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## NAVY WILL COST BILLION DOLLARS

### RUSSIA'S NEW FLEET COMPLETE IN TEN YEARS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Representatives of the Russian admiralty submitted to-day to the commission of national defence of the Duma, the financial outline of the much discussed naval programme. The matter was discussed with open doors instead of in private, as had been expected. The programme is to be completed in 1917, and it includes, not only the construction of a fleet of battle-ships, but also hydrographic work at several of the ports of Russia. The expenditures involved amount to \$1,078,000,000, and increase yearly from the \$43,500,000 already included for the laying of four new battle-ships to a maximum of \$125,000,000 in 1915. The expenditure then decreases to \$85,000,000 in 1918, and the subsequent expenditures are to be maintained at this figure.

One of the features of the programme is a duplicate complement of guns on every ship to be constructed.

**QUAKE FELT AT VIENNA.**

Shock So Pronounced It Displaced Seismographic Pencil.

Vienna, Feb. 20.—An earthquake shock, lasting two seconds, occurred here at 10.06 last night. No damage is reported, but so strong was the shock that the pencil at the seismographic station was displaced.

**AUSTRALIA'S SUBMARINE FLEET.**

Fleet of Two With Appointed Destroyers to Be Constructed.

London, Feb. 20.—Australia proposes to have a fleet of two submarines with attendant torpedo boat destroyers. The first of them will be obtained in Great Britain, and afterwards, by arrangement with contractors, other vessels will be constructed at Australian ports. New six-inch guns are also being ordered for coast defence.

**EVELYN ONCE MORE CREATES SENSATION**

Dines at Cafe Boulevard With Bankrupt—May Forsake H. K. Thaw.

New York, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw created a ripple of excitement last night by dining in public at the Cafe Boulevard. The pretty wife of the young Pittsburg banker appeared at the restaurant with E. R. Thomas, the bankrupt financier, and sat at a small table.

A few minutes later some one recognized Mrs. Thaw and everybody in the place was soon gazing at her. Evelyn was noticeably annoyed, especially when Thomas frequently left the table to consult with his lawyer in an adjoining room.

May Forsake Harry.

New York, Feb. 20.—Harry Thaw's mother admitted to-day she wanted her son to forsake Evelyn. Thaw himself so far refuses.

Mrs. Thaw said: "Until Harry does, he sticks to his wife, in public at least. The annoyance of such acts as Monday night's dinner at the Cafe Boulevard, I have read Evelyn's denial of the report, but she was there with a man named Thomas, in public at least. I have read other details she has made."

**PRESIDENT OF FARMERS' BANK.**

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, at the meeting of the Farmers' Bank yesterday, retired from the presidency, and the directors immediately elected John G. Christie, vice-president, and W. R. Travers, general manager.

**THROUGH SIBERIA.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Premier Stolypin has given orders to the governors of Yakutsk, Eastern Siberia and Primorje, the eastern maritime province to assist in every way possible the contestants in the New York to Paris auto race, their journey through Siberia.

## CRISIS IN CAB TRADE.

### Auto Company Suspends Operations in Berlin—Over Production the Cause.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The auto cab business in Berlin is in a bad way, one of the leading companies suspending operations this week, and is now trying to arrange for a reorganization. The crisis is due to the over production of both auto and horse cabs. A number of German auto cab manufacturers have been working recently on American orders, but lately this business has been slackening off.

**EXCHEQUER JUDGE.**

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The names of E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, and E. D. Lafleur, K. C., of Montreal, are mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the Exchequer court caused by the death of Mr. Justice Burbridge.

## GUERRILLA WARFARE IN MANCHURIA

### CHINESE DRIVE OUT JAPANESE SOLDIERS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20.—A dispatch has been received in Portland from Hongkong and other Chinese cities that a species of guerilla warfare has broken out in Manchuria between the Japanese soldiers who make up the army of occupation and the native Chinese who are bent on driving out of the province the representatives of the powers whom they fear as an encroaching menace.

It is said in these advices that several conflicts have already occurred between the soldiers and the people and that the Japanese have been driven out of the towns on the Hip Gi Bin and En Tai Hop Ho Gai.

The fact that trouble exists between this country and Japan is well known to well-informed Chinese of this city and all took upon the situation as serious, some of them even say that a long and bitter struggle has begun.

