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ANOTHER ATLANTIC CABLE BY COMMERCIAL COMPANY

Mr. Mackay Announces Intention of Laying a New One of Improved Type.

New York, Feb. 19.—There having been a rumor that the Commercial Cable Co. intend to lay another Atlantic cable, Mr. Mackay was asked about it yesterday and said:

"Yes, we have decided to do so. The officers of the company have for some time past been engaged on the work of preparing the plans, laying out the route and completing the specifications. The bids for the manufacture and laying have just come in. The cable will be one of high speed and of the latest improved type and great carrying capacity and will be laid and put in operation during the coming summer."

"Is the business of the company increasing?"

"Yes, the growth of our business and the rapid service demanded by the public has rendered necessary the laying of a fifth cable. We think our patrons and the public generally will be pleased to see that the Commercial Cable Co. is continuing its progressive policy and is fully alive to the requirements of the increasing business. This additional Atlantic cable we believe will give the public all the facilities required for some time to come."

"Do you issue new stock for the new cable or pay for it out of your reserves?"

"The entire cost has already been furnished the Commercial Cable Co. by the Mackay companies, because we desire to keep our reserve fund intact."

"Have the Mackay companies ever made a report to its stockholders?"

"Not yet. The trustees of the Mackay companies, however, intend to issue their first report to the shareholders in the course of the next fortnight."

FOR A SPEEDWAY.

"Pop." in The Sunday World: Ald. McBride deserves the gratitude and the vote of every horseman in the city for the persistence with which he is pressing upon the city council the importance of providing a speedway and bridlepath. There will be the greatest difficulty in securing any site at all against which no objection can be found, but horsemen are numerous and the horse interests are great and important and some sort of determined and successful effort should be made to meet their desires. In all large cities where speedways or driveways exist, like Rotten Row and the Ladies' Mile in London, for instance, the public manifest the greatest gratification and delight, while the value of their attractiveness to the city cannot be over-estimated. I am bound to confess that we in Toronto appear to be a little backward in our appreciation of some things. We desire to be a metropolitan city, but we do not care to make any great effort to bring the same about, else would we do various things that are left undone and leave undone various things that we do. The establishment of a speedway is one of the things that we should certainly undertake. No man has a greater respect for, and love for, children than yours truly; at the same time he recognizes that they must be kept within bounds and that adults have rights the same as they have. It did look to me as if the proper spot for carrying out Mr. McBride's views had been hit over the Don, and a drive over the same confirmed me in the idea, but the city fathers entertained a different opinion, and, like the old woman, they have the last say. It is up to them now, as Mr. McBride says, to find some other suitable location; but they will never accomplish anything if, after the manner of the man and his ass, they continue to try and please everybody. There is too much of that sort of thing in the council and altogether too few strong men—men who dare to do.

Horse Show for Brantford.

Brantford, Feb. 19.—Mayor Waterous, W. S. Wisner, J. Coulter and other leading citizens have subscribed to a guarantee which will enable the promoters to hold a horse show in Brantford on May 24, 25 and 26. The show will be held on the agricultural park grounds.

BETTER THAN GOLD

Wants Husband to Take Samaria for Drink Habit.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 26.

Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find a money order for $3.00, for which send to my address your treatment for the cure of the drinking habit. My husband expects to go to the Yukon, and I think he ought to have this as soon as possible. The friend who recommended this cure to me says he took it and it cured him of the drinking habit. Yours truly, MRS. MARIE S. B.

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GOLD WATCH GOES TO MISS MORTON

Employe of T. Eaton Co. Voted the Most Popular Saleslady in City.

Miss Maggie Morton of the glove department of the T. Eaton Co. was voted the most popular saleslady in Toronto as a result of the voting contest conducted by the management of the Majestic Theatre last week, and during the performance of "Only a Shop Girl" at the Majestic Saturday evening Miss Morton was presented with a

MISS MORTON,
Voted "the Most Popular Saleslady" in Toronto.

handsome gold watch by Miss Lottie Williams. The standing of the leaders at the close of the voting was as follows:

Miss M. Morton, T. Eaton Co., 363.
Miss Aggie Gleason, King Tailoring Co., 345.
Miss Florence Gardner, Copeland, Chatterson Co., 319.
Miss Bertha Elliott, T. Eaton Co., 289.
Miss C. Waters, E. & S. Currie, 241.
Miss F. Johnson, Grand Opera Candy Co., 225.
Miss M. Brady, Robert Simpson Co., 157.

