

WIDER POWER TO INVESTIGATE

Bill to be Introduced by Minister of Justice Expected to Apply to Spending Departments of Government

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—Hon. Mr. Doherty's bill to amend the act respecting public accounts is believed to be a preparation for the coming investigation into certain spending departments. The law now authorizes the issue of commissions to conduct inquiries...

EXPRESS VIEWS IN RESOLUTIONS

Ministry of Mines. On motion of G. Horstead and P. J. Gieson. "Whereas, The mining industry of Canada has assumed such proportions during the past few years, and in view of the prospective future for this industry...

Further resolutions were passed urging the construction of a line of railway from Vancouver to the Peace river district; also railway connection between Vancouver Island and the mainland...

It was decided to ask the dominion government to incorporate in the permanent policy of the department of the interior the principle of giving British Columbia its proportionate share of advertising in the countries from which immigration is drawn...

DUNCAN STORES PREY OF FIRE

as also the Odd Fellows' building and the lively stable across the street. Fortunately rain was falling or the fire would have assumed greater dimensions. At four o'clock the brigade succeeded in getting it under control...

Got Horses Out. Messrs. Keast & Blackstock succeeded in getting out all their horses and vehicles to a place of safety before the flames reached their premises.

REBELS TAKE NANKING FORT

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Reports from Manchuria and Chi Li say certain troops are ready to proceed southward as ordered, but others are unwilling to do so. Notwithstanding the fact that the throne had issued edicts and that Premier Yuan Shi Kai had promised that fighting should stop in compliance with the demands of the Lanchow troops...

The throne's back has stiffened since Yuan Shi Kai has become premier, and he now refuses to comply with other demands that have been made by him. No notice has been taken of resolutions adopted by the national assembly with reference to the calendar and the ending of the year.

IDEA SUGGESTED BY CUSTOMS MAN

G. de Galambert, for many years commissioner of customs for the Chinese government, that opium is being shipped in large quantities on special chartered steamers from Macao, China, to Mexico and thence smuggled into the United States.

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REBELS WAR NEWS

Incidents Told by Eyewitnesses of the Battle Between Imperialists and Revolutionaries near Hankow

Stories of eyewitnesses of the engagement near Hankow received by the N. Y. K. liner Kamakura Maru, which arrived yesterday morning, state that the revolutionaries fought with great courage.

They lost a battery of artillery after a desperate fight, and Major Lu, who was in command, attempted to desert to the government troops when a gunner stepped forward and shot him at the request of General Li, whose leg was shot away, and who was being borne off the field.

Among those who fought in the revolutionary army was a band of students, the majority under 20 years of age, and the retention of the Futai gate station near Hankow was mainly attributable to these youths, who were armed only with iron bars and staves.

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Under the heading "Actual Strength of the Revolutionists," the Tokyo Asahi further writes that there exist five army offices in Wuchang, that is a general staff office, army office, drill office, medical office, etc., under the command of General Li, explaining why the arsenal is at present manufacturing repeating Mauser rifles of 7.9 millimetre calibre, but has stopped manufacturing 6.7 centimetre guns.

The rebel force is equipped with 125 guns and about 28 machine guns. They possess good equipment for their branches, including Japanese war-balloons, field telegraph and wireless, capable of service in a radius of 100 miles, and the engineering division is well equipped.

The capture of Shanghai native city and Wusong forts as well as the Kiangnan arsenal gave a great fillip to the insurgents. Wusong forts mount thirty-seven guns. These captures were made without loss, but the taking of Kiangnan, the Han Yang arsenal is at present manufacturing repeating Mauser rifles of 7.9 millimetre calibre, but has stopped manufacturing 6.7 centimetre guns.

ONTARIO PORT ON HUDSON BAY

Agreement Arrived at by Representatives of Two Provinces to Change Manitoba's New Boundary Line

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—Following the conference today between the representatives of Ontario and Manitoba in the federal cabinet, it is a practical certainty that Ontario will have a port on Hudson Bay.

By the proposed extension of Manitoba on the lines of territorial delimitation fixed by the late government, Ontario would be left with no port on the Hudson Bay proper. If James Bay harbor possibilities should prove unfavorable this would leave Ontario without a deep water terminus for its provincial railway.