**IN CHARGE OF H. M. S. EGERIA.**

Captain John F. Parry Appointed in Succession to Captain Learmonth.

London, Feb. 4.—Captain John F. Parry has been appointed to the command of the survey ship Egeria. His many British Columbia friends will be pleased to hear that he is to succeed Captain F. C. Learmonth in the command of the Egeria, as he was extremely popular when he was skipper two years ago. He was lately engaged in the survey of Malta harbor.

In addition to the office named already in those waters, Engineer Sub-Lieutenant Seath has been appointed to the Egeria in charge.

**PURE CONDENSED MILK.**

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Inland Revenue Bulletin urges that a legal standard for condensed milk be established.

**MUST STAND TRIAL IN UNITED STATES**

Habeas Corpus Proceedings in Case of U. S. Absconder Prove Futile.

Kamloops, Feb. 19.—Capt. Kellogg, under arrest for the forgery and embezzlement of United States funds, will have to return to the United States to stand his trial, Chief Justice Hunter having refused to grant him his liberty under the habeas corpus application made through his attorney.

The case has attracted a great deal of interest on both sides of the line, as Kellogg was a young officer of brilliant attainments in the United States army. While the guest of a general he absconded with a number of blank pay warrants, which he later filled out and forged the signature of Col. Robinson, formerly army paymaster at Seattle.

Proceedings were taken in respect of two warrants for \$3,000 and \$8,500 respectively, cashed in California. Kellogg fled to Canada and was arrested in Kamloops, where his case has been before the courts for some time.

Colonel Dudley, U. S. consul at Vancouver, acted on behalf of his government in the prosecution. Every other effort on behalf of the prisoner's counsel having failed application for his release under habeas corpus was made, and word was received that this had been refused by the Chief Justice, Kellogg will accordingly have to go back to Chicago to stand his trial before the American courts.

**THOUSANDS WANTED FOR RAILWAY WORK**

General Booth Says Salvation Army is Considering Canadian Offer.

London, Feb. 20.—Five hundred of the eight hundred emigrants sailing to-day to go to British Columbia under the terms of the Salvation Army agreement with the British Columbia government are mainly agricultural laborers and female domestics.

General Booth addressing them, defended the army's emigration policy. "An offer was being considered," he said, "to place 3,000 to 5,000 men on railway construction work in Canada."

## HARRIMAN WINS IN RAILROAD WAR

### COMPLETE VICTORY OVER STUVEYSANT FISH

Chicago, Feb. 20.—E. H. Harriman to-day gained a complete victory in the Illinois Central litigation which has been in the Superior court since last October. Judge Ball rendered his decision to-day dissolving the temporary injunction granted Stuyvesant Fish, by which 286,231 shares of stock were enjoined from being voted at the annual meeting of the I. C. Railway Company. This stock, which was held by the Union Pacific Company and the Railroad Securities Company of New Jersey, can now be voted at the annual meeting which will be held in this city in March.

Mr. Fish, who was formerly president of the Illinois Central, filed a bill on October 14th, 1907, asking that 286,231 shares of the Illinois Central stock, owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, the Railroad Securities Company and the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, be enjoined from voting at the annual election of the railway company, set for October 16th. The matter was taken before Master-in-Chancery Browning, who recommended the issuance of the temporary restraining order. Mr. Fish was joined in his suit by former Senator George F. Edmunds, of Vermont; Jno. A. Kasson, former minister to Austria, and Wm. H. Emery.

The bill alleged that the defendants held a controlling part of the outstanding stock of the railroad company. Mr. Fish alleged that the board of directors was dominated by E. H. Harriman, and said that the voting of this stock should not be allowed, as it would injure the interests of himself and other stockholders.

On November 20th complainants appeared in court and dismissed their bill in so far as it related to the 5,000 shares of stock held by the Mutual Life Insurance Company. The defendants then presented a motion to dissolve the temporary injunction. Arguments upon this motion was continued several days and were long and exhaustive. The decision of Judge Ball was on the motion to dismiss the injunction. During these arguments the annual meetings of the Illinois Central railway would have previously been continued from time to time.

