

SEVERE THREAT TO SOCIALISTS

VON BUELQW GAVE WARNING IN REICHSTAG

Chancellor Trembled With Indignation in Speaking of Terrorism in Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—Chancellor Von Buelow refused categorically in the Reichstag today to reply to a Socialist interpretation on the subject of the Prussian suffrage. This precipitated a deafening uproar.

The chancellor trembled with indignation when he referred to the terrorism which he declared had been introduced into the capital. He stigmatized the street demonstrations as dangerous to the country and he looked directly at the Socialist members when he announced that the organizers would be held responsible.

He was compelled to pause for several minutes because of the outbreak of the members during which all the ministers left the House. The debate was then continued.

Trouble with the people had been expected, particularly in view of the street disorders of yesterday, and in order to be prepared for a recurrence of the violent encounters between the police and the populace the houses of parliament were surrounded by a force of militia and police.

The principal thoroughfares of Berlin are being patrolled constantly by police, both mounted and on foot. The streets are very skillfully watched in order to bring it within the official authority of the Reichstag. The question was framed as follows: "On what ground does the chancellor consider manhood suffrage, as already granted for the elections to the imperial parliament, to be harmful to the interests of one of the federal states?"

Prince Von Buelow opened the Reichstag proceedings by uttering in the severest terms a warning against further manifestations, which he declared did not affect the government in the slightest degree. He threatened amid ironical cheering from the Socialists that the leaders and organizers of all demonstrations would be dealt with severely.

SOVEREIGN BANK.

President Denies It is Either Defunct or in Liquidation.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 22.—According to a statement of President Jarvis it was not the refusal of Morgans to advance more money which brought about the Sovereign Bank's suspension of business. Mr. Jarvis admitted, however, that if Morgans or any one else had offered a substantial sum to the bank the crisis might have been tidee over. Mr. Jarvis resented the suggestion that the Sovereign Bank was either defunct, in liquidation, or suspended, saying that the Sovereign Bank was not defunct, and is far from being in liquidation.

ENGLISHMAN'S SUICIDE.

Northport, Sask., Jan. 22.—Joseph Ramsay, a new arrival from England, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid. Ramsay had no friends in this country.

TO BE ELECTROCUTED.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Luigi Giambacurte, who stabbed his cousin, Ray Femilini, to death some days ago, was today sentenced to death by Justice Sawyer. He will be electrocuted at Auburn in the week beginning March 25th. Motion for a new trial was denied.

TORPEDO FLOTILLA UNDER WAY.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 21.—The torpedo boat Buozia sailed at nine o'clock to-night for Buenos Ayres.

TO TEST VALIDITY OF COMPANY'S RECORD

Burrard Power Corporation Held to Have Trespasped Upon Railway Belt.

(From Wednesday's Daily).

An action of unusual and far reaching importance in the Exchequer Court of Canada is pending, entitled, The King on the Information of the Attorney General of Canada vs. the Burrard Power Company, Limited, of Vancouver, wherein the validity of the defendant company's large water record for 25,000 inches out of Lillooet river and lake and tributaries is called in question on the ground that the rights of the federal government in the railway belt have been infringed upon by the record based on the Provincial Water Clauses Act.

The determination of the issues of fact has been referred for inquiry and report to Mr. Justice Martin, as the judge for British Columbia on the admiralty side of the Exchequer court, and it is expected that the hearing will begin at an early date.

MOROCCO SITUATION.

Casa Blanca, Jan. 22.—Moudi Rachid, one of the chiefs of Moudi Hadif's forces, reconquered the town of Settaj on January 17th, two days after he had been driven out there by a French column under the command of Gen. D'Amade. The French column is now at Kasbah ber Rachid.

THOUSANDS MAY STRIKE.

Employees Say Reduction of Wages in Tyndside District is Unnecessary.

London, Jan. 22.—Another big strike in the shipbuilding trades in the Tyndside district is threatened again in the reduction of wages which the employers state is necessary owing to the depression in the industry. Seven thousand men are affected.

QU'APPELLE LIBERALS.

