

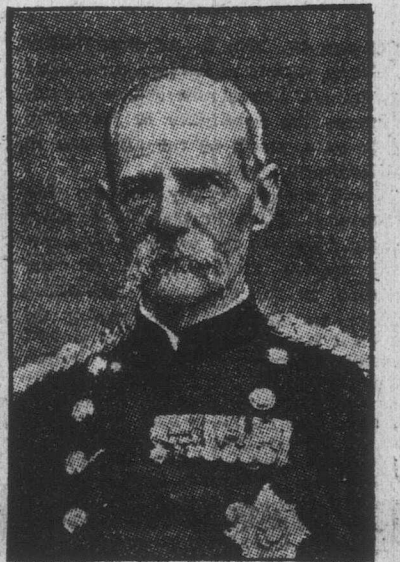
ENGLAND'S FEAR OF INVASION

DEFENCE OF ISLAND IS ALL-ABSORBING TOPIC

Nation Aroused by Solemn Warnings of Lord Roberts and Others.

New York, Feb. 6.—A Times dispatch from London says: England apparently is in a panic over the possibility of invasion by a hostile army. Numerous incidents following the production of the play, "An Englishman's Home," written on the basis of such a possibility, show the state of mind of the general public. The solemn warnings which Lord Roberts has been uttering for two years and the fervid speeches which the Right Hon. Mr. Balfour, the minister of war, has been making all over the country, have done their work, and suddenly under it and the influence of the realistic play the whole people have awakened to a realization of what war would mean. Nothing is talked of in the streets, the clubs, the homes, except the defence of the island. Efforts are being made to recruit the territorial army and the Admiralty is asking the government for authority to lay down six Dreadnoughts this year.

Must Have Six Dreadnoughts.
London, Feb. 6.—The Daily Express yesterday says: "The government is faced by a grave crisis. The Lords of the Admiralty demand a building programme of six Dreadnoughts, and have



LORD ROBERTS.

threatened to resign in a body unless their programme is accepted. Several members of the cabinet, who consider four Dreadnoughts ample, are wavering.

Viscount Morley, secretary for India; David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer; John Burns, president of the local government board, and Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade, strenuously oppose, and Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, as firmly upholds the sea lords' demands.

Dissolution Near at Hand.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Feb. 6.—Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade, in a speech here last night, said that a general election already is on the horizon, and will not be improperly retarded. Such a statement by a member of the government will cause a flutter in political circles. There have been rumors lately of considerable differences of opinion among the members of the cabinet on the navy question, an influential section being opposed to a great increase in the building programme; it is believed, however, that Mr. Churchill in his speech last night was not alluding to this discussion, but to the probability of a dissolution of parliament after the next session, as an outcome of difficulties in meeting a large deficit in the next budget.

AMERICA'S ARMADA IS HOMEWARD BOUND

Warships Leave Gibraltar for Hampton Roads—Sentence on Capt. Quiltrough.

Gibraltar, Feb. 6.—The American battleship fleet began preparations for getting under way at 9 o'clock this morning, and at 11 o'clock the ships steamed away homeward bound for Hampton Roads, where they are due to arrive on February 22nd.

Capt. Edward Quiltrough, of the battleship Georgia, having been found guilty by court-martial of being intoxicated while on duty and of conduct prejudicial to the good of the navy, has been suspended from duty for six months, with an additional punishment of the loss of ten numbers in rank.

Rear-Admiral Speer, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic battleship fleet, has approved the findings of the court martial, but the secretary of the navy must take official action on the recommendation for the loss of numbers.

NAVAL OFFICERS DISGRACED.

Kiel, Feb. 6.—Three officials of the imperial navy yard were sentenced last night to terms of three years, twenty months and six weeks imprisonment, respectively, having been convicted of the embezzlement of several hundred thousand dollars. Their pecuniations extended over many years. Three other officials were acquitted of similar charges because of insufficient evidence.

AEROPLANE INJURED.

Wilbur Wright Meets Mishap While Starting Flight.

Pau, France, Feb. 6.—While leaving the ground yesterday afternoon with a passenger, Wilbur Wright broke the rudder of his aeroplane. Neither he nor his companion was injured. Despite the fact that the rudder was broke, the aeroplane continued its flight a few feet above the ground until Mr. Wright stopped the motor and brought the machine gently to earth. It will require two days to repair.

ABE ATTELL WINS.