The bill originally filed by Mr. Fish was based on the theory that the public policy of Illinois prohibited foreign corporations from holding and voting stock in Illinois corporations, save in certain exceptions allowed by statute. The complainants contended that the fact that certain violations were allowed by the statute proved that the public policy act should hold good in this instance.

**AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE GREAT ARMY**

Representative on His Way to England to Study Transportation.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Capt. A. Moreland, chief of the army corps of Sydney, Australia, arrived here yesterday on an American liner on his way to London and Aldershot, England, where he will take a special course of instruction in transportation, the object of which will be to acquaint himself with the art of the provisioning of the great army which Australia is now training under the system of compulsory military education. Captain Moreland has already completed a tour through China and Japan. He expects during his journey across America to study the military system of this country.

**DOOM OF CHESTER GILLETTE.**

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Chester Gillette, of Portland, convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, of South Orestic, is to die the electric chair during the week beginning March 30th.

**SECURED RELEASE OF U. S. CITIZEN**

Dr. Dubouchet Was Arrested on Charge of Aiding Russian Revolutionists.

Odesa, Feb. 20.—Dr. Dubouchet, the American citizen who was arrested recently in Odesa on the charge of being connected with the revolutionary organization, was released yesterday afternoon, but was ordered to leave Russia within ten days.

When Dr. Dubouchet was taken into custody the police refused him permission to consult the American consul. The matter was then taken up by Ambassador Riddels at St. Petersburg, and the foreign office permitted the prisoner to talk with the representative of his country, who soon secured his release.

Dr. Dubouchet probably will join his wife in Switzerland. She is a Russian woman of noble birth, who, it has been declared, spent a large part of her fortune in aiding the Russian revolutionary movement. Dr. Dubouchet, who has lived in Odesa for a number of years, was arrested on the order of the governor-general because of his prominent professional and social position.

## REVELATIONS COMING.

### Prince de Sagan Will Expose Cousin, Count Boni de Castellane.

Paris, Feb. 20.—A magistrate took the disposition of Prince Helle de Sagan in accordance with his charges of forgery against an unknown author of letters which Count Boni de Castellane, his cousin, produced in court during the course of the recent assault case. Prince de Sagan maintained accusations both against the former and against Count Boni, as the user of the forged documents, and promised interesting revelations in the near future.

**CRUSADE AGAINST BARS.**

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The Ontario branch of the Temperance Alliance, which meets in annual convention in a few days, will demand of the Ontario government the immediate enactment of a law abolishing the bar and making the treating system a criminal offence.

**STOESSEL IS CONDEMNED TO DIE**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Lieut.-General Stoessel has been sentenced to death for the part he took in the murder of the emperor. The court demands that the sentence be commuted to ten years' imprisonment.

## HID BY DAY IN CHINESE COFFIN

### AT NIGHT DISGUISED AS RUSSIAN GIRL

Melodrama of Two Continents Bound Up in Horace G. McKinley.

Portland, Feb. 20.—No melodrama could surpass the story of Horace G. McKinley, an Oregon land frauder, against whom over an hundred indictments are pending, and who will reach here to-morrow morning from 'Prisco, where he arrived.

Since yesterday the real facts of McKinley's escape from Mukden (Manchuria) jail have been disclosed. He smuggled a note to an outlaw organization known as the Hung Hu Ten organization, composed of bad men from all parts of the world, with headquarters at Mukden. A reply came telling him to enter the toilet room of his cell at 8 o'clock on the night of November 11th last, and shove on the wall, which would fall out. It did.

Hung Hu Ten members carried McKinley off in a sack, hiding him in a day in a Chinese coffin and letting him out at night disguised as a Russian girl.

The Chinese government offered \$4,000 reward as a courtesy to the United States, and a greedy Russian betrayed him at Harbin on December 27th.

**AMERICAN AUTO STILL IN LEAD**

Russian Government Will Help Cars Speeding Through Siberia.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 20.—The American car in the New York to Paris race arrived at Kettlesville early this morning. The machine was stalled in the snow drifts for the greater part of the night. The French car came in shortly afterward.

**LONDON TIMES IS STILL ON MARKET**

Old Lady of Printing House Square to Go by Public Competition.

London, Feb. 20.—The Times is still in the market according to a statement made by the solicitors now engaged in the litigation over the newspaper's disposal. Its proprietors, it is said, favor its sale by some form of public competition, and any proposal or scheme in this direction would be submitted to the judge having charge of the case.

