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WAITING TO BE ASKED. That is the Attitude of the Laurier Government Respecting the Contingent. TORONTO, Nov. 21.—The Globe's Ottawa despatch says: "If Great Britain wants to recruit more Canadian troops for service in South Africa she has only to make her wishes known. When she does so arrangements will be made to meet her desires. The colonial secretary's recent despatch simply asked whether the offer of last spring to raise a Canadian mounted force of six hundred men was still open. Doubtless Mr. Chamberlain's question will be answered by the proper authority, and we shall then learn what further steps the imperial authorities wish to have taken. There seems no reason to doubt if Canada's offer is accepted six hundred men can be recruited, provided with outfit and equipment and ready to start in about a month from now. These men would not all be recruited in the west, but a proportion would be taken from each province according to population, preference being given to those who have already served in South Africa and are physically and otherwise qualified to take the field."

NOW HE REPENTS. Admits Wholesale Forgeries and Gives Himself up to the Police. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 21.—John Verrall, the Englishman who walked into the police station last night and, after admitting \$12,000 worth of forgeries, committed in various parts of the country, said he wanted to give himself up, told the police that he had lost his wife two years ago and since that time had "gone bad." He gave a dozen names used in various cities in embroilment and forgery. He admits embezzling \$400 from Manager W. H. Mayors of the Western Newspaper Association of St. Louis. The forgeries for the most part have been in small amounts. He came here two days ago from Dayton, Ohio. A pawn ticket in his pocket for an overcoat bore the date November 18. He turned over a check, signed by the forged name of E. B. Fox and endorsed by the name "Walter Pearsons," for \$125. He is 33 years old, and says he has been travelling since his wife left him at Cincinnati. "Call me a blackguard," said he. "I have lost all claim to respect. I am related to the old English family of Neville, and that is why I sometimes assume that name." He refused to give any further details.

A MINING HORROR. Twenty-Two Men Are Dead and Perhaps Scores of Others. TELLURIDE, Colo., 21.—Nearly a hundred men were probably suffocated to death in the Smuggler Union mine in Marshall Basin as the result of fire which consumed the buildings at the mouth of the Bullion tunnel. Twenty-two miners are known to be dead and scores of others are either dead or seeking safety in remote parts of the mine where the place shall be cleared of foul gases and the mine reopened. Fire broke out in the tramway bunkhouse at the mouth of the Bullion tunnel, the principal opening from which the property is worked, and spread rapidly to the boiler at the engine house, and blacksmith shop. The tramway terminal, with its great ore bins, and several smaller buildings were also wrapped in flames. A strong draft drew the smoke from the burning buildings directly into the tunnel, and the mile of drifts, upraises and slopes connecting with it began to fill rapidly with the smoke. In the excitement of trying to control the fire in the outside buildings the mine was forgotten, and before the situation was realized the workings were fast filling with dense smoke. By this time the buildings about the mouth of the tunnel were all ablaze and nothing could be done to stop the smoke from going in. As soon as it was possible great bodies of rock were blown down into the tunnel mouth and the opening stopped, but not until the workings had been filled and the smoke was working its way through the shafts to the surface, a mile or more up the mountain from the tunnel house. The day shift, some two hundred men, had gone into the mine and reached the bottom of the shafts when the fire started. It is known that some of the men escaped through the Old Sheridan tunnel and also through the Old Union workings, but they are thought to have been but a small part of the force in the mine. The Smuggler Union is the largest mine in the Telluride district, the output being about two thirds of the total from the camp. It is owned by New York and Boston capitalists.

TWO CANADIANS SHOT. CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Chas. and John Miller, brothers of Toronto, were ridden with small shot today. The former will die. John was seriously wounded. The shooting was done by Robert Coburn, who thought the men were about to rob his hen-roost. John Miller said he and his brother were without money, and were merely seeking a lodging in Coburn's barn. Coburn drove four miles to a police station with the unconscious form of John Miller in the bottom of a wagon. The police found the latter's brother two hours later. Coburn was detained by the police. BOER COMMANDANT CAPTURED. LONDON, Nov. 21.—A despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Pretoria, Nov. 21, says Commandant Buys has been captured after attacking a post of one hundred British pioneers on the Vaal River, near Villiersdorp.

