

CHILDREN BURROW WAY TO SAFETY

WERE IMPRISONED IN RUINS OF REGGIO

Duke of Connaught Goes to Scene of Mediterranean Calamity.

Reggio, Jan. 9.—Yesterday the sun shone again in all its splendor, emphasizing the beauties of nature in the surrounding country, along the mountains covered with green, over the vineyards and lemon groves. Inside Reggio, however, its warm rays fell upon huge piles of debris.

Proportionately with the other towns, Reggio gave the highest percentage of orphans as a result of the earthquake. The boys were eagerly taken care of by relatives, but the girls mostly were abandoned. Fortunately, however, they have been entrusted to the ladies' committee which arrived here from all parts of Italy, who doubtless will secure good homes for them.

All the wounded have been removed from Reggio and 8,000 refugees have departed from the town. One thousand bodies have been dug from the ruins of the fallen buildings and buried in improvised cemeteries.

Among others who escaped uninjured when the shock came, were three children, who after having been buried in the debris of their home for several days got out unaided, burrowing like mice. A man and his wife also have been found uninjured beneath ruins where they had lain for eight days subsisting on a pint of olive oil.

At Sinopoli all the houses were destroyed except the one built of stone. A wire passing through them and uniting them in a vertical line, while at the top is another wire uniting the different lines horizontally, thus making the whole building compact.

Fresh earthquake shocks are being felt here, at Brancalione and Messina each night. They are preceded by explosions and buildings that were not totally destroyed in the big shock are being demolished.

Great Britain's Sympathy.

Rome, Jan. 9.—The news that the Duke of Connaught is to arrive here on Sunday has produced great satisfaction, and is regarded as a fresh demonstration of the sympathy of Great Britain. British ships have rendered great help in the situation, providing provisions and searching for survivors.

Miss May Sherman, of Elizabeth, N. J., who was active in the measures undertaken at Taormina for the relief of the earthquake sufferers, and who now is in Rome, to-day gave further details of the condition of the refugees who came under her observation. Some of the wounded, she said, were so seriously hurt that there was very little chance of their reaching Catania alive. They were, therefore, taken from the train and given attention at Taormina.

Local Italian doctors and an English physician, Dr. Dashwood, and his wife, were indefatigable in their labors. "All the bakers of Taormina," Miss Cameron went on, "were kept at work making bread, and they were paid by contribution from the foreign colony. We all did everything possible to obtain clothing to cover the shivering and naked people. There were many children among the refugees who had been made orphans by the quake."

"A Mrs. Welch, who has intended going to Messina the day before the quake, saved her life by postponing her departure. Mrs. Welch has taken charge of a little girl refugee, evidently of gentle birth and if she is not claimed will adopt the child."

"Lady Hill and her daughter, who have a school at Taormina in which they teach embroidery, gave themselves up to nursing and caring for the sufferers, receiving some in their own villa."

SIX "NIGHT RIDERS" ARE SENTENCED TO HANG

Other Two Convicted of Murder Must Go to Penitentiary for Life.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Six of the eight "Night Riders" convicted of the murder of Captain Quentin Runklin, a prominent attorney, were sentenced to be hanged to-day on February 19th. The other two were sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The attorney for the defense immediately gave notice of an appeal to the state supreme court.

CHURCH MURDER MYSTERY.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 8.—The murder mystery of Battle Run seemed no nearer solution when the county officials resumed their investigations to-day than when they entered the blood-spattered church yesterday morning. Rev. J. H. Carmichael, pastor of the church, and the Elders, Bro. Brown, the Adair carpenter, who was the minister's visitor, have not been seen since Tuesday. None of the explanations offered seem to show any degree of certainty. It is even suggested that the red stains scattered over the floor of the church are human blood, and that the gruesome places found may have been stolen from some graveyard.

RAILWAY VICTIM.

Waukegan, Ont., Jan. 9.—Charles Labadie, 38 years old, of Windsor, was struck and killed by a fast express here last night while crossing the tracks.

NATIONALIZATION OF WESTERN ELEVATORS

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 9.—Premier Roblin states the joint answer of the western premiers to the request of the grain growers for the nationalization of elevators was that it would cost fourteen million dollars, so it is certain the control will be taken by the provinces instead of outright purchase.