New Orleans, Feb. 6.—Abe Attell found no difficulty in retaining the featherweight championship when he met Eddie Kelly, of New York, in a scheduled ten-round bout before the Southern Athletic Club here last night. Kelly's seconds threw up the sponge in the seventh round.

WINNIPEG'S BUILDING BOOM.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 6.—The building permits issued February 1st are already four times as large as the total for the whole of February last year.

ORIENTALS AS UNION LABORERS

DECISION OF WESTERN UNITED MINE WORKERS

Members Advised Not to Strike on Termination of Agreement.

(Special to the Times.)
Lethbridge, Alta., Feb. 6.—The convention of the United Mine Workers of Western Canada yesterday decided after a hot debate to allow Orientals to become members of the union, also to wire to Premier McBride and W. R. Ross, the member for Fernie, to secure the legal bi-monthly pay at mines. It was decided also to break away from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada because it was unprogressive. The convention advised its members not to go on strike at the end of the agreement in seven weeks but to apply for a board of conciliation under the Lemieux act. The president spoke with vehemence of how yellow labor was employed by the man who represents the law in British Columbia.

FROM VICTORIA TO BARCLAY SOUND

Dispatch Says Los Angeles Capital Will Build New Island Railroad.

(Special to the Times.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 6.—Los Angeles capital will build through the timber lands between Victoria and Barclay sound, if the plans of the propositors do not miscarry. C. M. Shannon and B. F. Graham, of this city, associated with C. L. Betterson, British Columbia capitalist, have formed a company and are endeavoring to secure certain concessions from the Canadian government to build a line to develop the timber resources. The coast is now provided with transportation by steamboat only.

The railroad will be a little more than 100 miles long and will cost \$35,000 per mile. Sufficient capital has been interested and negotiations with the Canadian authorities are progressing. It is planned to begin immediate construction once the concessions are obtained.

EQUALITY IS CRY OF JAPANESE IN U. S. A.

Want to Be Treated as Other Foreigners—"Will Demand Rights."

Denver, Col., Feb. 6.—Equality with other foreign nationalities in the United States, or a very good and sufficient reason why not, is the demand of the Japanese in America, according to Mr. Sagara, secretary of the Japanese association of Colorado. "We consider ourselves superior as a race to the Chinese, Koreans and other Asiatics, and we do not want to be classed with them, and will demand our rights, granted the Japanese by treaty and under the constitution of the United States, to be treated on equal terms with the French, German, American, or people of any other nationality," said the secretary.

"The Asiatic, save of the Pacific Coast amounts to but little," he continues. "The number of Japanese in the United States are decreasing, and will probably continue to do so. There are about 4,000 Japanese in Colorado and 500 in Denver.

The statement that there are only 500 Japanese in Denver is denied by Chief of Police Armstrong, who says that a conservative estimate shows between 3,000 and 4,000 in this city.

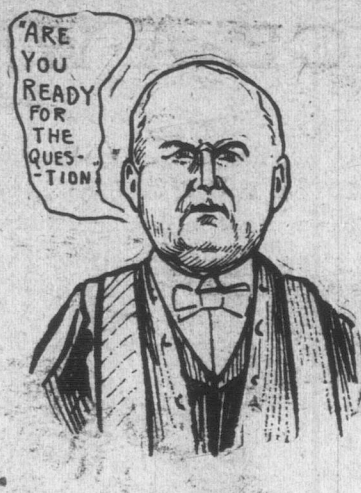
MASON-AT-SIGHT.

Two Lodges Condemn Action of Grand Master Charles Hoskins.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 6.—The Masonic lodges of Sherman and Conroe have adopted resolutions condemning Grand Master Charles Hoskin, of Ohio, for inviting President-elect William H. Taft to become a Mason-at-sight.



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THE SAGE OF RICHMOND.



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DISCIPLES OF KARL MARX.



FROM OLD CARIBOO.



FOR LOCAL OPTION AND VANCOUVER.

A STUDY IN EXPRESSIONS, AS SEEN FROM THE PRESS GALLERY.

HALF-FARES FOR CLERGY ABOLISHED

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 6.—The Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern railway definitely announced to-day that the clergymen's half-fare rates will be abolished for all time. If the half-fare ticket is bought in Chicago for the Pacific coast via Canada the clergymen, however, may travel through Canada at such low rates.

VON BUELOW MAY BE FORCED TO RETIRE

Finance Reform Bill Likely to Prove Downfall of German Chancellor.

