

## LOYD GEORGE BADLY INJURED

### Struck in Face by Brassbound Box Hurling by Male Suffragist While Leaving Women's Meeting

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM LOSING EYE

### Chancellor and Foreign Secretary Had Addressed Meeting in Favor of Including Women Suffrage in Bill

LONDON, Dec. 16.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was seriously injured while leaving a woman's Liberal meeting here this evening, at which he had just made a speech.

A male suffragist hurled a brass-bound box at the chancellor, which struck him full in the face, cutting his lip and badly injuring his eye. A doctor who attended to the chancellor's injuries said he had a narrow escape from losing the eye.

Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Lloyd George both addressed the meeting in favor of including female franchise in the government's suffrage bill next year.

The police had taken extraordinary precautions to exclude militant suffragists from the meeting, but evidently some of them forced their way through the barrier.

## FIREMEN IN PERIL

### Biscuit Factory in London, Ont., Partially Destroyed—Firemen Made Narrow Escape

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 16.—A fire that did damage amounting to about \$125,000 and endangered the lives of many firemen destroyed the east half of D. S. Perrin & Company's large biscuit manufacturing plant on Dundas street late last night and seriously damaged the central part. Two hundred people are thrown out of employment until spring.

At 1 o'clock this morning Assistant Chief Scott and half-a dozen firemen had worked their way over the roofs and were on the front ledge, six stories above ground, pouring two excellent streams down into the flames.

Without warning there was a terrific crash and thousands of people on Dundas street fully expected to see the men dashed to death, below. By a miracle a strip of bricks and the cornice, scarcely wider than a ladder, remained solid while all around them was a raging furnace. The men managed to make their way to safety.

## NEAR TO BLOWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A sharp clash between Representative Mann, of Illinois, Republican leader of the house, and Representative Sisson, Democrat, of Mississippi, gave the house an exciting moment today. What many members characterized as a challenge was hurled by Representative Sisson at the Illinois member, who, he said, was protected by the rules of the house from what Mr. Sisson would like to do or say to him.

"I do not ask for any protection by the rules of the house," Mr. Mann retorted sharply.

The house broke into an uproar, which soon quieted down, and consideration of the appropriation bill proceeded without further trouble.

The interchange, which threatened for a moment to have unpleasant consequences, resulted from Mr. Sisson's effort to secure the adoption of an amendment permitting the hull of the Maine to be sold to private concerns.

## FIRE IN HOTEL

### Five Persons Injured in Sleeping Room Annex of Hotel Potter, on Santa Barbara, California

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 16.—The annex to the Hotel Potter, one of the principal tourist hostleries on the Pacific Coast, was destroyed by fire late today, and for more than an hour the main building was seriously threatened. Five persons were slightly injured. The loss will reach about \$50,000.

It is thought the fire was started by an explosion of gasoline in the drying room of the laundry. There were about 50 girls at work in the laundry, and these made a rush for the door. All escaped safely, but four of them who brought off their clothes, which were hung in the dressing room, were caught in the flames and smoke. Hannah Lacey was pulled out of the building by the firemen, nearly suffocated. Stella Rusch jumped from a third-story window and suffered a fracture of her left leg.

Mrs. Schultz and her daughter, Maria, aged 12, jumped from a second-story window. Mrs. Schultz being badly injured about her body, but the girl escaped with minor injuries.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—Counterfeit five-dollar bills are in circulation here.

## WHITE FISHERMEN

### Laborer Men Should Be Able to Succeed on This Coast, in Opinion of Mr. McIntyre

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 16.—The experience of the cannery on Rivers Inlet, B. C., where a fair proportion of white men are employed is that men for the whites are better by fifty per cent than Japanese and by a hundred per cent than Indians. This is the opinion expressed by D. N. McIntyre of the Provincial Fisheries Department at Victoria, in a memorandum to British Columbia's Prime Minister on the subject of Dr. Grenfell's proposal to populate the fishing coast of this province with Devonshire-stock fishermen from Labrador.

In his report Mr. McIntyre said that the Canadian Northern Fisheries Ltd., in the months of March, April and May brought to this country a large number of Newfoundland fishermen to employ in whale hunting, halibut and herring fishing, and probably later in salmon fishing.