KING EDWARD In Splendid Health and Spirits—The Coronation. NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Regarding the health of the king, the London correspondent of the Tribune cables that from the highest source of information comes the most reassuring account of the king's health. "I have recently with him ascertained that he has no throat ailment whatever, and that his general health and spirits are now better than for a long time. London tradesmen would have been saved excessive charges for insurance on their stocks in coronation year if these facts had been generally known. LONDON, Nov. 21.—King Edward has checkmated the thrifty British nobles and others who proposed to line their pockets with American and continental gold by the sale of their seats in Westminster Abbey for the coronation ceremony by decreeing that except in an official capacity only British subjects are to be present. He has decided that the mere fact of any seat being sold disposes of both the matter and the nominee from the right of occupying it. It is understood that large sums have been offered both in America and Europe for seats on the occasion of the coronation.

AN ONTARIO PRO-BOER Shoots a Man Whom He Blamed for Persecuting Him. BRANTFORD, Ont., Nov. 21.—Dr. Robert Harbottle, of Brantford, a small village near here, shot Herman Stewart, a well-to-do farmer living near the village yesterday. The bullet, which was fired from a distance of one foot, entered Stewart's head at the temple and passed out behind, directly above the ear. The wound inflicted is not at all dangerous, however, and Stewart will undoubtedly recover. Dr. Harbottle was arrested and committed for trial charged with shooting with intent to do bodily harm. Dr. Harbottle is strongly and openly pro-Boer and as a result a great deal of feeling has been expressed against him in the village. Twice his house and drug shop have been rotten eggs, fire crackers have been thrown into his house and other attacks perpetrated. For some reason he believed Stewart responsible for these things, and it is to this fact yesterday's shooting is due.

AN UNHAPPY QUEEN. ANTWERP, Nov. 21.—The Nieuw Gassette today prints a story to the effect that the illness of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland was the sequel to a series of somewhat serious quarrels with her husband. AMSTERDAM, Nov. 20.—There is a rumor in circulation that the illness of Queen Wilhelmina was due to the conduct of Prince Henry. The creditors of the queen's husband kept dunning him so constantly for his debts that Queen Wilhelmina finally refused to pay any more and, according to the rumor, a painful scene followed. Prince Henry left at once for Germany and only returned to Holland at the request of the queen's mother, Emma. It is said that he has not visited Queen Wilhelmina since the accident. The story naturally cannot be verified, but it gains credence hourly.

MURDERED HIS BENEFACTOR. NORWICH, Conn., Nov. 20.—A brutal murder, following robbery, took place at Butternut Hill, in the town of Montville, about two miles from this city, early this evening. Jeremiah Shumway, aged 82, an eccentric farmer, had made good his escape, however, from the house of a tramp whom he had befriended and given shelter. Shumway took the tramp into his home several days ago and it was noticed by the neighbors that he bore a striking resemblance to Blondin, the alleged Massachusetts murderer. Today both men came to this city, and the tramp returned intoxicated. Shortly afterwards cries were heard coming from the Shumway house, and the neighbors armed with rifles and shotguns went to the house and asked for admittance. The tramp immediately ran into a patch of woods in the rear. Several shots were fired and the fugitive fell, but made good his escape, however. On entering the house the neighbors found the old man dead on the floor, with two terrible wounds in the head and the skull fractured. An empty wallet nearby told the story of robbery. The tramp is supposed to be a French-Canadian. CAPT. LAWSON DEAD. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 21.—Captain John Lawson, who built the first locomotive engine in England, and who was the oldest engineer in the United States, is dead here. Capt. Lawson was born in Manchester, Eng., August 8, 1805. When still a boy he was apprenticed to Geo. Stephenson, the inventor of the locomotive engine, and under his direction built the first engine. He served as a locomotive engineer on various railroads in this country, for many years principally in the east and the south, abandoning that line of work to go into the steamboat business. He made a fortune in the Cumberland River trade. Captain Lawson will be buried in Paducah, Ky., where he lived for fifty-six years.

REDMOND IN OTTAWA. OTTAWA, Nov. 21.—John E. Redmond, M. P., leader of the Irish nationalist party in the British house of commons, received a hearty welcome on his arrival here today. A large number of local Irishmen met him at the depot and afterwards at a reception in the Russell House he was welcomed by many others. Subsequently a luncheon was tendered to Mr. Redmond and tonight he will speak in the Russell House on the Irish cause. THE WEATHER. TORONTO, Nov. 21.—Maritime.—Moderate to fresh north-west to west winds, fine, not much change in temperature. Friday west to south-west winds, fine. WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Forecast.—Eastern states and northern N. Y.—Generally fair tonight and Friday; light to fresh westerly to northerly winds.