New York, Feb. 6.—A Berlin cable to the Times says: "Rumors of the approaching collapse of the finance reform bill, of the dissolution of the Reichstag and the retirement of the chancellor, Von Buelow, are freely circulated here. In the parliamentary lobbies to-day the effect that the government was facing certain defeat by advocating the proposed debt duties. It is not believed that the chancellor can remain in office much longer.

CHARRED BODY FOUND.

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 6.—The charred body of Secretary Breckert, of the German legation, was found here to-day amid the ruins of the office of the legation which was destroyed by fire yesterday. The body was burned to such an extent that it was almost completely carbonized.

BARQUE FORT GEORGE TWO MONTHS OVERDUE

New York, Feb. 6.—The failure of the four-masted barque Fort George to arrive at Honolulu, for which port she sailed from New York on July 26th last, or to have been spoken anywhere since last August, has given rise to fears for her safety. Her agent here stated to-day that while the barque had not been given up for lost, there were grounds for anxiety regarding her as she was about two months overdue.

On board the vessel when she left here for her trip around the Horn was Capt. Fullerton and his wife and a crew of 18. She was laden with 2,500 tons of general merchandise.

SALE OF GREEK COINS.

London, Feb. 4.—The sale of a fine collection of Greek coins formed by the late P. S. Benson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., commenced at Sotheby's yesterday. Some notable pieces were obtained, single specimens of small silver pieces bringing from \$250 to \$350. The sale will last for several days.

"URIAH HEEP" OF MODERN LIFE

STORY OF GHASTLY CRIME TOLD IN PARIS COURT

Morbid Curiosity of French Capital in Weird Murder Drama.

Paris, Feb. 6.—Interest in the famous Steinheil murder mystery has been temporarily eclipsed by the trial for murder of Renard, a steward, and Courtes, a footman, employed by the late August Remy, a wealthy retired banker, who was stabbed to death in his home in the Rue La Republique last June.

The killing was done with a dessert knife, and a quantity of money and jewels of great value were taken. Sometime afterwards Courtes and Renard were accused of the crime, and the former confessed by saying that Renard stabbed the banker while he held him on the bed.

The newspapers are devoting pages to the trial, and a large crowd, half of whom are women, struggle daily to enter the courtroom. The warning of the presiding justice that much of the testimony is unfit to be heard seems only to have added to the eagerness of the public to follow the details.

Courtes, a mere boy, whose eyes roam unconsciously over the courtroom, and Renard, sleek and pale in appearance, sat side by side between guards, while the court outlined the curious history of the home in which the picture Renard as humble and obsequious, the perfect embodiment of Dickens' "Uriah Heep," gradually gaining ascendancy until he was the absolute master of the household, and hypocritically under the cloak of religious zeal hiding his criminal relations with Remy's nephew, Raingo, and finally getting Courtes into his toils and coercing him to act as his accomplice in playing the defenceless banker.

Courtes to-day reiterated his former confession, explaining how Renard and himself, entirely nude, crept into the banker's bedroom at midnight, holding the victim upon his pillow, while Renard repeatedly stabbed Remy with a dessert knife.

Renard interrupted Courtes' confession with cries of "liar" and "monster," and emphatically insisted that he was the victim of a cold-blooded plot and a fiendish crime which Courtes alone committed.

The testimony to-day was so disgusting that the justices several times ordered the courtroom cleared.

The body was badly decomposed and discolored, and the features almost unrecognizable when discovered. The face showing bruises and other evidences of violence are plainly visible.

TWO TRACK-WALKERS KILLED

New York, Feb. 4.—A construction train on the New York Central railroad ran into a group of track-walkers near University Heights in Brozborough to-day. Two of the track-walkers were killed and others were injured. No passenger train was involved in the accident.

A league has been formed in Hanover for the abolition of church bells and clapping hands in theatres.

U. S. A. LAUNCHES HER SECOND DREADNOUGHT

Newport News, Virginia, Feb. 6.—The United States battleship Delaware, was successfully launched from the yards of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company to-day. The launching was witnessed by 3,000 people.

BOMB WRECKS TENEMENT; DASTARDLY OUTRAGE

Scarlet Fever Sufferers Carried Out From Damaged New York Structure.

New York, Feb. 6.—Scores were thrown into a panic and the lives of several tiny scarlet fever sufferers may be lost as the result of the explosion of a bomb outside the vestibule of an East 75th street tenement house early to-day. The police believe the so-called "Black Hand" is responsible for the outrage, as they say a grocer named Paocolci, who occupied a store on the ground floor of the building which was blown up, had received threatening letters. Paocolci denies this.