"If this company finds it profitable to import these men," observes Mr. McIntyre, "the Labrador men will be able to find openings here."

## NEW EMPRESSES ON R. N. RESERVE

### Contract at Present Under Negotiation Between British Admiralty and Canadian Pacific Railway Company

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—An English land syndicate has purchased a large belt of land close to Prince Albert, from the Canadian Northern for \$1,000,000.

For Defrauding Immigrants. LONDON, Dec. 16.—W. G. Smith yesterday got three years for extensive frauds on emigrants to Canada. Whole parties were induced to emigrate and were then left stranded.

## SHELLS KILL MEN IN MOSQUE

### Porte Accuses Italians of Bombarding undefended Arabian Town, Killing Nine People and Wounding Many

## FEELING AGAINST TURKISH MINISTRY

### Grand Vizier in Chamber Explains Action Towards Securing Peace—Forces Short of Provisions

LONDON, Dec. 16.—It is stated that the Turkish embassy at the Porte has lodged a protest with the powers against the alleged action of the Italians in bombarding a mosque in the northern region of Mecca, Yemen, at the time of prayer, killing nine and wounding many. The Porte asserts that such an attack in an undefended locality is contrary to all the principles of international law.

Feeling Against Ministry. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—In the chamber today the grand vizier explained the proposed modification of article 35 of the constitution. He pointed out the necessity of establishing equilibrium between the executive and the legislative power, with a view to laying supplies for the Turkish troops in Tripoli. Several bombs are reported to have been discovered at the offices of the grand vizier and of the minister of war.

Tanks and Arab Lack Food. MALTA, Dec. 16.—The Turkish and Arab forces who have retreated to the island of Gozo are reported to be suffering from lack of food.

## LECTURE ON BRITAIN

### Instructive Illustrated Talk to Be Given in Alexandra Club Tomorrow Evening

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, traveler, explorer, author and lecturer, whose association with the city of Victoria is a gratifying compliment to both, and who has recently returned from England with new and greater laurels upon her head, will deliver a lecture illustrating the suggestive title, "Through Great Britain with a Camera," in the Alexandra club tomorrow evening at 8:15 p.m. Miss Cameron has already established a name for herself as a writer and lecturer in the English-speaking continents, and it is certain that her impressions of the motherland, which are to be accompanied by suitable illustrations, will be both entertaining and instructive. Possessing an excellent and inviting style of talking, Miss Cameron will have the additional advantage which a perfect knowledge of her subject confers upon her, having toured through the great homeland but recently and being imbued with a sympathetic conception of all she observes and experiences.

## MEXICO SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

### Severe Tremor Felt Throughout Greater Part of Country—Recorded on the Local Seismograph

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—Mexico was shaken from ocean to ocean, and from Guajalajara on the north to the isthmus of Tehuantepec on the south by an earthquake today. The quake had been reported to the capital late tonight. The disturbance was most severely felt in the state of Guerrero, especially in Chilpancingo. A few flimsy buildings were thrown down.

The quake caused a panic here. Hundreds of people rushed to the Zoocloaco where they ran aimlessly about or fell on their knees in prayer. This was watched by President Madero with much apparent enjoyment, for he stood at a window in the national palace, laughing. He was conferring with two of his cabinet ministers when the first shock was felt, and apparently without fear he walked to the window overlooking the Zoocloaco, where he stood until the tremors ended.

Telephone wires were snapped, but aside from the throwing down of a few adobe walls, no serious damage was done. The first serious shock was felt at 10:24, and was continued for four seconds more than two minutes. The instruments registered an oscillatory movement from southeast to northeast.

Later at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The most violent earthquake recorded here since the disturbance at Mexico City last June was written on the record by the seismograph at Fordham University, the first preliminary shock being recorded at 2:19 o'clock, the second at 2:25, and the most violent at 2:30.

The estimated distance is 4,000 miles away, but the direction could not be ascertained by the instruments.

Recorded in Victoria. Shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning a severe earthquake was recorded upon the Victorian seismograph. The maximum, or surface wave, reached this station fifteen minutes after the first small tremor and caused the pendulum to swing across the photographic paper. From the appearance of the record Mr. Denison thought the quake originated within a radius of 3,000 to 5,000 miles, and probably occurred in Mexico or Central America.