Moosomin, Sask., Jan. 22.—Jas. T. Brown, of Moosomin, and the member for Souris in the local legislature, was today unanimously nominated by the Liberals the Dominion constituency of Qu'Appelle to oppose R. S. Lake, the present member, at the next general election.

Japanese Caught Inspecting Battery

Fort Stevens, Ore., Jan. 22.—Two well dressed, intelligent Japanese, presumably spies, were captured at the West Battery recently when they were looking over what is probably the most important battery on the Pacific coast when the sentry's official intelligence was received some time ago relative to surreptitious work like this, but nothing was thought of it until recently when the reports instanced Japanese getting plans of the United States coast defences were received.

ANOTHER PHASE IN GERMAN SCANDALS

Counts Hohenau and Lynar Court-Martialled by Order of Emperor William.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—The trials by court martial of Count Hohenau and Count Lynar, ending up of the articles published in the Die Zukunft by Maximilian Harden, and the subsequent Harden von Moltke libel suit, opened today before five judges under the presidency of General Von Loewenfeld. The military court was ordered by Emperor William and General Von Loewenfeld is a member of His Majesty's military staff. All the officials were in full uniform and were covered with decorations. The prisoners, however, appeared in civilian dress. There were 150 witnesses present who were composed mostly of officers, guardsmen and members of other cavalry regiments stationed at Potsdam.

ARTERY TEST FOR CHICAGO POLICE

Novel Device to Determine Efficiency of the "Boys in Blue."

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 22.—Police in Chicago are to be retired in the order of the hardness of their arteries.

It has been determined to dispute that man is as old as his arteries," said Health Commissioner Evans last night, in explaining the plan on which the retiring board will work. "While it is an universal fact that as a man grows older his arteries harden, yet the process of hardening does not move evenly with the years. The arteries of a man of 50 may be harder than those of another man of 55. It depends on the way he has lived. "The machine for testing arteries is a hollow rubber band put around the arm until it swells enough to stop the pulse. A mercury standard gauge attached indicates how much pressure this takes."

STATEMENT ON EMIGRATION.

Japanese Government Will Investigate Personal Standing of Students Coming to America.

Tokyo, Jan. 21.—Viscount Hayashi, Japanese minister of foreign affairs, in an interview to-day, made a statement concerning the emigration question, which may be considered as an official declaration of the attitude of the government, it having been prepared for publication in Japan, anticipating a similar statement in the diet. Minister Hayashi said:

The government of Japan is determined to investigate the personal standing of those that go to America as students, requiring two sureties before they leave. The government realizes that the emigration of laborers pretending to be students is liable to be embarrassing to America, and therefore are determined to prevent the emigration of laborers. While the proposed restrictions may be embarrassing to real students, all legal restrictions will be made alike because one dishonest person may embarrass many who are honest.

Lemieux Obtained Written Assurance

ORIENTAL QUESTION SOLVED

Japan Has Decided to Take Efficient Means to Restrict Emigration to Canada—Minister Reports on His Mission to Parliament.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Hon. R. Lemieux in the House today, after referring to the objects of his mission, stated briefly the causes of the anti-Asiatic agitation existing in British Columbia which culminated in the riots at Vancouver. In dealing with Japanese immigration, he pointed out that in 1904 the Japanese authorities gave instructions to prohibit entirely the emigration of Japanese laborers to Canada.

This removed all cause of friction and irritation between Canada and Japan. All that was required was some assurance that the action would not be revoked. There was in this way a tacit understanding that the flow of immigration from Japan would be so regulated by the governors of several provinces as not to exceed a reasonable figure. The existence of that understanding may be seen from the many communications exchanged between Count-General Nossé and the prime minister. The fact, therefore, was that the Japanese so regulated emigration from Japan as to cause no feeling of rivalry in British Columbia.

By clause 19 of the treaty of 1894, it was made optional with Canada and other British colonies to adhere to the treaty. It was not until 1906 that Canada became a partner to this treaty at the time for adjusting the treaty had expired it became necessary to conclude a special convention between Japan and Canada.