The bomb was found in the vestibule by Police Sergeant Birmingham, who saw the spluttering of the spark as he was passing. The sergeant entered the hall way to investigate, but when he saw the bomb was about to explode fled to the street. He had hardly reached the curb when the explosion occurred. The vestibule doors were blown out, the ceiling fell, and the windows in the front of the building were smashed. The tenants fled to the street, carrying a number of children ill with scarlet fever.

LOS ANGELES LEPER WHO SOLD CANDY

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 6.—It has been discovered that Samuel Bernick, a candy vendor, who is now a patient at the county hospital, is suffering from leprosy. In the last three years he has sold thousands of packages of confectionery to school children of all ages in Los Angeles, and the discovery has caused much anxiety on the part of the children's parents. He is now under arrest.

It is estimated that in the three years he has handled no less than 35,000 packages of candy which have been eaten by children almost entirely.

The following subscriptions have been acknowledged towards the building of the new Chinese school: Lee Yuen & Co., Vancouver, \$100; Lee Woy, of this city, \$250, and Mal Art, \$100.

Building permits were issued Thursday afternoon to K. T. Knott for a 5-room house on Pandora street, to cost \$2,200, and to Moore and Whittington, for a 5-room house on Princess street, to cost \$1,950.

FATAL COLLISION.

Chicago, Ills., Feb. 4.—Fireman G. J. Sullivan was killed, and two other trainmen were severely injured in a collision to-day between a suburban train on the Illinois Central railway and two freight cars near Eldridge Place. Many of the passengers were thrown from their seats, but none was seriously hurt.

The freight cars were being shunted backward when they ran into an open switch and overturned across the track in front of the suburban train.

BASEBALL PLAYER DEAD.

Waltham, Mass., Feb. 4.—John Clarkson, famous the land over as a baseball pitcher in the days when \$1,000 release prices began to be paid between National League clubs, died at the McLean hospital to-day. He had been a patient there for about two weeks, following a long illness which began with an attack of pneumonia. Clarkson's name developed with his work as a pitcher for the Chicago club in the early eighties. His release was purchased for \$10,000 by the Boston club in 1887. Clarkson was 48 years old. A widow survives him.

DUNCAN FORMS BOARD OF TRADE

T. A. WOOD ELECTED FIRST PRESIDENT

New Organization Will Co-operate With Development League.

Duncan, Feb. 5.—A meeting to complete the organization of the Duncan Board of Trade was held yesterday evening in the council chamber at the call of Andrew Peterson, who is the Cowichan delegate of the Vancouver Island Development League.

About fifty of the representative business men of the district were present, and the meeting was very enthusiastic.

T. A. Wood was elected chairman and James Maitland-Douglas secretary of the meeting, and the first business was the election of officers as follows: President, T. A. Wood; vice-president, W. E. Jaynes; secretary, A. Peterson; board of council, J. H. Whitmore, F. H. Price, C. H. Dickie, T. Pitt, A. H. Hanham, J. I. Mutter, W. Gidley and C. Bazett.

A number of gentlemen were elected as members of the newly formed board of trade.

It was decided, on motion of W. P. Jaynes, seconded by W. Gidley, that the president, vice-president and secretary attend the railway commission, and present to them the grievances with regard to freight rates.

A motion submitted by J. M. Campbell, seconded by E. Casley, that this board of trade call attention of our members in the Dominion and Provincial governments to the serious condition of the banks of the Cowichan river, carried.

It was moved by J. M. Campbell, and seconded by W. Gidley, that the board of trade heartily co-operate with the Vancouver Island Development League. This carried.

A number of contributions have already been received towards the advertising of the district. Duncan, having now a board of trade, which is full of enthusiasm, will come rapidly to the front and its board of trade will be second to none on the island.

CHINESE GAMBLING CASE IN 'FRISCO

Mayor, Supervisors and Prominent Citizens to Give Testimony.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 6.—Ah Sam, a Chinese, arrested for visiting a gambling place, has subpoenaed the mayor, the supervisors, the chief of police and 300 prominent clubmen and clubwomen, to testify at his trial which will take place next Tuesday afternoon. It is not announced what sort of testimony the distinguished witnesses are supposed to give, but it is generally surmised that they will be required to offer expert opinion to prove that a social club and gambling have no logical connection. Ah Sam is a member of the Astoria Club, which the police say is a gambling house, which the members contend exists merely for social purposes.

TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS

Southern Pacific to Lower Grade Through Sierra Nevada by 1,000 Feet.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 6.—The Southern Pacific Railway company has just established at Bowmar, a few miles from Auburn, in this state, a base from which it will construct improvements to its right of way over the Sierra Nevada mountains, costing \$25,000,000. The contemplated improvement will give the two companies two lines from Roseville to Truckee, and a lower grade by 1,000 feet than the present line traversed.

Among the great engineering feats involved is the construction of a tunnel six miles in length. Four years will be allowed for the completion of the tunnel. At headquarters for the work the company has leased the ranches of the Dominion government in 1905-1906. Joseph Martin appeared for the suppliant and Mr. Farris for the defendant.

CHURCH'S DUTY IN MISSIONS

BISHOP RICHARDSON GIVES ABLE ADDRESS

United Support Urged for the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, delivered a very inspiring lecture on the subject of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the A. O. U. W. hall on Thursday. Possessing all the energy of youth, the speaker has an excellent style which appeals at once to the audience. He alluded to the interest which the men of the church were taking in missionary work, which was a most encouraging sign of the times. The church had taken up the problem in a serious way. The former cry that missions were a failure was being out. Lethargy with respect to missions was passing away. The Laymen's Missionary Movement had had a great awakening power.

It was a movement, not a society. It did not collect money nor spend money. It put steam into the machinery of the church along this line. Bishop Richardson explained the origin and work of the movement. R. W. Allen, he said, would be in Victoria on Saturday on an organization tour.

The Master, among his parting words to the disciples, had commanded that they should be witnesses for Him from one end of the world to the other. Thus the missionary movement was made the active principle of the church. The creed of the church, "I believe in the Holy Catholic church," meant catholicity of spirit which included the imparting of the gospel to others.

The only hope for the future against China and Japan with their immense populations was the conferring of the benefits of Christian civilization upon them.

More liberal giving to missions was necessary. Under the present movement marked improvements had been made. One church in Toronto had increased its contributions from \$200 a year to \$1,600; another from \$500 to \$15,200.

Bishop Perrin referred briefly to the work being done by the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the Anglican church was preparing to take its full share in the work, and would labor shoulder to shoulder with the other denominations.

In the afternoon an interesting lecture was given by Bishop Richardson. The meeting was opened by Bishop Perrin, who presided. The meeting, which was for children, was largely attended, there being a number of the older folks present also.

Bishop Richardson told the children to read the Bible and if they came to anything they did not understand to leave alone and it would be made plain some day. He understood that the children had done well in contributing money towards missions during the past year. He related a number of interesting stories.

The bishop concluded by expounding the text "Ye shall be witnesses into the whole world." In doing this he put it in a very simple way before the children, giving them four ways by which to become witnesses: to pray, to look, to give and to go when they are called.

TROOPS TO AWE STRIKERS

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 5.—As a result of violence being offered to-day by the striking miners at the Tremont coal mine, Belle Vernon, Pa., near here, to the non-union miners who went to work yesterday, troops of state constabulary charged the strikers to-day. Several persons on both sides were slightly injured. The strikers are alleged to have threatened both the non-union and constabulary, and an additional detachment of Pennsylvania police will arrive at Belle Vernon from Greensburg some time during the day.

TORNADO WHIRLS INFANT TO TERRIBLE DEATH

Houses Levelled in Track of Alabama Storm—Number Casualties.

Hanceville, Ala., Feb. 6.—A tornado yesterday destroyed the home of Geo. Stewart, blew his two days' old child half a mile and killed it, and blew his two-year-old child into a grate, causing it to be probably fatally burned. Mrs. Stewart was caught under some rafters in the house and probably fatally injured. Mrs. Tom Bowner and child, who were in the house, were fatally hurt.

The storm levelled many houses in a strip several miles long, and in scarcely any instance did the inmates escape injury.

Mr. Justice Martin returned Thursday from Revelstoke, where he has been hearing the case of Coursver vs. the King, which was referred to him by the Exchequer court. This case is one brought by Mrs. Bella Coursver, who claims \$5,000 because of damage to her lands caused as she alleges through erosion of the river banks, as a result of the construction of dams put up by the Dominion government in 1905-1906. Joseph Martin appeared for the suppliant and Mr. Farris for the defendant.

FREE FLOOR

EXTRAORDINARY IN AUSTRIA

Fierce Scries Germans and sign Ab...

Vienna, Feb. 6.—The Austrian end to-day after extraordinary events where violent outbursts were common, arose from the bill, the object of which these different obstructionists, by finding the debate of several days' past from drums and cymbals, separated the German opposing deputies and a fierce...

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