EXHAUSTIVE WORK ON MINERAL RESOURCES

Department of Mines Gives Valuable Addition to Canada's Literature.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The most comprehensive and valuable addition ever made to literature on Canadian mining and metallurgical industries has just been issued under the direction of the Hon. Wm. Tempieman, minister of mines, and Dr. Eugene Haanel, director of mines. The publication includes a complete report on the mining resources of each province, with details as to all the producing mines, processes, prices and a multitudinous array of facts of the utmost practical value to all the mining interests of the country. The volume contains 272 pages, and a large number of maps, illustrations, etc.

It has been prepared during the past year by a special staff of investigators who gather reliable data from each province, the whole being edited by S. Grove, of the departmental staff.

To the province of British Columbia nearly 200 pages are devoted, describing gold ores, copper, silver, lead, iron ores, coal, etc., by districts, and by individual properties.

WATERWAYS OF CANADA AND UNITED STATES

Anglo-American Treaty is on Eve of Being Concluded.

London, Jan. 9.—A reasonable expectation exists that the Anglo-United States treaty will be signed in a few days, though certain points are still under negotiation. The waterways draft agreement is very technical, but its chief point is the establishment of a commission to deal with the water division between Canada and the United States. The treaty only lays down general principles and provides the machinery for putting these into execution. The conclusion of the fisheries settlement will probably be delayed a little. The question of pecuniary claims is still a subject of negotiation.

FIVE FROZEN TO DEATH NEAR MACLEOD RIVER

Frenchmen Perish While on Expedition Near Foothills of Rockies.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 9.—The report received at Edmonton, Alberta, last night stated that five men were frozen during the past two days near Macleod river.

According to information from Stony Plain five Frenchmen left there for Macleod river three days ago. They perished three miles west of Stony Plain house on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway survey. Macleod river is at the foot hills of the Rockies, two hundred miles northwest of Edmonton.

NEW ZEALAND TROUBLED ABOUT TIMBER TRADE

Wellington, N. Z., Jan. 9.—A great conference of the timber trade was held at Pimberton North to-day to discuss the question of the importation of Oregon. The press was excluded but several delegates asserted after the conference that owing to the recent wholesale importations of pine, fully fifty sawmills would close down indefinitely. The mill owners demand the imposition of a duty on all imported timber except in bulk.

JOINT INSTALLATION.

At the Odd Fellows' hall next Wednesday night the joint installation of officers will take place of the Victoria, No. 1, Columbia, No. 2 and Dominion, No. 3, lodges. Grand Master Hugh Fulton, of Lady Smith, will be present, and after the ceremony a banquet will be held at the Driad hotel with W. H. Cullin, grand treasurer, in the chair. Among the invited guests are the Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier, Hon. W. Templeman, Hon. H. E. Young, Hon. Thos. Taylor, Mayor Hall and U. S. Consul Smith.

A long toast list is to be prepared, which will include national toasts and a musical programme will be rendered by Rev. E. G. Miller, Messrs. Shandley and Farrey. The committee consists of James Wilby, chairman; W. McConnell, T. M. Brayshaw and James Bell.

PRINCIPAL RELIEF FUND.

New York, Jan. 9.—The local relief fund for the Italian earthquake sufferers is nearing the half million mark. It was increased by more than \$20,000 yesterday, bringing the total to about \$475,000.



CAN'T WAIT FOR CANDLEMAS. The Curly Brown One:—Here, black brother, I don't want to hibernate every year.

"KING OF KLONDIKE" DIES SUDDENLY

(Special to the Times.) Dawson, Yukon Territory, Jan. 9.—Alex. McDonald, famed as the "Klondike King," died of heart failure on Bonanza Creek three days ago. The body reached Dawson last night. McDonald was stooping to cut firewood when he fell and expired.

PROBING PANAMA CANAL AFFAIRS

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Lt.-Col. Goethals Thinks Gatun Dam Cannot Subside—Cost Already \$85,000,000.

Panama, Jan. 9.—The special committee of the U. S. congress, which has been investigating canal affairs here during the past week has now examined the head of every department of the waterway construction. The most important examination was that of Lt.-Col. Goethals, chairman of the Isthmus Canal Company, who testified that he considered the local canal practicable and safe, and that the location of the lock on the Pacific side was changed from Sosa hill farther into the interior for military and economic reasons simply. He explained minutely the hydraulic process of constructing the Gatun dam, which he thinks can never subside. There may be slides during its construction, he said, but none after the work is finished.

Col. Goethals does not admit that there is a weak point in the dam and believes that the peril of seepage has been eliminated. The long reservoir, built among the zone hills, shows no seepage whatever through the hills.