FRENCH VESSEL IN PERIL.

Chateau Renault Goes Ashore in Indo-Chinese Sea.

Paris, Feb. 19.—There has not been any especially notable event in politics this week, and the most prominent news has been of the material sort, for instance, the going ashore of the first class cruiser Chateau Renault in the Indo-Chinese Sea. The crew was more fortunate with the Chateau Renault than was that of the Sully, and it was able to get the ship off again. It now is on its way to Toulon to be repaired.

The affairs of the ministry are in fair shape. Not only is the majority discussing the year's budget in a calm way, but it has the further appearance of having reconstituted itself by the election of Doumergue, former minister for the colonies, as vice-president of the chamber in place of Etienne, who has become minister of the interior.

Peace Again in Parliament.

This election was preceded by preliminary negotiations, which revealed the good reciprocal feeling now animating the parliamentary groups, which for a short time were disunited by the events which brought about the fall of Premier Combes.

With reference to the debates on the budget regarding state contracts, the idea, a far-fetched one, has been propounded of making the state buy back the railways and carry on their workings. But opponents of this idea have found a powerful argument in the recent admission of the under-secretary of state for the posts and telegraph department, who felt himself obliged to confess the state was incapable of managing a working industry like that of the telephone service, and that the Frenchman would better resign himself never to understanding the advantages which are reserved to the American of the north.

Both Disown Spy System.

We are following with some curiosity the controversy carried on between two officers of the cabinet of Gen. Andre, the former minister of war—Captain Mollen and Gen. Percin. Captain Mollen wishes to prove he was not the instrument and that Percin was the real organizer of the secret information service.

There has been much feeling aroused in consequence of the arrest of several colonial administrators on the charge of having martyred negroes of the Congo, but the most reflecting people think the colonial system itself is responsible for the outbreaks of its functionaries, men who are badly chosen, and for the most part the victims of alcohol.

Notable Passengers.

New York, Feb. 18.—Sir Casper Purdon Clark, recently appointed director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in this city, arrived to-day on the Cunard liner Campania.

Another passenger on the Campania was Sir James Bell, who brought the yacht Thistle across the Atlantic in 1887 to compete against the sloop Volunteer for the America's Cup.

The sixth of the course of monthly lectures on subjects connected with the return of our Lord will be given by Rev. Dr. Stewart in the Bible Training School this evening at 8 o'clock. Subject: "The Transfiguration and the Coming."

CZAR AND GRAND DUKES IN PANIC FIGHT SHY OF SERGIUS' FUNERAL

Members of Romanoff Dynasty Afraid of Public Anger—St. Petersburg Believes Reforms Will Be Hastened By Work of Assassin.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The czar will not attend the funeral of the Grand Duke Sergius. Neither will the remaining grand dukes, nor any immediate members of the Romanoq dynasty. Fear of assassination lurks in every palace in St. Petersburg.

There may be one. The Grand Duke Paul, who was banished from the empire by will of the czar because he had married the widow of an artillery officer, may come from Paris to attend his brother's funeral. He is not considered a Romanoff.

Will Be Buried at Moscow.

The body of Sergius may not be brought from Moscow at once. The government wisely recognizes the popular detestation of Sergius, and until anger dies away no attempt will be made to hold an official funeral.

Heretofore every Romanoff wherever he has died has been brought to the Kazan Cathedral, in the centre of St. Petersburg, in full state, where mass has been said, thence across the Neva to the Petropavlovsk fortress, where lie all the Romanoffs since Peter the Great.

Sergius will be buried in Saint Michael's Cathedral at Moscow temporarily. As explained, no relative occupying official position will attend. The metropolitan Antonius will be the official and state mourner.

Czar Is In Despair.

The situation at Tsarskoe Selo, according to all reports, remains one of despair. St. Petersburg to-day is filled with false reports, such as that Vladimir had a stroke of apoplexy when told of Sergius' death.

There are indications that Sergius' death will hasten the crisis in the government. The people, both in industrial and financial circles, regarded Sergius as the head of the black party and the directing spirit of Russia's suppressive machinery. His removal without leaving any guiding hand in the emperor's councils will result in the masses renewing their onslaught on the government, with the approval of the independents and even the financial classes, contenting themselves with nothing short of the overthrow of the autocracy.