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## FRENCH TROOPS Routed by Moors

### CASA BLANCA ARMING AGAINST MULAI HAFID

Paris, Feb. 20.—A special dispatch from Tangier states that the French steamer Malco from Casa Blanca reports that Gen. D'Amade, venturing too far beyond Settat, had his communications cut by the followers of Mulai Hafid, who in great force routed all the French outlying posts. The greatest anxiety prevails, it is said, at Casa Blanca.

Spanish troops are preparing to defend the city according to the report brought by the Malco and marines have been landed from the French cruiser Kieber. It is further reported that a French column stationed not far from Rabat has been defeated by the tribesmen with great loss.

Premier Clemenceau last night issued a vehement denial of the reports that fresh troops had been ordered to Morocco and that Gen. D'Amade had withdrawn the garrison from Casa Blanca, adding that the latest dispatches from Rear Admiral Philibert stated that all was calm.

**CHARGED WITH FORGERY.**

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20.—H. C. Freen, formerly private secretary to J. C. Fargo, president of the American Express Company, was arrested here last night at the request of the New York state authorities on charges of forgery and defalcation.

**CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE.**

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 19.—Hon. Dr. Reameau, minister of public works for Ontario, was unanimously chosen by North Essex Conservatives for the next provincial elections.

**U. S. SENATOR DEAD.**

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Lamar, of South Carolina, died this morning.

**BRUTAL MUDDER.**

Dismembered Body of Man Found in Flatbush District of Brooklyn, New York.

New York, Feb. 20.—The dismembered body of a man believed to have been a victim of a mysterious Black Hand murder was discovered in a dump in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn to-day. The trunk of the body had been cut in two and portions of the arms and legs were missing, while the face was so slashed as to make the features almost unrecognizable. The severed portions of the body were wrapped in oilcloth and tied in two separate packages. Some clothing remained on the face. Detectives are at work on the case.

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**NEW ASSISTANT ENGINEER.**

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—W. A. Astley, formerly engineer at Dawson City, has been appointed assistant city engineer here.

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## HOPE FOR POLICY HOLDERS.

### Negotiations Between Defunct Mutual Reserve and Imperial Life of Canada.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—It is understood that negotiations are on for re-insurance of the policy holders of the Mutual Reserve Life of New York with the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada.

While the negotiations with the latter are not absolutely completed, it is believed that satisfactory arrangements will be made. It has been stated that the amount to be paid for re-insurance will be about \$50,000. There is now on deposit with the government about \$265,000, and the Toronto General Trusts Corporation holds an additional \$75,000.

## HARNESSING NIAGARA FALLS

### BRITISH EXPERT TELLS OF HIS FINDINGS

Development of Power Would Greatly Impair Characteristics of Beauty Spot.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Dr. W. J. Spencer, the British scientist commissioned by the geological survey of Canada to investigate the Niagara Falls problem, discussed yesterday the effect of the utilization of its waters by power plants upon its scenic beauty.

At the instance of the American civic federation, Dr. Spencer has appeared before the house rivers and harbors committee and presented data concerning the petition of the Ontario Power Company for a franchise. To develop this power would require 40,000 cubic feet of water per second, which Dr. Spencer contends is from 20 to 25 per cent. of the discharge of Niagara river and would greatly impair the characteristics of the whirlpool rapids, lower the river bed up to case fall from up the surface rock at the foot of the American falls, and Goat Island, and thereby cause a more rapid recession of the Horseshoe.

As the beginning of these rapids is marked by a rim over which the flow of water is already thin, the diversion of the water would destroy about 800 feet of flow on the east side from up the great Horseshoe and break up the American falls into separated streams. The total length of both falls would, in the opinion of Dr. Spencer, be contracted roughly from 4,000 feet to 1,500 feet and the diameter of the falls from 1,200 to 800 feet. This diversion of the water would produce a horseshoe so that water would be entirely on the Canadian side of the boundary line.

He argued that the lowering of the water in the basin above the upper rapids would increase the slope of the river so that the surface of Lake Erie will be lowered by three feet, which in turn would lower Lakes Huron and Michigan. Already with a partial use, Lake Erie has been lowered ten inches. This amount of lowering includes that of the Chicago canal, which at present is taking 5,000 cubic feet a second.

