

WEATHER FORECAST.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Fresh Westerly to Northwesterly Winds; Fair and a Little Colder. Temperature at 3 A. M. 20 Degrees Above Zero.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

THE NEWS

THOUSANDS OF YUAN'S TROOPS REBEL AND PLOUNDER THE CITY

Territory More Than a Mile in Area Burned---Flames Spreading Rapidly---Houses and Shops Looted---Rebels Leaving City.

Yuan's Intention to Go to Nanking Thought to be Responsible for Outbreak---Legations Take Steps to Preserve Safety---No Foreigners Hurt Though Many Natives and Coolies Are Killed.

Peking, March 1, 1 p. m.—A mutiny of Yuan Shi Kai's soldiers started in Peking at 8 o'clock last night. Many of the natives have been killed or wounded but so far as is known, all foreigners are safe. The legation quarter is crowded, but the missionaries are holding forth in their own compounds.

When the outbreak occurred it was estimated that 2,000 soldiers took part, but since then the mutineers have been augmented by large numbers of the police, coolies and loafers. The legations know no reasons for the outbreak. The idea is expressed that Yuan Shi Kai's soldiers began the trouble when they learned that he intended to leave the capital for Nanking. The soldiers are everywhere looting from house to house. They have not spared even the foreign residences within one block of the legation quarter.

Extensive Conflagration.

Fire was started in various sections and territory of more than a mile in area has been burned. This stretches from the forbidden city to the building of the Chinese foreign board, where Yuan Shi Kai resides, the flames reaching within half a mile of the legations. The quarters occupied by the Nanking delegates who came here to notify Premier Yuan of his election as president, have been enveloped in flames.

Among the refugees at the American legation are Willard Straight, ex-American consul general at Mukden, and now the representative of a New York financial syndicate and his wife, who was Miss Dorothy P. Whitney, daughter of the late William C. Whitney and Daniel A. Demonecal the representative of the international banking corporation at Peking, and his wife, all of whom had thrilling experiences as they traversed the streets in looking for their records and valuables, but deserted a richly furnished house which was given over to the looters.

The American is the most exposed legation lying outside the main quadrangle of the quarter. The legation recently considered the advisability of putting up barricades, but not caring to excite Chinese suspicion, merely depended on sand bags and barbed wire, which had now been more effectively rearranged for defensive purposes. The Peking garrison now numbers about 2,000 and it is not anticipated that the Chinese will attack the legations, their principal object being loot.

The American minister, Mr. Cahoun, and Major Russell at a late hour last night consulted over the

telephone with American missions, all expressed their preference not to leave their own compounds. The telegraphist are within a block of the quarter and can be easily rescued, if endangered. The Young Men's Christian Association members have taken refuge in the American board compound, where a detachment of American marines has been sent to reinforce the missionary garrison. The Presbyterian mission lies to the northernmost corner of the city, three miles from the legation quarter. A telephone message informed the legations that the mission people feared to traverse the streets. They were surrounded by mutineers, soldiers who were frequently shooting through the iron bars of the gates into the compound. Occasionally there is the sound of maxim firing and the booming of heavy guns. The officers have been unable to control the soldiers and among the fugitives now housed at the legations are officials of the Chinese foreign board and officers of the imperial guard.

Shops Looted.

The mutineers ran through the streets burning and plundering on all sides. Thousands of shops were looted, principally those of dealers in gold and silver and art curios and pawn brokers. Several of the shopkeepers who failed promptly to surrender their valuables were shot or retched. By one o'clock in the morning the shooting was dwindling, probably because of a scarcity of ammunition. Parties of looters leading groups of spoils laden were leaving the city long before the hour.

When the firing began in the streets this evening the inmates of the legations felt no anxiety because they had been notified that a great lantern parade would occur in celebration of the arrival of Tang Shao Yi and the other republican delegates from Nanking. When, however, the foreign residents living outside the legation quarters who had engagements to dinner in the concessions did not arrive and the firing became more intense, the occupants of the foreign concessions broke up into rescue parties.

Some of these in trying to go out into the city found the entrances to the legation quarter blocked by forces of troops who were at work sandbagging the entrances. Rifle bullets then began to fall into the legation quarter and the various legations all sent squads of troops into the Chinese city to rescue their nationals living outside the quarter. Firing continues on all sides of the quarter and flames are spreading throughout the section in which the government offices are situated to the north of the foreign quarter.

Paris, Feb. 29.—An extraordinary series of automobile crimes which have been terrorizing France seems to have been terminated by the arrest of two anarchists, one of them a Belgian, after a desperate attempt last night to assassinate a lawyer at Pontoise in the Department of the Seine at Oise about 15 miles to the northwest of this city, and to rob his residence.