Col. Goethals believes the canal should be fortified and that the time is ripe to begin the fortifications, so as to have them finished when the canal is completed. The canal chairman told the committee that \$85,000,000 had already been spent, and the construction of the waterway had not gone beyond the preparatory stage of the building of locks.

GLUT OF SHINGLES.

Nearly 2,000 Cars Above Normal Number Waiting Transfer at Minnesota.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8.—Advices received from the Minnesota Transfer says there are nearly 2,000 cars above the normal number for this time of the year. There are at present close to 2,400 cars waiting transfer. The usual supply held at the transfer ranges from 200 to 600 cars. The accumulation of shingles at the transfer is said by shinglemen to be due to the fact that a few firms have recently put an unusually large number of cars in transit, extending the market to advice as a result of the closing of shingle mills in the northwest. Manufacturers have also consigned a large number of cars, hoping to sell them at an advance on their arrival in the east. Prices at the mill range from \$1.65 to \$1.75 for stars and \$2 to \$2.15 for clears, with about as many selling at the high levels.

SAW BATTLE OF WINDSOR.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 9.—Daniel Langlois, an eye-witness of the battle of Windsor of 1837, is dead, aged 85.

ARGUMENT FOR TRADE TREATY WITH GERMANY

Crefeld Firm Tells How It Lost Business Owing to High Duty.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The Cologne Gazette publishes the following letter received from a Crefeld firm a few days ago: "You state that several manufacturers were desirous of opening business in connection with Canada, but had received refusals from purchasers on the ground that they could buy cheaper, owing to differential duties, in other countries. We also, a few years ago, did an excellent business with Canada, but we have gradually lost it. We manufacture a special class of goods which Canadian customers could buy hardly anywhere else but in Crefeld, but which in consequence of the 20 per cent extra duty on silk goods they eventually had to import from our patterns in England and Switzerland. We thus not only lost our trade but also had the sad experience of finding that the manufacture of our goods has been taken up by foreigners, who will now compete with us in this material and in other markets as well. It would, therefore, be exceedingly desirable if a commercial treaty were soon concluded between Germany and Canada."

SHARP CRITICISM OF EXPRESS COMPANIES

Judge Mabey Hints That Undertaking Given Railway Commission Has Been Broken.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 9.—Judge Mabey, chairman of the Railway Commission, handed out some pretty sharp criticisms of express companies at the conclusion of the session of the express inquiry here. He practically accused the companies of breaking the agreement entered into a year ago when the inquiry opened, that they would not introduce any changes that increase the rates, and that they had induced him to sign an order approving the rates and classification which went into force on the first of the year, and which is the subject of complaint, under the misapprehension as to what it meant. In fact at one time it looked as though the board would issue a pre-emptory order from the bench abrogating the new rules and classifications and putting things back where they were before. The only thing that prevented this apparently, was the argument of counsel for the express companies, that so sudden a reversal of conditions might lead to confusion, worse confounded. Under this presentation, Judge Mabey consented to hold back his decision until Monday, when it will be given at Ottawa.

FINDS CURE FOR LEPROSY.

Honolulu, Jan. 9.—Dr. J. T. Wayson, a health officer, who has devoted much time and attention to the study of leprosy, to-day made definite announcement that a cure for the disease has been found, and a patient afflicted with leprosy has been restored to health. Dr. Wayson stated that the course of treatment would not be made public at this time, as he and his associates were desirous of watching the effect of the cure first.

EARTHQUAKE PREMONITIONS.

Waters of Lake Geneva Rose and Fell, Disturbed by Seismic Gales.

Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 9.—The inhabitants of this city state that the waters of Lake Geneva rose and fell for two days, with a curious sphyon-like action, three weeks before the earthquake at Messina. The same phenomenon was noticed before the San Francisco disaster, and are attributed to seismic gales.

PROTESTING FISHER'S SEAT.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 9.—A protest has been entered against the election of Hon. A. Fisher in Brome. The time for session has been extended owing to the minister's absence in Europe.

MOUNTAINS OF SNOW IN CROW'S NEST PASS

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 9.—The worst storm in the history of the Crow's Nest Pass division of the Canadian Pacific railway is now raging. Engines are all tied up, the snow being mountains high. The weather is intensely cold, the thermometer registering 50 below zero at many points.

MAKE PAPER PULP FROM SUGAR CANE

Experiments in Connecticut Mill Said to Be Successful.