In connection with the calculations for repairing the harbors and canals (thus damaged the United States engineers calculated that to increase the depth of the Chicago canal even one foot would cost over \$12,000,000.

**'FRISCO NOT YET FREE OF BUBONIC PLAGUE**

Rats Must Be Annihilated Says Federal Expert, Dr. Rupert Blue.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—In an interview on local sanitary conditions last night Dr. Rupert Blue, government expert in bubonic plague extermination, said: "The expert disease exterminators assigned to duty in San Francisco feel it their duty not to alarm the people of San Francisco or the country, but for the benefit of the city and the country generally, a campaign of rat extermination and sanitation is compulsory."

"There have been two human cases of plague in San Francisco in the last 48 days. The danger is not over by any means up to the time that the rats exterminated during the last two weeks one and three-tenths per cent. are infected. The infection among the rats can only be obliterated by annihilating the rats themselves."

"I am pleased to state that with the assistance of the citizens health committee and the local health board, the federal services has increased the rat catching during the past two weeks very materially."

**OFFER FOR WINNIPEG BONDS.**

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—An offer has been made of city bonds to the tune of \$1,000,000.

## CORPORATIONS ESCAPING TAXES

### AN INVESTIGATION WILL BE CALLED FOR

Public Accounts Committee Will Be Asked to Go Into the Subject.

A meeting of the public accounts committee of the provincial parliament is called for Monday next.

This is unusual and is notable for that reason. Although the committee has been appointed with uniform regularity from session to session, it has not been called together for business for quite a number of years.

The attention of parliament was directed to this fact several weeks ago, when Stuart Henderson formally moved that the public accounts be referred to the committee at the session.

Whilst the purpose of getting this special direction from parliament that the accounts should be referred to the committee is said to have been intended merely as a declaration of principle, on general grounds, that its functions should not be allowed to lapse altogether, there is some suggestion for the idea that the attention of the committee will be invited to some particular enquiries this year.

For instance notices of motion are being sent out to ask the auditor-general and the surveyor of taxes to attend as witnesses, for the purpose of assisting in the elucidation of a proposition that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is permitted to escape taxation which they should be called upon to pay in this province.

The case which has been set up for the committee's investigation is said to be something like this. The B. C. Southern Railway, which has an exemption from taxation on their lands, on condition that the lands should be offered for sale at government prices. Was this condition observed, and if not, what is the extent of the company's liability? Evidence will be produced, it is said, that these lands were never offered at government prices.

The area of taxable lands connected with this railway of the C. P. R. is said to be about \$3,000,000. The rate of taxation to which they would be subject at a valuation of one dollar an acre, is four cents an acre, or \$120,000 annually. Valuing the land at government prices, or \$2.50 an acre, and the taxation to which these lands are subject, would amount to \$300,000 or thereabouts.

The position of the Columbia & Western Railway, with respect to its liability for taxes is also slated for enquiry, as well as the coal lands, said to be held by the Wellington Colliery Company in the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Grant.

It is expected that the committee will be engaged for several days.

## SUFFRAGETTES AND THE BETTER HALF

### Agitation Not All One Sided in New York State.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Women of all ages, sizes, complexions and degree of military and dressmaking displays mingled with racetrack followers, ministers, politicians and the generally curious about the legislative corridors today to attend the hearing on the proposed constitutional amendment which would strike the limiting word "male" from the constitutional provision regarding the right to vote.

This hearing vied in interest with that on racetrack bills, and was held in the senate chamber, while the racing question was being threshed out in the assembly chamber.

The suffragists by no means had it all their own way, for strong delegations of women from all parts of the state were present in opposition to the woman suffrage proposition. Later in the afternoon the women of both sides crowded the executive chamber to present their arguments pro and con to Governor Hughes.

"The arguments were practically the same as those which have been presented for several years past. The suffragists argued that the proposed amendment would give the women a voice in elections and abolishing taxation without representation, while those opposed contended that there was no great demand for woman suffrage, and that women had sufficient duties already without burdening them with those of politics."

**NEW MINISTER AT TANGIER.**

Madrid, Feb. 20.—Senor Merry Del Val, a brother of Cardinal Merry Del Val, pontifical secretary of state, has been appointed Spanish minister at Tangier.

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