The convention was signed at Tokyo in February, 1906, and the treaty came into effect after the exchange of ratifications. During the session of 1907 it was sanctioned by parliament. By article 1 the Japanese were unequivocally given the same rights as any British subject in Canada. It has been said that Canada should have accepted the suggestion of Mr. Chamberlain to adopt a policy based on the Natal Act. That would mean, excluding the Japanese from Canada. It was also said that Canada should have adopted the same arrangement as those reserved in the treaty regarding the immigration of laborers and artisans. The Foreign Office at Tokio emphatically declares that Queensland never availed herself of the above mentioned stipulation.

The real cause of the agitation was the unreserved interpretation of article 1, by some enterprising emigration companies. It was in the nature of fact, understanding with Japan and restrictions of immigration that parliament gave its sanction to the treaty. It is in that line that Canada's understanding and absolute admission must be read. Mr. Lemieux went on to show that as soon as the treaty had been sanctioned, an incessant tide of emigrants poured into British Columbia from Japan and Hawaii. So far as the Japanese government was concerned they were not responsible for the influx. No charge of bad faith can be brought against them. The immigration companies are chiefly responsible for this enormous increase. The Japanese authorities look upon this emigration to America as an economic loss to Japan, and their policy of restriction abroad. Policy of colonization abroad is confined to Korea and Manchuria.

He confirmed the anti-Asiatic prejudice of the west. The increased membership of the Exclusion League at Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco and the several riots that have taken place during the last few months, clearly indicate the existence of an organization, the influence of which cannot be overestimated.

THE EMPIRE'S NAVY.

Increased Expenditure This Year Mainly on Cruisers and Destroyers.

London, Jan. 22.—It is understood that the government's naval programme for the coming year only involves a moderate increase in the naval estimates, mainly on cruisers and destroyers. Any special scheme of battleship construction beyond that already in hand will be postponed until the following year.

of civilization are on a par with those of western nations. But what she regards as the chief grievance against not only Canada, but the United States, is that America admits emigrants from Europe and refuses those of Japan. This she says, is a flagrant violation of the treaty which guarantees equal treatment with that accorded subjects of all other countries. The Japanese regard this as an expression of their scorn and will not be satisfied until this discrimination treatment is removed. From a point of view the Japanese deplore such incidents as the Vancouver riot, and Lemieux next quoted the assurances given by Mr. Nossé, consul-general of Japan at Ottawa before the treaty was entered into.

In March, 1905, Mr. Nossé writes: "In answer to my cablegram to the Imperial Japanese government advising them to continue the policy of restricting their people emigrating to British Columbia, I have received a cable instructing me to the effect that I have to give your government renewed assurance that the Japanese government is fully aware of forcing its people into British Columbia against the wishes of the province, and that they are willing to enter into an agreement with your government which they may find themselves if the present policy of rigid restriction is not deemed satisfactory to your government."

On May 9th Mr. Nossé tenders thanks on behalf of his government to the prompt measure taken by the Dominion in disallowing British Columbia legislation, and adds: "While trusting to the Canadian government's justice and good faith in the future, the Japanese government will always adhere to their policy of voluntary restriction on their people emigrating to British Columbia."

To this Mr. Nossé wrote: "Immigration will be always restricted voluntarily by Japan, and I do hope very much that Canada will depend on our good faith in this respect, and will not restrict by right of the treaty."

This letter was communicated to the cabinet, and as it contained an assurance of voluntary restriction and a pledge of good faith, the government adhered to the treaty reservedly.

Several extracts of letters from Mr. Nossé were quoted somewhat similar in nature. The result was that emigration was so restricted by the Japanese government that no complaint was received from British Columbia until the influx from Hawaii. That large immigration in 1907, when an account of special circumstances the regulations were relaxed, my mission might not have been unsuccessful.

I found the Japanese government not only willing to acknowledge the obligations of the Canadian government to stop forever any large influx of emigrants, and consequently any future agitation in British Columbia by regulation of the most absolute manner, the assurances repeatedly given by their consul between 1900 and 1907.

My efforts have not been in vain, and I claim this is the result of my mission to Japan.