The criminals have been using a mysterious automobile in their operations. They recently shot down and robbed a bank messenger by daylight in the streets of Paris and then drove off. On Tuesday this week they killed a policeman in front of the St. Lazare terminus by shooting him through the window of their automobile, and last night they motored to Pontoise where they entered the house of a rich lawyer and shot him while he was on his way to his study. He, however, succeeded in beating them off and causing their arrest.

train will be in before daylight with the mails and 1200. The Grampan will dock at 8 o'clock in the morning, with 345, the Canada during the day will have 143 passengers, and the Uranium from Rotterdam has about 400. Nearly all are bound for the Canadian west.

REVISED FIGURES OF CENSUS

Population of New Brunswick Increased 20,769 in Ten Years.

Prince Edward Island, Yukon and Northwest Territories Alone Show Decrease—Urban Population Gains.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—Revised figures of the population of Canada are contained in a special report in the census tables in the House today. By provinces the figures are:

Table with 4 columns: Province, 1901, 1911, Increase. Rows include Alberta, B.C., Manitoba, N.B., Ontario, P.E.I., Quebec, Sask., Yukon, N.W. Ter., and Totals.

PLANNED ROBBERIES

Kingston Rowdies Proposed to Divert Attention of the Police by Fires and False Alarms

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 29.—The lawless element in Kingston had planned to take advantage of the disturbances in connection with the dispute between the populace and the street car company owing to the raising of the fares, by starting incendiary fires and looting the residential portion of the city on Tuesday, but the police obtained knowledge of their intention and cowed the rioters by force of arms. The conspirators had arranged to give a false alarm of fire in one section of the city and while the fire brigade and the police were drawn to that quarter other bands would start fires at the opposite ends of the town. By the time the brigade could reach the spot from which the false alarm had come and could return to cope with the real conflagration the ringleaders would be gone elsewhere and start other fires.

ARTILLERY MEN IN SESSION NOW IN THE CAPITAL

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—The Canadian Artillery Association opened its annual meeting in the railway committee room of the Commons today. Aside from the election of officers there was little business of importance before the opening session. New officers: President—Lt. Col. E. W. Rathburn, Deseronto; Vice Presidents—Lt. Col. Baxter, Kingston; J. J. Penhale, Sherbrooke, Que.; and J. E. P. Bergerson, Lewis, Que. Secretary—Capt. C. H. L. Sherman, Ottawa. Treasurer—Lt. Col. W. G. Hurdman, Ottawa.

BIOLOGICAL BOARD INTRODUCED

Mr. Hazen Proposes to Have Body Recognized by Law.

Shipments Delayed by Railway Companies to Come Before Railway Commission—Motors for Divisional Officers.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—At the opening of the House, Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to establish the biological board of Canada. This board is now in existence and the bill is to legalize it. It is a body of scientific men who control the biological stations of the Dominion, but at present it has no control of its expenditure and must go to the department of marine and fisheries. This hampers its work and the bill will empower it to spend directly the money, some \$15,000 a year, spent on the service.

The board is to consist of representatives of sundry universities such as McGill, Dalhousie, Laval, Queen's and Toronto, and a couple of representatives of the government. The members shall not receive remunerations. Mr. Lemieux was anxious over the news letter sent to the Magdalen Islands.

Mr. Murphy asked about a dozen motors bought for officers commanding divisions and the staff.

Mr. Carvell asked if any member of parliament had applied for the position of superintendent of the Intercolonial, made vacant by Mr. Dube's dismissal.

The afternoon was spent over the grain bill which got through committee of the whole and stands for re-printing and third reading.

Mr. Armstrong protested, but Mr. Lemieux refused to surrender the advantage he had accidentally obtained.

After speeches by W. F. MacLean, Hon. Wm. Pugsley and others, Mr. Pelletier moved, he said, regards rural mail delivery as important, and soon will have a system to lay before his colleagues a project for business-like way, and with less duplication than obtained under the late government. The people would be served better than by the loose way in which the scheme had formerly been carried out.

GOVERNMENT WILL FORCE OIL BLOCKADE PROVES TO BE A FARGE

Orders Were Emphatic But There Was No One to Enforce Them.

Mexican Rebels Reduce Duties to Finance the Expedition Against Chihuahua—Train Leaves to Repair Bridges.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 29.—The "paper" blockade declared against Juarez by president Madero today proved to be the most fragile of issues. Clothing for the rebels to the value of \$2400 and a considerable supply of groceries went through it as if the embargo was not in existence.

The order of the Mexican president closing the port finds no one in command to receive it. There is no objection on the part of American officials to see that the order is not violated and the rebels naturally pay no attention to it.

They went further today. They reduced import duties 50 per cent. for the announced purposes of stimulating trade across the international boundary. In this way they hope to secure the money necessary to finance the expedition against Chihuahua and the City of Mexico. They stated that a work train will leave Juarez tomorrow to make the meagre repairs needed on bridges and that troop trains will follow on Saturday.

CUSTOMS INCREASE

Between Thirteen and a Half and Fourteen Million Dollars More Than First Eleven Months Last Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—An increase of thirteen and a half to fourteen million dollars in the customs revenue is indicated in the statement of returns for the eleven months closing today. With another month of the fiscal year to run increase has reached the imposing figure of \$12,817,708.