The disturbance was probably recorded upon all the seismographs throughout the world and may be called a "world-shaking quake."

Charged with Murder of Son. BAD AXE, Mich., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Carrie E. Sparling, wife of the late John Wesley Sparling and mother of Cecil Albert and Porter Sparling, all of whom are dead, was arrested today charged with the death of her son Cecil. Mrs. Sparling was at the home of a friend when she was served and she was taken to jail.

New Irrigation Scheme. ELLENBURG, Wn., Dec. 16.—Five million dollars in special improvement bonds were voted by the people of the Kittitas reclamation district today to build an irrigating canal to water 31,000 acres. The vote was 385 for the issue and 24 against. In September the people whose lands are to be benefited created the district, which is similar in organization to the port districts of Seattle and Tacoma. Contractors are here now looking over the work, which will be begun by July 1, 1912.

## RUSSIA OBJECTS TO RESOLUTION

### Protest is Informally Offered by Ambassador Against Language Used in Declaring for Treaty Abrogation

## SOME STIR CAUSED IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES

### Senators Assert That House Resolution Will be Passed, With Modifications—Congress is Determined

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A protest by Russia today against the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with that country in the form proposed by the Senate resolution, overwhelmingly adopted in the house of representatives, was followed tonight by the declaration of senate leaders that, in modified terms, a resolution declaring the treaty at an end would be put through the senate before the adjournment of that body on Monday next.

Some senators go so far as to say that the Senate resolution, containing various recitals said to be objectionable at St. Petersburg, would be passed. The point upon which all seemed to agree was that the Senate would act on Monday regardless of any protest that might be made, and regardless of the negotiations which have been in progress between Washington and the Russian capital.

At best, it was said, the ambassador would quit Washington, "unofficially" leaving an under official in charge.

It became known that at a White House conference last night Ambassador Bakmeteff had expressed both to President Taft and Secretary Knox the view of St. Petersburg that the language of the Senate resolution was objectionable.

News of the Russian stand created a decided sensation. The Senate was not in session, but there were a number of hurriedly called conferences at which the situation was fully discussed.

Chairman Sutter of the house committee on foreign affairs, said there (Continued on page 2)

## EXCITING RIDE FOR FOUR MEN

### Trolley Pole Breaks and Brake Becomes Useless on Westminster-Eburne Car, Which Runs Down Hill

### FOUR OCCUPANTS GET SEVERE FRIGHT

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 16.—With the rear trolley pole broken off near its base and the brake beam useless, Westminster-Eburne car No. 201 tore down the grade from Royal station this morning for nearly five miles, finally slowing down on Lulu Island after the four men aboard, two passengers, the conductor and the motorman, were given a severe fright.

The trouble started near the Royal station at the beginning of the long grade down the Lulu Island bridge. There the trolley went off, and when the power was thus interrupted, the motorman discovered that his brake beam was out of order, the bolt having slipped out. It is not known when the bolt came loose, the fact that the brake wouldn't work not having become apparent until the trolley went off the wire. In a minute the rear trolley, which with the car was being driven, broke off at the stub, and immediately the car quickened its speed, the motorman not having the slightest control.

It rushed through Eburne at a high speed, greatly frightening the people that were on the streets. For nearly four miles the runaway continued its swift flight across the bridge over the north arm of the Fraser, and along the level stretch westward from the river. It finally "died" about a mile and a half past the bridge and the very much relieved parties got out. The car at times went 40 miles an hour.

Smallpox in Toronto. TORONTO, Dec. 16.—The first case of smallpox in Toronto for over a year developed today. Neilson McNaughton, manager of the Dominion bank at Blagen, who was in the city on a visit to his fashionable suburb, developed the disease. McNaughton died today.

## FORT RILEY MYSTERY

### U. S. War Department Officials Reject Theory That Conspiracy Existed—Pyromaniac Suspected

JUNCTION CITY, Kas., Dec. 16.—Government officials engaged in the investigation of the recent series of explosions and fires at Fort Riley are looking for a stranger than who was in the company of Private Michael Quirk on the night of September 13 last, when Quirk was arrested while trying to enter the pumping plant at Fort Riley. This man, who wore a soldier's uniform and who carried a package in his hand, escaped while John Hartung, a special watchman, was placing Quirk under arrest.

