder inquest, and it seems to be taken for granted that there will be sensational developments when Coroner Anderson's jury resumes the investigation this evening.

It is understood that Florence Kinrade, her mother and father are to be recalled and the police say they have twenty more witnesses. A number of these are doctors and the others are mostly neighbors, whose names the authorities refuse to give. It is the intention to call Dr. Bruce Smith and Dr. Clark, alienists, who have examined Florence Kinrade and studied her on the witness stand, at the next session.

The belief is general that the real crisis of the investigation will be today. The police have had Ethel Kinrade's bloodstained clothing in court and the bullets found by the doctors and detectives, but these have not been produced yet.

The attempts of the detectives to find whether the Kinrades ever had a revolver have at last met with success. A new witness has been unearthed who will swear that he noticed a revolver in the house while he was employed to work there.

A witness who thinks she saw Miss Ethel Kinrade out walking about three o'clock on the afternoon of the crime says that it was at the corner of Charles and Jordan streets that she met her. This point is a mile away from the Kinrade house.

The police have opened the sewer leading from the Kinrade house, but failed to find a revolver.

The police do not attach much importance to the dispatch from St. Catharines stating that a Jordan school teacher travelled on the same train with the supposed murderer of Ethel Kinrade on the day of the murder, and that he produced a revolver and stated that they used these things in Virginia for girls who "went back" on them. Detective Miller interviewed the teacher, but will not dismatter. It is known, however, there are some inaccuracies in published account of the case. It appears the episode took place ...

APPLEBY STILL AN AMATEUR.

New York, March 18.—Fred Appleby, the great English distance runner, who twice defeated Alfred Shrubb in fifteen-mile races, and holds the world's record of 1.20.04 2-5 for that distance, is still an amateur. Appleby, it seems, was quoted in error when it was announced that he would turn "pro." in order to get into the Marathon game. The little English flier now declares that he is still a Simon Pure, and will remain so, for the time being at least.

Appleby will at once take out a Metropolitan Association registration card.

ONE CENT POSTAGE IN U. S. A.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—One cent postage is provided for in a bill which Representative Bennett (New York) has introduced. The measure provides that beginning January 1st, 1910, the rate of postage on all letters mailed within the United States for domestic points, including drop letters, shall be one cent per ounce or fraction thereof.

JOURNALIST HONORED.

Ottawa, March 19.—Gerald H. Brown, of the parliamentary press gallery and for many years one of the best known newspaper correspondents of the capital, has been appointed assistant deputy minister of labor.

DROPS DEAD AT SOUND OF CALL TO DUTY

New York, March 19.—Battalion Chief William McCarthy, of the Brooklyn fire department, had been feeling "a little out of sorts" for a long time, so yesterday he yielded to his wife's persuasion and prepared his resignation after 38 years in the service.

He was waiting at headquarters last evening to have his resignation countersigned by his deputy chief when an alarm sounded. This did not mean a call for McCarthy, for it was out of his district, but the gong and the uneasy horses worked on him. He straitened up, tottered, and fell dead, with his resignation in his hand.

McCarthy had reached heroes for bravery. He lived at 80 South Fourth street, Brooklyn, and leaves six children besides his wife.