Winsted, Conn., Jan. 9.—Paper pulp has been produced from sugar cane at the mill of a local company, according to the statement of the manager, Dr. H. J. Bute, of Houston, Texas, engaged the mill about the middle of December for experiments in making paper pulp from sugar cane.

No information as to the process employed in making pulp is given out. The foreman intimated that the pulp could be beaten to a very fine state and be made into a good grade of paper. Experiments by the score have been made with both sugar cane and corn stalks before but had never been entirely successful.

Dr. Bute has returned to Texas highly elated over the results of the tests of his secret process.

INVESTIGATE WOOLLEN INDUSTRY IN BRITAIN

Federal Government Ascertaining if Protection is Needed in Canada.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—A paragraph has been going the rounds of the press to the effect that Mr. Costello, of the customs service, who was named a commissioner to make a report on the British and Canadian woollen industries, has reported that the Canadian woollen industry does not require more protection.

Mr. Costello, however, is not commissioner, but an expert officer of the department of customs, who was sent to Great Britain to investigate conditions, and the cost of the manufacture of woollen goods, and to report thereon to the department here. He has sent in more than one report since he has been in England, setting forth the results of his observations, which will be of use to the department in arriving at a proper basis of valuation for customs purposes. As to whether the woollen industry does, or does not require protection, is, however, for the Hon. W. Fielding and Hon. W. Paterson to say.

POLICE FORCE IN JAIL, THIEVES AT LARGE

Petty Robberies Numerous in Simcoe—Safe Blown Open Last Night.

Simcoe, Ont., Jan. 9.—The office of J. Jackson, coal dealer, was entered last night. The safe was blown open and about \$20 in silver was taken. There have been a number of petty robberies lately, and as the whole police force is in jail, there is no clue to the thieves. No competent police protection has been provided by the town since Malone was arrested.

VENEZUELA'S OVERTURES TO EUROPEAN CONCERT

The Hague, Jan. 9.—The foreign offices of Holland, France and Great Britain, have been in consultation recently with regard to their disputes with Venezuela and it was intimated here to-day that the three chancellors probably will act collectively in dealing with J. J. de Paula, the Venezuelan envoy, sent over to Europe by President Gomez to effect a settlement of Venezuela's difficulties with the powers of Europe.

DICKSON TAKES PARTNER.

Half Interest in Vancouver Ball Team Sold For \$5,000.

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—Manager Dickson yesterday sold a half interest in the Vancouver Baseball Club to Victor C. Lord, of Vancouver. Mr. Dickson accepted \$5,000 for the half interest.

Mr. Lord, who is Dickson's partner in the real estate business, will have charge of the team while on the road. Dickson, however, will retain the financial end, Dickson playing the role of silent partner.

ROBBED BROKERAGE FIRM.

Man. Wanted in Montreal Surrenders to Police at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Frederick Corby, 34 years old, wanted in Montreal on a charge of grand larceny in the sum of \$35,000, has surrendered himself to the police here. The money, according to Pole, was taken by him while he was employed by the brokerage firm of McLaughlin Bros. & Co., in Montreal, in 1908.

AMERICA'S BID FOR CANADA

RECIPROCITY IN TRADE MEANS ABSORPTION

Would End Dream of Empire and Be Disaster to British Race.

London, Jan. 9.—The Daily Mail in an editorial headed "America's Bid for Canada" refers to the vote of the New York State Chamber of Commerce in favor of reciprocity and says: "If such a treaty is concluded it will mean nothing less than the absorption of Canada by her neighbors. This would be a disaster to the British race and end all the noble dreams and aspirations wherein the largest minds of our race have indulged."

The Mail appeals strongly to Canadian patriotism to show patience, for the status of the Empire is at stake. It waited long and has been rebuffed often, the period of suspense is fast drawing to a close.

OFFER REWARD.

James Knowles Seeks Information About His Brother.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

James Knowles, who has been living here for some time making enquiries into the disappearance of his brother, Alexander Knowles, has decided to offer a reward of \$500 for information leading to the recovery of the body of his brother dead or the discovery of his brother, if alive.

John Knowles, another brother, arrived at the Dominion two days ago, and after consultation with his brother, the police were instructed to issue about issuing the reward notices this morning. They will shortly be issued by the detective office.

The missing man, Alexander Knowles, disappeared in Vancouver at 12:35 p. m. November 2nd last, having left the Metropole hotel for the Princess Beatrix to take passage to Victoria, since then he has not been seen. The description which will be issued by the detective office is as follows: Canadian, age 54, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 165 pounds, of fresh complexion, hair turning grey and clipped when last seen, grey eyes. He wore No. 8 shoes, and had a gold ring with the initials A. K. and a gold, open-face screw back watch, No. 13034057, in his possession.