The loss of territory to Manitoba under this altered division is comparatively small, the new boundary running east from the present northeast corner of Manitoba to the 22nd degree of longitude north to the 58th parallel and northward to Nelson river.

Many people are of opinion that the saws of any kind should not be guarded on the ground that a guard prevents the operator from seeing what he is doing as well as he would be able to do without a guard.

ENJOY VISIT TO MODEL FARM

approved device of up-to-date equipment. The visitors of today trooped between lanes of satin-coated cattle of bluish blood, admired the ribbon-bedecked thoroughbreds in the large loose horse boxes, and at each step "stall their wonder."

PLEASUED WITH COURT DECISION

LABOR INTERESTS EXPRESS SATISFACTION AT SUCCESS OF DAMAGE SUIT OF LOCAL MAN AGAINST LUMBER COMPANY

LABOR INTERESTS IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA, and no doubt elsewhere throughout the province of British Columbia, hail with delight the verdict and judgment handed down in the supreme court on Wednesday, awarding \$8000 to the Westholme Lumber company, against that company, as compensation for injuries sustained to his hand while operating a saw in their factory on the corner of Broughton and Douglas streets.

TRAIN PLUNGES THROUGH BRIDGE

Thirty Passengers Travelling Over State Railway in France Lose Lives—Some Climb Through Windows

SAUMUR, France, Nov. 23.—A passenger train today plunged through a bridge on the state railway at Montevault, and sank in the Thouet river.

The train, which had started from Angers, was travelling to Poitiers. It contained about a hundred persons. While it was crossing the bridge over the Thouet, the structure, weakened by recent floods, broke, crashing with the cars into the swollen stream.

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THREE YEARS FOR ROBBERY

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IN READINESS FOR THE CANAL

Premier McBride at Conservative Banquet in New Westminster Speaks of Coming Railway Programme

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 24.—Announcements were made by Premier McBride at the annual Provincial Conservative Association banquet at the Royal cafe here tonight that the Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught had personally stated to him at Ottawa that he will visit here next summer, and also that the provincial legislature will be asked at its assembling on January next to embark upon a railway programme, which will include the construction of a canal to the Pacific in a position to secure the commercial benefit from the approaching completion of the Panama canal.

At the forthcoming session also a comprehensive scheme will be presented for the reclamation of the forestation of logged-off areas, and Finance Minister Ellison for readjustment of the taxation system, the contemplated changes (based upon the report of the taxation commission) being about ready for presentation, and largely in the reduction of the burden of the minor taxpayer.

REPUTIATES FORCE OF MERCENARIES

YOUNG CHINA ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER Protests Against Sergt. Train's Work—Mr. Mosby Arrives. The Young China Association has reiterated the protest of those who have been congregating at the Victoria hotel during the past few days against the work of Sergt. Train, who has been signing on his behalf of the local organization, and the soldiers of fortune were plunged in gloom because a warning had been given to their leader by someone representing himself as an officer of the Dominion government, and that would mean the continuation of the work of recruiting proposed force, and now comes the telegram from Vancouver signed by H. G. Henry Waun, president Young China Association, and that would mean the fraction of the neutrality law for Sergt. Major Jack Train to contract with the army men for service in the revolution in China, it is surprising to us as those governed in the local organization connected with the revolutionary movement in China that we were not informed of any proposition of this sort. Nationalists, and in this matter of shipping neutrality, arrived in Victoria, and we will seek no other people than those of our own China to aid us by fighting for the Chinese. Whatever the country's fate is to be it will be decided by the Chinese.

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MISSIONARIES GIVE A SLAUGHTER IN CITY OF SHEN SI PROVINCE—HARBORIES

PEKING, Nov. 24.—Missionaries in Peking from 280 miles north of Shensi province of the recent revolution, who were exterminated, only partly slain.

Another party arriving southern Shen Si believe missionaries will be unawful to the condition of the country. They declare that the rebels who were slaughtered, not one lift their rifle out of the mountains. The party also gives a list of the names of the missionaries who were slaughtered in the town, including 2000. Imperial troops of the place, killed 1000 Chinese revolutionists took Tung.

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