Let me refer to the negotiations, that is to say in so far as I am authorized to make them public, because they bear in mind the most question at issue is one affecting not only Canada, but also as a result of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the British Empire itself.

A circumstance of great advantage and of far-reaching consequence was that I also secured for the Canadian contention the full support of His Majesty's representative. He was present at every conference and spared no effort to bring the negotiations to a speedy and successful issue. It is my duty to declare that I received from this Imperial diplomat, so well versed in all the intricacies and under-currents of politics in the Far East, such aid and counsel as proved invaluable to me. From the Japanese authorities and especially from the minister of foreign affairs I received the most courteous hearing. In Count Hayashi I found a true friend of Canada. He was animated with a sincere desire to reach such an agreement as would be mutually beneficial and equally honorable to both countries.

I am not at liberty to divulge confidences and documents of a confidential nature. The interests involved demand that I should be guarded in any statement I make lest they should suffer from any indiscretion. This is more than a party issue; it is a national issue. What an ill-timed word might elicit a commotion on this side of the ocean, it perhaps would have a contrary effect on the other. Public opinion in Japan is as keen and sensitive as here of ours.

I ask parliament to trust the representatives of Great Britain and Canada in this matter. The written assurances I have received from the minister of foreign affairs that Japan will in future restrict her emigration to Canada is the best evidence that the new arrangement or accord is now on a satisfactory and permanent basis. It is dated Tokyo, 23rd December, 1907.

"Monsieur le Ministre,—In reply to your note of even date, I have the honor to state that although the existing treaty between Japan and Canada absolutely guarantees to Japanese subjects full liberty to enter, travel, and reside in any part of the Dominion of Canada, yet it is not the intention of the Imperial government to insist upon the complete enjoyment of the rights and privileges guaranteed by these stipulations when that would involve the disregard of special privileges and conditions that may prevail in Canada from time to time.

"Acting in this spirit and having particular regard to circumstances of recent occurrence in British Columbia, the Imperial government has decided to take efficient means to restrict emigration to Canada. In carrying out this purpose the Imperial government will give careful consideration to local conditions prevailing in Canada with a view to meeting the desires of the government of the Dominion, as far as they are compatible with the spirit of the treaty and the dignity of the states.

"Although it is not possible to acquiesce in all of the proposals made by you on behalf of the Canadian government, I trust that you will find in the statement herein made, proof of the earnest desire of the Imperial government to promote, by every means in its power, the growth and stability of the cordial and mutually beneficial relations which exist between our countries.

"I venture to believe also that this desirable result will be found to have been naturally advanced by the full exchange of views which has taken place between us, and it gives me pleasure to acknowledge the obligation under which I have been placed by your frank and considerate explanations regarding the attitude and wishes of your government, and the obligations of the Mount Mill Men's Association. (Sgd.) TADASU HAYASHI."

Mr. Lemieux here stated that a series of the most stringent regulations accompanied by instructions addressed to the local governors and to the consuls in Canada were adopted. The British ambassador and himself were satisfied that these regulations were sufficient for the purpose. These regulations he could not make public. One feature he would, and that was that all immigration of contract laborers, artisans included, were now prohibited. Immigration companies would, therefore, have to go out of business.

After all there were only two alternatives. Canada must abrogate the treaty or accept the arrangements. Exclusion would mean a serious breach in the treaty alliance between Canada and Japan.

DIAMOND OUTPUT.

Further Reduction Owing to Depression in Trade.

London, Jan. 22.—With a view to facilitating the speedy adoption of the present stock of diamonds, the Premier Mining Company announces a further reduction in the output of 30,000 carats monthly until the prevailing depression has passed off.

The Diamond Syndicate, which practically controls the whole world output, amounting to from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 annually, also has come to the support of the market, and has decided that there shall be no reduction from the present level in the precious stones. The syndicate is satisfied that the slackness in the American demand will be short-lived, and says that it already notes distinct signs of a revival of business.

NATIONAL STOCK TAKING

London, Jan. 22.—The British board of trade has just inaugurated a new national stock-taking, in the shape of a census of the country's productive power, from a re-statement of the census will be included except agriculture, which already has been dealt with by the board of agriculture.