May Hurry Up Reforms.

While admitting that the act will move the reactionists to renewed folly, some shrewd observers predict that it will accelerate rather than retard reform. Things have gone too far for the utmost power of the absolutists to achieve anything except a more or less orderly retreat. Certain bureaucratic madmen advocate civil war against the strikers, who, they declare, are not strikers, at all, btu rebels awaiting an opportunity to attack the government.

This must be admitted to be a most accurate estimate of the situation, but the leaders of reaction lack the requisite nerve to bring matters between the government and the people to a bloody issue. They are strictly on the defensive, and have their hands more than full. They are likely to resort to a display of force only when brought completely to bay, and then the bulk of the army will desert them.

Witte's Worst Enemy Gone.

With Sergius' extinction Witte's position becomes still stronger. Sergius always opposed Witte. He favored an alliance between the autocracy and the ignorant peasants against the rest of society. Witte abominated such politics and consistently advocated European ethics, principles and policy in the government of the country. He stands for the promotion of mental progress. It is true he does not favor a thoroly democratic state, but wants a constitutional monarchy, insuring justice and a fair measure of liberty.

Sergius' catalog of sins as it exists in the public mind is almost endless, and does not require repetition here. Suffice it to say that his latest work was the imposing of nonentities on the czar's ministry—such men as Bouligan and Manchia were tools of the bureaucracy. Hardened by his conspicuous enmity, the people marked him for slaughter.

Radicals Are Elated.

The radical camp is in a condition of suppressed elation; apathy reigns in the conservative ranks. Moderate opinion regards the assassination of Sergius as the destruction of the strongest influence that has affected the czar thruout his reign, and the removal of the strongest Russian reactionary force and the most formidable anti-peace element.

Gen. Trepoff, Sergius' favorite, said to-day: "My heart is cold with sorrow; but no measure of repression will result here or in Moscow. My work to-day is exactly as if nothing had occurred."

"We are not all partisans of violence," said the editor of Nashadni, the organ of the leaders arrested on Red Sunday, "but the 'white terror' has always been answered by the 'red terror.'"

No Retrograde Steps Now.

Prof. Switchnekoff, leader of the moderates, said: "No retrograde action can possibly result at this stage; but reforms may be accelerated because the principals of the reactionary movement have been removed."

Gen. Kurokofski, a conservative leader, received this morning by telephone from Tsarskoe Selo the following message from the czar: "Proper precautions for the security of Grand Duke Sergius were not taken in Moscow. The responsibility rests with the police."

All parties agree that Grand Duke Sergius was the ablest and hardest worker among the grand dukes and practical regent of the empire.

STANDARD OIL TRUST TO FALL THOMAS LAWSON PROPHESYING

Declares That Combine That Broke All Records Going Up Will Eclipse All in Its Descent.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—Thomas W. Lawson predicts the fall of the immense trust, insisting that Kansas has given the octopus a wound which, tho small, is of its nature mortal. Here is what Mr. Lawson has to say:

"To my mind there is little that can be said on the subject of the coming investigation of Standard Oil by President Roosevelt—little that has not already been said from time to time during the last 2000 years of modern history. It is the old, old story of the great, big, overgrown bully and his unchecked career of brutality stumbling up against the inevitable snag—the victim of his low, mean, cowardly inhumanity—and then the old story of the quick, sharp readjustment of the victim's boot to the bully's anatomy and then a closed incident in history—a big, fat grave and a headstone with an inscription:

"Here lies another oppressor of the people.
"P.S.—All who pass will kindly water the flowers with alkali!"

No Cause for Pity.

"No one should have any pity for the Standard Oil in the mauling it is about to receive. It has had during the last twenty-five years more than its fair share of warnings. Time and again when it has been caught in the act of kicking its victims into insensibility it has been warned not to do so again, only to again be caught in that flagrant exhibition until it really was sure that there was no power on earth, in heaven or in the other place which could mete out fit punishment.

"Standard Oil has sized up the situation thru 'skewed' glasses from the start. The fact is the American people are on the warpath, coming down the pike millions strong, and the millions are rolling up as they travel until they will present such a solid front as they have never presented before when they come to their first stopping place—Standard Oil.

