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OTTAWA, March 12.—(Special.)—Some misapprehension has arisen with respect to a supposed invitation to members of parliament to attend the coronation. No official invitation has been extended by the British Government to any members of the Canadian parliament, as has been intimated on this side of the Atlantic. It is true, however, that a self-constituted committee of the British house of commons sent message proffering hospitality to eighteen members of the Canadian parliament. This was not in any sense an official invitation.

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TWENTY-SIX MINERS BURIED BY LANDSLIDE

Only Four Out of Thirty Escaped Death, and Three of These Are Injured—Where Once Was an Open Pit, Now Almost a Plain with Parts of Mangled Bodies Protruding From the Mass.

VIRGINIA, Minn., March 12.—Death in the form of 500,000 tons of iron ore rock, earth, ice and snow, last night slid down on 20 tracklayers working in the Norman Open Pit Mine. Only four escaped the avalanche, and three of these are in the hospital suffering from injuries that may prove fatal.

LANDSLIDE FROM THE CRATER OF VESUVIUS.

NAPLES, March 12.—A severe earthquake accompanied by strong "detonations" from Mount Vesuvius, occurred this evening. Investigations showed that a great landslide had dropped from the upper part of the crater. It is estimated that it measured 1000 by 250 feet, and when it fell it caused enormous clouds of smoke. The funicular railway was badly damaged. A number of tourists were about to ascend by the railway when the shock occurred.

BURNED TO DEATH

Captain of Tug Victim of Swiftly Destructive Oil-Fed Fire.

NEW YORK, March 12.—An oil-fed fire spread 350 feet atop low-frame structure to a fleet of tugs and barges at the Standard Oil piers in Brooklyn to-night, caught the tug Protector in its sweep before the vessel could scurry away, and burned to death Edward Brown, the captain. His three companions leaped to fleeing craft nearby and escaped. Half a million gallons of oil were consumed by the flames, which also licked up a barge; the tug was completely destroyed.

OFFERS TO BACK UP CHARGE

Sir C. Fitzpatrick Says Divers Were Not to Report Holes in Intake.

OTTAWA, March 12.—Means to prevent a recurrence of the present typhoid outbreak in Ottawa, with a determination to use every endeavor to have a most rigid inquiry into the cause were debated on Saturday afternoon by local gentlemen headed by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick. The committee went over the report of the health officer, Dr. Adam Shortt, Sir Louis Davies and Prof. Dr. Herridge and other men of standing who are seriously alarmed at the inactivity of local authorities. They seek a commission appointed by the Ontario Government which suggestion is now under consideration at Toronto.

SEALING FLEET SAILS.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 12.—The Newfoundland sealing fleet composed this year of nineteen steamers, seven of which are equipped with wireless, and 4000 men prepared to-night to sail at daybreak to-morrow on the annual quest of seals in the vicinity of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Seals have been sighted in large numbers for some time past, and a good season is expected.

After Diaz, What? Asks Limantour

Mexican Finance Minister Thinks Most Americans Too Sensible to Go to War.

NEW YORK, March 12.—After Diaz, what? Senator Jose Yves Limantour, the Mexican minister of finance, addressed himself to the question with an indignation foreign to his usual poised and courtly temperance of diction. He had just seen shown the report printed in some evening newspapers that American financial interests, with dominant boldness in Mexico, have on foot a plan to procure the resignation of President Diaz and set up Senator Limantour himself in the executive chair.

Effect of Diaz's Death. "The sober sense of the great mass of Americans to dwell on that word. What has Mexico done to deserve a threat of war? None has been made by the American Government. But the inference of such has been drawn by the newspapers. I do not believe it is warranted by the wishes of the American people. On the border there may be those who sympathize with the indirect 'war' of the United States, but there are troublemakers in plenty, and that leads me to another point about which you ask.

UNUSUAL PREGATIONS AT CAMORRISTS' TRIAL

Two Presidents of the Court—Extreme Difficulties of Securing a Jury

VENEZIA, March 12.—Formal proceedings began yesterday in the trial of thirty-six members of the Neapolitan Camorra, including the alleged head of the organization, Enrico Alfano, also known as "Erricone," for the murder of Donnarato Cuccolo and his wife, Maria Cuttiglia Cuccolo, "the beautiful Sorrentina." For the first time in Italy two presidents of the court were appointed to direct the trial, so that if one was unavoidably absent the other might take his place. Most of the day was given over to the selection of a jury, but notwithstanding the threats of the presiding judge to offer the severest fines against citizens applying pretexts for not serving on the jury, almost unaccountable difficulties arose at the last moment, and the trial was postponed until Tuesday.