The new census will be based on a return furnished by employers throughout the country, respecting their output for last year. Its object is to enable the country to know exactly and scientifically how it stands.

HIGH TRIBUTE TO VICTORIA'S CLIMATE

E. A. James Says It is the Most Delightful in the World.

Winnipeg, Jan. 21.—E. A. James returned yesterday to Winnipeg. He had been to Montreal and eastern cities in connection with private business. As all the Liberal members and senators from the west have endorsed Mr. James for the chairmanship of the western section of the railway commission, he will receive the appointment.

Asked as to his plans, he said he had only one at present. To go to Victoria where he has taken a house, and to stay there until next June in order to gain a much-needed rest, in what he considered the most delightful climate in the world.

CANADIAN ROCKIES FOR SHEER BEAUTY

President of Dominion Alpine Club Draws Comparison With Swiss Alps.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—The Swiss Alps are massive on a grand scale, but more crag and more cold than the Canadian Alps. For sheer beauty they cannot begin to compare with our mountains in Alberta and British Columbia.

This is how A. O. Wheeler, F.R.G.S., of Calgary, president of the Alpine Club of Canada, sums up his impressions gained by a trip to Switzerland to attend as representative of Canada the annual dinner at the Alpine Club of Great Britain, and after being present at that function he took an opportunity of running across to Switzerland and seeing for himself whether the Alps had superior attraction to the Canadian Rockies and Selkirk.

He arrived at Montreal yesterday on his way back to Calgary.

Mr. Wheeler is also of the opinion that the Swiss Alps are far more dangerous to climb than the Rockies, and as an illustration of this he said that the leader of the very party he went with lost his life in 1878.

KENNEL CLUB SHOW.

Arrangements Made as to Date—Judges Are Not Yet Selected.

Preparations are already being made for the annual show of the Victoria Kennel Club. Victoria holds the first show of the season and the date, April 1st to 4th has been fixed as the definite date on which the show will be held. Vancouver has already fixed on judges and have secured Dr. G. S. Thomas, of Hamilton, Mass., and Major J. M. Taylor, of Rutherford, N. J. Both these gentlemen are reputed to be excellent, but Victoria officials have not yet chosen definitely. Considerable trouble has been experienced in former years by the judges trying to determine the relative standing of every species of exhibit. The bench committee now appointed intend to improve this system by engaging specialist judges. It is expected that the services of L. E. Hardy, of Boise, Idaho, will be secured. An invitation was extended to Mr. Stewart, of California, the well known terrier judge, but that gentleman is unable to come. Following the Victoria show the Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland shows run in the order named. A final meeting of the bench committee will be held this week.

NEW POWERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT

SEEKING RIGHT TO EXEMPT FROM TAXES

Other Bills Which are Now Before the Legislature for Consideration.

The object of the bill to amend the railway assessment act introduced in the legislature on Tuesday is alleged to be the encouragement of railway construction in the province. The government therein asks the legislature to give it power to exempt "any railway or railway extension for ten years" from taxation.

The idea seems to have gained currency in Liberal circles that the motive of the government in asking for such a bestowal of power to parliament, is susceptible to the most careful analysis, it being apparently considered that the legislature itself is the safest trustee of the public interests in such a matter.

The section of the bill, in which it is proposed to arrogate the exemption powers, reads as follows:

"The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is hereby empowered to grant to any railway an exemption from the assessment and tax imposed by section six of the act in respect of the railway for such years from the date of completion of any railway which may be completed after the first day of January, A. D. 1908, and the date of such completion shall mean the date of the certificate of the lands and works department that the railway is open for traffic and passengers."

The bill now before the House to amend the Coal Tax Act is calculated to render all the coal possessions of the province virtually subject to taxation.

In the bill introduced by Mr. Hawthorthwaite in connection with the Settlers Rights Act, the general purpose is to extend the principles of that measure to a great many settlers, who were debarred therefrom by some of its governing terms.