Fall Will Dumfound People.

"I think the American people, the whole world in fact, are going to have their breath taken away by the speed with which history will be made during the next few months. In my opinion they will be dumfounded at the ease with which this monster, 'Standard Oil,' that they have bred themselves into its now confirmed habit of thinking invincible, will go down.

"You ask if I will assist in the coming walloping it is to get? I will hold myself in readiness to start barefooted from here to Washington the coldest night in winter the moment I receive a telephone call if necessary.

"Poor Standard Oil. It broke the record going from the bottom of the ladder to the top, but the record it will break during the next six to twelve months in coming from the top to the bottom will make its first one look like an ear of dried corn which accidentally got into his majesty's sulphur factory."

Cause of It All.

The causes that have led Kansas to fight Standard Oil may be summarized as follows:

A series of cuts that reduced the maximum price of crude oil from $1.38 a barrel to 70 cents within six months.

A schedule that paid no more for high grade oil of 35 to 40 degrees than for oil of 32 degrees gravity.

An increase in freight rates that almost doubled the cost of petroleum shipment by rail and stopped the transportation of oil other than by the Standard Oil pipe lines.

Discriminations in the sale of kerosene whereby merchants at Humboldt and Emporia retailed it for 9 cents a gallon while it brought 15 to 20 cents in cities that were not a market for the Webster independent refinery.

A system of discounting pipeage by which the producer lost 3 per cent. for impurities that were not present and 1-2 to 1 per cent. as a charge for "steaming" the oil.

A sudden dron of 5 cents in the price of kerosene, indicating to Kansas that the Standard Oil Company had been making too much profit.

Resentment at the appearance of a large and highly organized Standard Oil lobby at Topeka, the state capital.

A belief that Standard Oil was trying to depreciate the value of oil land holdings so that it could secure them cheap—confiscate them.

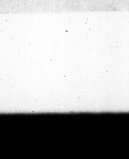
DIVORCED, BUT DID NOT KNOW IT

Now There's Two Widows of Famous Inventor and Trouble in Sight

Cincinnati, Feb. 18.—The climax of the supposed double marriage of Samuel Lawrence Barriett, the famous electric inventor, whose dead body was found in a Dayton boarding house early in the week, came to-day when the attorney of the second wife showed a certified decree divorcing the first wife, who until to-day believed herself still married to Barriett.

The mistake in the status of each widow hinges upon the ignorance of Mrs. Georgia Bacriett of court procedure. Georgia Barriett states that, having sued for divorce, altho she gave testimony, she mistook the master commissioner appointed for that purpose for her lawyer, and as her husband never appeared, as she supposed he would be compelled to do, she continued to think the proceedings were entirely abandoned. She afterwards lived again with Barriett and bore him a child, believing herself his lawful wife.

Both women are solely anxious to protect whatever rights their children may have.



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TUPPER OPPOSES TREATY.

Does Not Favor Hay-Bond Convention With Newfoundland.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—On their way from Winnipeg to Italy, Sir Charles Tupper, former Conservative premier of Canada and Canadian high commissioner in London, and Lady Tupper and their daughter reached Boston Friday. They sailed Saturday on the White Star Liner Canopic for Naples.

Sir Charles, while not wishing to say anything on the Hay-Bond treaty with Newfoundland, plainly indicated that he was opposed to such a step.

"I prevented the Blaine-Bond treaty from going into operation," said Sir Charles. "Certainly I do not think it is wise to have a treaty made between the United States and Newfoundland, which is a British province, unless Canada is a party to it.

"The interests of Canada and Newfoundland are bound reciprocally together, and the two should never be pulled apart. It would be unwise from the viewpoint of the welfare of each and the empire as a whole."

Question of Reciprocity.

Speaking of reciprocity he said: "Canada has discovered that her best market is Great Britain. I think it was a very unwise policy on the part of the United States, which is enjoying great advantages in connection with the Canadian trade, that it did not at all reciprocate when we tried to induce it to.

"I am inclined to think that the steady adhesion to that policy has had the effect of turning the attention of Canadians toward a closer arrangement with the mother country. To-day the Canadians are comparatively indifferent as to reciprocity with this country."