ACKNOWLEDGES DONATIONS.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A letter has been received by the Victoria committee, who had in charge the collection of money for the dinner, in London for the Ragged School Union, from Sir John Kirk, acknowledging the thanks of the committee for the dinner, which was served on Tuesday last, Jan. 5th, according to the letter. Following is the letter received by the Victoria committee:

"My heart is full of joy and praise for the welcome announcement just received by cable. To think that your efforts in the Victoria school in Victoria should have resulted in a sum of over 100 guineas, is quite beyond all my expectations. How to thank you all for this generous help I do not know, but we are very grateful to you and to all who have contributed to this splendid result. We have fixed our big dinner, which is quite of a public character, for Tuesday, Jan. 19th, so that by the time this letter reaches you it will be over. I am making it known to all the British Columbia friends whom I can reach in London, and of course we shall be having dinners of smaller parties just as we can fit them in after the big function at Westminster. I enclose an official receipt for the sum as named on cheque just received from the bankers, and again thanking you and everyone associated with you, I remain, with deepest gratitude, 'Your sincere friend, 'JOHN KIRK.'"

DISMEMBERED BODY IS IDENTIFIED

Battle Run Clergyman is Missing After Foul Murder

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 9.—It became known here to-day that the Rev. John H. Carmichael, minister of the "Battle Run" Methodist church, in which George Browning was butchered last Tuesday night, bought a ticket from Port Huron to Chicago the day after the murder and presumably left for that city. With the identity of the murdered person cleared up to-day, every effort of the investigators will be toward discovering the whereabouts of the Rev. Mr. Carmichael and uncovering a possible motive for the crime. Little progress has been made thus far.

ADULTERATED PEPPER.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 9.—Bulleins issued by the inland revenue department shows that out of the 146 samples sold as white pepper, 32, or 22 per cent, were adulterated. Out of 152 samples sold as black pepper, 37, or 24 per cent, were adulterated.

HAMILTON WANTS SENATORS.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 9.—The board of trade yesterday afternoon decided to circulate a memorial asking Premier Laurier to appoint two senators to represent this city. A deputation will take the memorial to Ottawa.

NEW ZEALAND'S GROWING REVENUE.

Wellington, N. Z., Jan. 9.—Premier Ward says that notwithstanding the customs concessions and the diversion of territorial revenue through the setting up of nine million acres of land for national endowment, New Zealand's revenue for 1908 was £29,170,000 against £28,500,000 in 1907.

ANOTHER MINE

STRONG COMPANY QUEEN CHAR

Local Syndicate Capital in

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The Queen Charlotte mines to be the attraction. A local syndicate has been formed to work on a large scale. The announcement has been effective. A diamond drill was not later than M. These coal lands, Chuck creek, and gates mines that were closed down in 1885, and then crude methods coupled with other were closed down. The government of the spring of 1908. Victorians when made some two or three hundred acres of cropland, varying in extent.

The new discovery of undisturbed ground, sandstones, shale in place, and it proves the coal is a plant will. This, it is estimated, is a quarter of a million acres of cropland, varying in extent.

The same company, and in the view of locating Vancouver Island, and it is the best quality of coal to Queen Charlotte. The company is a close stock for sale. With millions of a company, and in the Islands coal production, which will be Queen Charlotte, which point the establishing a great cost of ten million dollars. The iron ores of the island are of the highest quality. There is no doubt establishing steel Charlotte Island. The Victorian coal deal is a close deal as Cap. A. Graham, J. Jones, J. A. Hint Fraser, H. G. S. Spratt, David Spence, J. C. G. Monroe and C. R. of Vancouver. These lands lie practically adjacent to purchased known eastern coal fields. The same steel about six miles Charlotte city. point that there are now being attempted from the mouth thence to the head west to Renell from the head of the extreme north.

TAKES CHARGE

Rossland, Jan. 9.—The Presbyterian minister, delivered Sunday, and has a purpose of taking a winter church the Gravenhurst, Ont. been issued by will arrive here to conduct the service 30th.

PACIFIC COAST

San Diego, Cal. Horton, founder of the city, and his wife, aged 85 years, died last night.

CALGARY'S CITY

Calgary, Alta., city collector, and the Quebec cabinet.

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