It seems that the act of 1884 gave to the settlers who resided upon the land previous to 1883 a right to title in fee simple, including any minerals which might be found thereon. A stipulation was introduced that those who wished to profit by the act must get in their applications within twelve months. And about 150 have been shut out by not complying with this stipulation. Mr. Hawthorthwaite's measure seeks to extend the time a certain number of the settlers who are shut out by the provisions of the act. It is said that over a thousand settlers are affected by this measure, and a deputational committee has been organized in the city to-day to interview the government in support of it.

A deputational representing the recently organized Forestry Association is expected at the capital in the near future. It is said that a movement is now afoot, looking to the reconciliation of all divergent views, with reference to the administration of the timber resources throughout the province in order that any representations made to the government may reflect the opinions of mill, lumber men and all those associated with the lumbering industry with approximate unanimity.

A. Leitch, of Cranbrook, and J. L. Boynton, of Fernie, prominent members of the Mountain Mill Men's Association are in the city in company with M. S. Logan, of Vancouver, who is prominently connected with the Forestry Association. During their stay here they met some of the local lumbermen and talked over the situation from the business point of view. While the primary purpose of the mill men's visit to the coast is to attend the annual convention of coast mill men in Vancouver to-morrow, the suggestion was conveyed to a reporter that the development of a "united" policy with respect to the timber question, has some phase in the calculations for the meeting. One of the visitors stated that several other representatives of the mill men were expected from the interior at the Vancouver meeting.

The possibility of regulating the output of lumber so that over-production may be prevented will probably be among the matters to be discussed.

OPTIMISTIC ON BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Sir W. C. Van Horne Expresses Belief That Rebound Will Come Soon.

New York, Jan. 22.—Sir Wm. C. Van Horne, chairman of the C. P. R., who arrived here from Cuba yesterday, expressed the belief that the wheels of business would soon be revolving at their normal speed.

"This has been a very severe depression," he said, "and in my judgment the rebound will be speedy. One can see why steel and copper industries have been paralyzed so that not a penny worth of normal production of manufacture is the case. Large corporations could not get money because they could not sell their securities at a commensurate price, now money is coming out easy. The securities market, especially in bonds, is better, and soon corporations will be able to sell their securities again."

NEW INTER-OCEANIC LINE.

Guatemala City, Jan. 22.—The ceremonies attending the opening of the Guatemala railway on Sunday were continued the following day when President Cabrera opened the national exposition. An eight day festival has been declared in honor of the opening up of the new road.

COUNCIL HELD FIRST SITTING

WATERWORKS BY-LAW WAS FINALLY PASSED

Various Matters Related to the Year's Work Brought Forward for Consideration

The first sitting of the city council for 1908 was held Monday evening in the Hall presiding and all the members present. Everything was in the extreme. The new year seemed to be quite as home started well by trying to get into some things on which were not quite clear.

One of these questions is naturally affects part of the year of the city. The question of age and forebore between Lenon & Ginnison and Mill Company. In answer to a question of the city Ald. Norman the city explained that the matter had been a long time. The city government had agreed to forebore over to the city. The city had agreed upon with companies in question.

A lease had been drawn up, but not found acceptable. A dispute as to the roadway should pass between the water works to the length of lease, wanted to make it for ten years as the companies wanted, but not less than twenty. As a result of the matter had to stand over, but the solicitor felt that the matter might be settled. The council had to settle the matter as a result of the dispute between the water works for an abatement of the sewer at Rock Bay.

There will be no special city audits for the past year. Work has already been done and Raymur and the new council no good reason for appointing an auditor on having the work done.

In answer to an advertisement city officials there were three motions for the position of auditor. The position was held by James and F. R. Sargison were to make a special audit, which would be a permanent position. The council had to make a special audit, in knowledge as no one seemed to know about the position of a special auditor. The position of a special auditor is to audit the accounts of the books every three months. The committee of its own members was to define the duties of the office at the next meeting application was asked.

The necessary annual loss was introduced and passed various stages, authorizing a raising of \$200,000 at five per cent, to be expended in defraying the cost of the city's present revenue of the year.

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