The matter of printing the report was left in abeyance to be settled by parliament when the report is made.

HELL'S MANAGER INFRINGED THE PATENT RIGHTS

Special to The Standard. Sydney, Feb. 29.—E. Max Cohen, manager of Dante's Inferno moving picture show, which opened at the Lyceum tonight, was arrested charged with an infringement of the patent rights having no license for Nova Scotia. He was released tonight on bail.

On going into supply on the railway estimates Hon. Frank Cochrane announced that up to January 3 the Intercolonial Railway had shown a surplus of \$657,000. The usual disposition took place as to the disposition of the surplus, the minister agreeing that the money should go toward bettering the road. He stated that he was having an investigation made and believed that the intercolonial could be improved as well.

J. H. Sinclair, Guyaboro, asked as to the truth of the rumor that the present board of management of the I. C. R. would be abolished and the work placed in the hands of one man.

PREMIER ASQUITH ANNOUNCES THAT AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED PEACEABLY

CONFERENCE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF CABINET AND MINER'S FEDERATION WILL BE CONTINUED TODAY—SIXTY PER CENT OF MINERS ASSENT TO PROPOSALS—THOSE IN NORTHUMBERLAND WILL ACCEPT PART OF PLAN.

London, Feb. 29.—The government has not yet been able to induce all the coal owners to agree to the demand for a minimum wage made by the miners, but Premier Asquith declared tonight that if the principle of a minimum wage was not secured by agreement it would be secured by other means.

Fully 800,000 miners have already laid down their tools and will not pick them up again until an agreement satisfactory to the Miners' Federation is reached. The men have the government behind them and feel that victory has been won.

It was officially announced late tonight that the conference of the cabinet minister with the Miners' Federation would be continued tomorrow. Chancellor Lloyd George is drafting a minimum wage bill, but it is stated that the government is hopeful of being able to secure the establishment of the minimum wage without recourse to legislation, now that the Welsh mine owners see that they are powerless to resist longer.

Some of the railways have sent out modifications of curtailment of their services owing to the strike.

The government having recognized the principle of minimum wage for all underground workers, if it is not secured by agreement it will be secured by the government by other means.

But the Northumberland miners added that they could not consent to pay a minimum wage irrespective of ability and disposition to earn such a wage. The miners are confident that the principle of the government assures them ultimate victory.

The importance of the coal mining industry of Great Britain is obvious from the figures of the production of 1909, when 303,774,312 tons of coal were produced whose total value at the pit mouth was \$31,374,500. The total number of persons employed in and about the mines in the same year was 1,042,435, and of these 313,381 worked underground.

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PORT M'NICHOLO TO BE PORT OF ENTRY ON GEORGIAN CANAL

FARMERS IN WEST WILL RECEIVE GREAT BENEFIT IN TRANSPORTATION OF GRAIN TO MONTREAL AND THE EAST.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—The government has decided to make Port McNichol, on the Georgian Bay canal, a port of entry for customs purposes.

Underneath this lies an immense benefit for the farmers of the west in the transportation of their grain to Montreal and the east. When the spring comes, it will be found that the new port will be a great improvement.

From Owen Sound to Toronto by the C. P. R., a distance of 120 miles and from thence to Peterborough, a distance of 90 miles, and then on to Montreal, all by the C. P. R. route.

The grades by this route were difficult to negotiate but by the establishment of Port McNichol a transportation has been effected. The grain can be brought from the west to the east by the C. P. R. instead of diverging to Toronto and then on to Peterborough, a distance of only 90 miles and thus 120 miles are avoided. Added to this shortening of distance, there is also the advantage of perfect grades.

CEMETERY NO FIT PLACE TO ADVERTISE TOMBSTONE MAKERS

Hamilton, Feb. 29.—The controllers today refused to endorse the action of the cemetery board in prohibiting tombstone makers from putting firm names on monuments in the cemetery, because they feared it would create a trust as people would not know where to go outside of Hamilton for monuments. The cemetery board's objection was that it does not think a cemetery is a fit place to advertise goods.

ZEAL OUTRAN CONSCIENCE

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MAY HAVE TO HANGMAN

Sheriff Martin Worried Because He Cannot Get a Hangman and May Have to Do it Himself.

Montreal, Feb. 29.—Reports from Fraserville, Que., state that E. Martin, sheriff of that district is seriously ill from worry over his inability to hire a hangman. With an execution only 8 days off he can locate no one both willing and able to take the position and may have to undertake the task himself. Since the passing of Radcliffe, Canada has had no official hangman, the custom being for the sheriff to secure one, paying him his travelling expenses and a fee of \$75.

TWO AND A HALF THOUSAND SETTLERS REACH HALIFAX

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Feb. 29.—Four trans-Atlantic passenger steamers will be due here tomorrow with immigrants aggregating 2,568. The Empress of Bri-