RECIPROcity RESOLUTIONS Ask for a Department of Commerce and Industries and Reciprocity Commission. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—The National Reciprocity convention finished its work last night and adjourned sine die. Several important resolutions embodying the views of the convention on the reciprocity and other matters were adopted. They provide as follows: (1) That this convention recommends to congress the reinstatement of the principle of protection for the home market and to open up by reciprocity opportunities for increased foreign trade by special modifications of the tariff, in special cases, but only where it can be done without injury to any of our home interests of manufacturing, commerce, or farming. (2) That in order to ascertain the influence of any proposed treaty on our home interests this convention recommends to congress the establishment of a reciprocity commission, which shall be charged with the duty of investigating the condition of any industry, and reporting to the executive and to congress for guidance in negotiating reciprocity trade agreements. "This convention recommends and requests that a new department be created to be called 'The department of commerce and industries,' the head of which shall be a member of the president's cabinet. "That a reciprocity commission be created, as a bureau of this new department. "The chairman was instructed to present the set of resolutions to President Roosevelt and the officers of the convention were authorized to appear before the senate committee on finance, and the ways and means committee for the same purpose.

A HORRIBLE DEATH. Unknown Man Plunged Headlong Into a Blazing Furnace. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 15.—An unknown man threw himself headlong into one of the furnaces at Schoenberg's mill, Fourteenth and Etna streets, a few minutes after midnight. Almost his entire body was roasted beyond identification, his left foot being the only part not disfigured. A few minutes before the man was seen to enter the mill yards and stand at the foot of the hoisting cage, which carries ore, coke and other supplies for the furnace. The moment that a warning was sounded for the cage to ascend with its burden three workmen saw the man jump on the platform and stand within a few feet of them. They were confused and did not know what to think of him, as no one but employees are allowed on these cages. When the top of the face was reached, nearly 100 feet from the level, Thomas Lee determined to order him away. The huge crib was moved to allow the car of coke to roll into the furnace and the bell was lifted, throwing a terrific heat from the fiery substance underneath. Lee had not had time to open his mouth when the man threw himself headlong into the furnace. Quick as a flash Lee dropped the bell, but all too late. The man was buried head and shoulders in the flames. The lid of the bell caught his left foot, saving it only from being consumed. He was pulled out about three minutes later, his flesh half roasted. It is probable he will never be identified. The body was removed to the morgue. The man was about 35 years old, medium height, sandy moustache and apparently an American.

WANTED TO LYNCH HIM. OXFORD, Mass., Nov. 20.—Will Mathis, who is charged with the murder of two deputy marshals, walked into the town of Dallas, 12 miles south of here today and surrendered to a justice of the peace and two citizens. Mathis had been closely pursued by a large posse with bloodhounds, and realizing that his capture was certain, voluntarily gave himself up and asked for protection. He was turned over to the posse, which started for Oxford, but it is understood at a late hour tonight that he will not be brought to this city until tomorrow, the officers fearing mob violence. When the news of the surrender reached Oxford the streets were immediately filled with people, and intense excitement prevailed. Bonfires were built and many threats of summary vengeance were heard on all sides. Addresses were made by the local officers and cool-headed business men, and at 11 o'clock tonight the excitement has subsided and it is believed that a threatened lynching has been averted. The local officers announce that they will protect the prisoner at all hazards.

A \$30,000 PICTURE. NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The Boston Museum of Fine Arts has just purchased for \$30,000, from T. J. Blakeslee of the Blakeslee galleries, this city, the important Frans Hals' Portrait of a Woman. It is undoubtedly one of the best of the few genuine examples of Frans Hals in this country. The dimensions are forty inches by fifty inches. It was probably painted about 1650. Originally it was one of the treasures of the Duke of Buckingham's collection.

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JAMES RYAN, KING SQUARE. The funeral of the late Charles Burrell took place at half past two o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, Prince street, Charlton. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. H. Johnson, Pall-bearers were chosen from the Carleton Comet band, of which Mr. Burrell was leader and which paraded at the funeral. Interment was made in Cedar Hill.