Quirk, whose confession resulted in the arrest of Rev. Charles M. Brewer of Ottawa, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Anna Jordan, of Kansas City, has steadfastly refused to disclose his companion's name.

Mrs. Jordan was released by the Kansas City police yesterday, and Rev. Mr. Brewer is said to be on his way here from Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—A pyromaniac, or firebug, caused all the excitement and trouble at Fort Riley connected with the fires and explosions at the post during the last year. It was stated at the War Department today.

The officials deny the idea of any organized conspiracy or the existence of any mutinous feeling among the troops and also deny the conviction that only some crazed individual is responsible for the trouble. Three men have already been arrested, and they declare investigation will develop their theory to be correct.

Mr. Louis Coste, M.I.C.E., the engineer appointed by the Dominion government to prepare plans for the development of harbor works and to improve the port of Victoria to properly equip it to handle the great trade which will soon follow the opening of the Panama canal and to make better provision for the increasing coasting trade arriving from Ottawa by the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday afternoon, and is registered at the Empress hotel. Mr. Coste, who is one of the most prominent harbor and waterways engineers in Canada, designed the harbor works now being carried out at St. John, N.B., and was connected with the planning of Montreal harbor and other big projects in the Dominion.

In fact, he has been connected with nearly all the big engineering works of this country since 1883. He was chief engineer of the public works department of Canada for many years and is now a member of the International Waterways commission of Canada and the United States.

Mr. Coste said he would commence his investigations regarding the requirements of the port at once and was approaching the project with an open mind. He contended that what was required was a good comprehensive scheme of harbor works and that he proposed to plan a progressive scheme with the necessary works laid out in sections, and to be commenced following the completion of the former one.

"My mission is to plan a general scheme of harbor improvement for Victoria," said Mr. Coste. "My instructions are to look over the harbor, both the inner and outer harbors, and consult with local people and see what can be done to provide suitable harbor works not only for the deep-sea trade, which I understand is developing rapidly both with the Orient and in other directions, and that very great development is anticipated to follow quickly upon the opening of the Panama canal, but also to improve the inner harbor for the coasting trade. A good progressive scheme is necessary to best carry out the requirements, otherwise the best results would not be obtained. I propose to plan so that the work needed may be carried out progressively, say in sections one, two and three, each following upon the other. It is a question which must be approached from many points of view so that harbor works neither too large nor too small are planned."

Knows Victoria. "I am not a stranger to the port of Victoria. I have visited this city many times, being here last three or four years ago when I came to Victoria after having completed an examination of the harbor at Sooke. I have looked over the charts, plans and all reports and have the reports of Messrs. Keefe and Mr. Sorby. However, I have not here with an open mind, and ready to get thoroughly into the project to gather all the information that can be given me, and look into the scheme of providing Victoria with modern harbor works with a view to preparing plans to best meet the requirements."

"It is too early yet to speak of the project. I have just arrived and have yet to go over the problem. That a breakwater, probably two, will be required, however, is evident. To be of any use a breakwater would have to be built out to a depth of 35 feet of water at least, but there is no difficulty about this from an engineering point of view. It is all a matter of expense. I will go thoroughly into the problem, and will remain in Victoria until I have secured all possible information and have investigated the project from every point of view."

Mr. Louis Coste is a notable engineer, and has given a great deal of attention to harbor works. He was a member of the commission of engineers which planned the great harbor works involved expenditure of so many millions of dollars to provide facilities at the St. Lawrence port for handling the immense trade now being done there. He lately designed the big harbor scheme for the port of St. John, N.B., providing for the construction of breakwater, piers, dredging, drydock, etc. There is a great problem in the big rise and fall into consideration at Victoria. At Montreal the progressive scheme of development is still being carried out on the lines suggested by the commission of which Mr. Coste was a member. These works are among the more prominent ones with which the noted engineer (Continued on Page 3)

## MR. COSTE IS ON THE GROUND

### Noted Engineer Appointed by Dominion Government is in the City Ready to Begin Task

## INVESTIGATING NEEDS OF LOCAL HARBORS

### Will Commence Inquiry and Observation at Once on Deep Sea and Coasting Anchorages

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