As to the Chamberlain movement for preferential treatment within the empire looking toward imperial federation, Sir Charles said: "There is practically no difference of opinion in Canada as to that. It is universally favored. It is very likely that Chamberlain will be defeated at the next election, but that he will succeed eventually I do not doubt.

"We shall soon have one hundred thousand American farmers raising bread north of the boundary line," declared Sir Charles, with a merry twinkle, "and when Chamberlain's policy goes into effect of course the attraction will be all the greater. No, they will not annex us. If Mr. Chamberlain induced them in part to go over into Canada it is not likely that when they have got there they will turn around and adopt a policy which will take away the preference they enjoy.

Become Very Good Canadians.

"I have had large experience with Americans coming into Canada. They are the most intelligent and the best class of people. They very soon learn that under Canadian institutions, under British institutions, there is no system of government that could be more attractive, and so they become very good Canadians.

"I have sat at the side of American capitalists who have come into Canada and gone into the house of commons, and there were never more enthusiastic British subjects."

As to the closing of the dock yards at Halifax and Esquimalt, the withdrawal of the British fleet in large measure from North America and the inference that Canada was thereby tacitly put under the protection of the Monroe Doctrine, Sir Charles remarked with decision: "I don't think the idea is held that we are going to place the protection of our country in other hands than our own in connection with Great Britain."

Will Burn Church Mortgage.

Woodstock, Feb. 19.—Special services were held in College-avenue Methodist Church to-day in celebration of the freedom of the church from debt. The mortgage will be burned at a tea meeting to be held to-morrow night.

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The Royal Grenadiers: A Regimental History of the 10th Infantry Regiment of the Active Militia of Canada. By Capt. Ernest I. Chambers (Corps of Guides), author of the Histories of the Governor-General's Body Guard, etc. E. L. Ruddy, Toronto.

In this very handsome and profusely illustrated volume Capt. Chambers, who is well and favorably known as chronicler of the history and exploits of many distinguished Canadian regiments, tells the story of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, which owed its origin to the time of the Trent crisis. On March 14, 1862, the regiment was formally gazetted, and, fourteen days later, Major Frederick William Cumberland was appointed lieutenant-colonel. Great zeal was shown by all ranks and a year later the officers adopted the present regimental motto: "Ready, aye ready," with a lion rampant holding a flag as the regimental crest.

The regiment first had a taste of active service during the Fenian Raid of 1866, when 415 strong, it formed part of the command of Lieut.-Col. Booker, and had the satisfaction of capturing a number of Fenian prisoners. All ranks received general commendation from Col. Lowry for their steadiness and good behavior, and in consequence of the proved utility of the regiment it was retained, longer at the front than the others. On their return to Toronto, the city regiments received an enthusiastic welcome and were later tendered a public banquet.

On Aug. 5, 1881, the title of the regiment was altered to that of the "10th Battalion Royal Grenadiers," and under that designation it contributed a service detachment to the expeditionary force despatched to the Northwest in March, 1885. Capt. Chambers gives a very full and interesting account of the part played by the Grenadiers during the operations and incidentally contributes a very valuable addition to the general history of Canada. The later chronicles of the doings of the regiment, including the share they took in the Boer War, afford matter for other attractive chapters. Altogether Capt. Chambers has done his work exceedingly well, and has managed to make his volume not only of great value to all past and present members of the corps, but of general interest to the reading public.

As a frontispiece the volume contains a fine portrait of His Majesty King Edward VII, while the body of the book is beautified by many excellent presentments of the officers of the regiment, of the non-commissioned officers and of the rank and file, who are specially noticed. The whole appearance and getup of the volume, which cost the regiment the sum of $3000, is in the highest degree creditable to the author, publisher and printers.

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NEW EVIDENCE FOUND.

Brantford, Feb. 19.—Joseph Kennedy will be brought from the central prison next week and receive his preliminary trial before Police Magistrate Woodyatt at the police court on the charge of rape. Chief Slemin and his officers have been working steadily on the case again. It will be remembered that one of the witnesses for the defence testified to being on the dyke about the time Kennedy was also sworn to have been seen there. Two witnesses will, at the forthcoming trial, give evidence that he was mistaken in regard to his date and that in reality he was on the dyke the day before the Cole murder.

At 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, a still alarm was sent in to No. 1 Hose and Chemical Companies for an incipient blaze in the lavatory at the R.C.Y.C. Clubhouse at the foot of York-street.

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