NO TARIFF RESOLUTION

Premier Hager Says if it Introduced it Will Be by Opposition.

OTTAWA, March 12.—Premier Hagen of New Brunswick is in the city to-day a case before the supreme court to-day. When asked for an expression of opinion on reciprocity, Mr. Hagen said he had none to express. He further intimated that his government would not submit to the provincial legislature, now in session, any resolution with reference to the subject, but he added that the opposition was talking of bringing forward the matter. "If it does," he said, "we will deal with it, but I would regard such a resolution on their part as bad tactics."

A BRAVE WOMAN.

MONTREAL, March 12.—After she had been shot in the head by F. Manasco, an Italian, Mrs. Antonio Francisco captured the man who made the attempt on her life and turned him over to Constable Lacombe to-night. Francisco is said to have entered Mrs. Manasco's home with a boy about 9 years of age, thought to be his brother. When he got inside the door he drew a revolver from his coat pocket, and pointing it at Mrs. Francisco, pulled the trigger. The bullet cut a furrow in the left side of the woman's head, and buried itself in the wall behind her. When he opened the door to escape Mrs. Francisco pounced upon him and pinned him against the side of the door until the constable arrived.

HOTELIERS ASKED COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY

Enlighten Provincial Cabinet as to Injustice Claimed in Operation of New Tax—Must Do an \$80 Business Now to Make Any Profit Out of Hotel.

The substance of the hoteliers' interview with the local cabinet was made known to The World last evening in an interview with W. C. Martin, secretary of the Hoteliers' Association of Toronto, who was one of the spokesmen on that occasion. "The press were denied access to the meeting," said Mr. Martin, "and this fact was called to the attention of the cabinet ministers in comparison with the manner in which the temperance delegations have been received when every significant utterance was emblazoned broadcast. The result is that the public and our opponents are very much in the dark, except as to one side of the question. I can say this, however, that we were very courteously received and the government evinced a very great interest in our arguments."

ASKED A YEAR'S DELAY.

The hotelkeepers asked the government to defer action for a year regarding the proposed bill to place a tax of 5 per cent. upon all bar receipts over \$40 a day. In the meantime they asked that an arbitration board be appointed at the expense of the "traders" to go fully into the facts and position of the trade and arrive at a fair basis of taxation on net profits instead of gross income. They also asked that any tax on cigars or soft drinks be not put in the bill, because other business men do not pay such a tax on soft drinks and cigars.

DATA SUPPLIED.

"The ministers desired data," said Mr. Martin, "and we told them that the license returns do the government show that in Hamilton and Ottawa the tax on \$40 receipts at license is 2 1/2 per cent. in Hamilton, license fee \$500, it is 4 per cent.; Barrie, license fee \$450, tax 3 3/4 per cent.; towns of 2000 to 5000, 2 1/2 per cent. and villages 2 per cent.; townships 1 per cent., while in Toronto the tax rate on the first \$40 of business is 13 per cent. The province outside of Toronto pays an average of between 3 and 4 per cent., while the latter is 1 1/2 per cent. and is the highest in Canada. The gross profits are the same in all the provinces, while the gross charge here is very much higher, as wages, rent, taxes and food are very much dearer than outside of Toronto. Mr. Hanna argued that the tax might be construed as an offset to 'unearned increment'—the great advance in the prices reported to be made upon every license that is sold or transferred.

PUBLIC MISINFORMED.

"We replied that it was ridiculous, absurd! That was just where the public and the government and everybody else were misinformed. They have an impression that because a man pays \$25,000 for a license a few years ago and sells it to-day for \$35,000, he has cleaned up a clear \$10,000 in addition to any profit that he may have made in the meantime. A large hotel, containing 200 rooms, changed hands within two years ago at a price of \$40,000. It was abandoned, and the province that this enormous price had been paid for the license. The value of the equipment of the great house and the furniture reconditioned for 200 rooms was lost sight of. Dismantle those 200 rooms and then start in to re-furnish them and any young couple who are starting a hotel will find that it will tell you that the license was pretty nearly thrown in.

WHO PAYS FOR COMFORTS?

The deputiation drew attention to the fact that the drinking element were now being required to pay for the comforts of the other patrons of the hotels. The huge deputiation of commercial travelers last year evidenced this in asking "for mercy's sake" to do something to provide accommodations in the local option places. Notwithstanding the promises made by the prohibition agitators that they would look after the traveling trade, when they gained their point they let things slide. As to the contention that it was "only the bar" that was being taxed, the spokesmen contended: "We are taxed up to the teeth before the bar is opened. Our rental, business, heating, light, running expenses, then we are taxed with \$100 a year up to \$250,000."

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