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TALK OF ARMED CONFLICT ABSURD

This is the General Opinion
in Venezuela.

Government Gives Reasons for Dismissing
Minister From Netherlands—Dolph
Cruiser Repelled.

CARACAS, July 31.—(Via Port of Spain, Aug. 2)—The differences between President Castro and the government of the Netherlands will probably turn out to be less serious than they seemed at first. All talk of an armed conflict is regarded as absurd in this country. The government believes that it had the fullest justification for its dismissal of M. De Rous, the Dutch minister and points to the action of the government of the United States in sending the recall of the Dutch minister, Lord Sackville-West, at President Cleveland's request, in October, 1898, as well as a like demand upon Spain for the recall of Minister De Lanza by President McKinley, in February, 1898. Indeed, the case of Minister De Rous is said to be much more flagrant than either of the others referred to. In the case of Sackville and De Lanza, the letters written denouncing the American president were confidential and not intended for publication. De Rous, on the other hand, wrote his letter with the deliberate purpose that it should be published. There is a society in Amsterdam called the "Hoeven Trouw" (Loyal and True). Its membership consists of the society makers, printers, merchants and its object is to secure employment for young Hollanders in foreign countries.

In order to secure information respecting the opportunities for employment, the society makes it a point of sending out letters asking for information to Dutch merchants as well as to the ministers and consuls of the Netherlands government throughout the world. It was in response to one of these letters of inquiry that Minister De Rous sent a letter which was published in the May, 1908, "Bulletin" of the "Hoeven Trouw" society of Amsterdam, in which was made this statement:

"Referring to your letter of the 22nd of February, I am sorry to inform you that the present time is anything but favorable, for business. The system of government (since 1890) of the present almost dictatorial ruling president, which is economically for the detriment and afterwards always for the annulment of monopolies, through all kinds of subsidies, has very nearly ruined the country."

WILLEMSSTADT, Curacao, Aug. 2.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland arrived here today from Le Guaira with an officer and was refused all means of communication with the shore. The authorities there, he says, declined to accept the letter bags and an official communication to the German minister, who is in charge of Dutch interests in Curacao. He reports also that Venezuela is preparing her forts for a defense of the country.

It is generally believed here that Holland will take prompt and decisive action.

GEDID WAS HANGED AFTER ASSERTING HIS INNOCENCE

Implicates Two Other Italians in Murder
of Louise King.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., Aug. 1.—Gedid was hanged at this morning's execution. The execution should have taken place at eight o'clock, but was delayed owing to the confusion he made yesterday afternoon. The confession stated that he was innocent of the crime charged against him, and named two others, Moravelli and Cagliostro, as instigators and perpetrators of the destruction of the King's Hotel at Niagara in November, 1905, which resulted in the death of Louise King. He affirmed that Moravelli was intimate with King's wife and the intention was to get rid of King. To effect this powder was carried into the house. He tried to warn King, but his imperfect knowledge of English impeded him, and his warning was mistranslated by Moravelli. The latter and Cagliostro took him away, and made him swear on crossed daggers not to say anything further on the matter, and they sent him to Salt Lake, where he learnt for the first time of the destruction of the hotel. He claimed that Cagliostro was enamored of King's daughter. The confession is not credited as it conflicts with the evidence. It was read on the scaffold at Gedid's request.

THE K. OF P. CONVENTION

BOSTON, Aug. 3.—The 25th convention of the Supreme Lodge and the Biennial convocation of the Uniform Band of the Knights of Pythias with the international convention of the Pythian Sisters, were formally opened in Boston today with an attendance of 75,000 delegates and members. The Pythians will hold business sessions and enjoy trips about the city for six days, closing next Sunday with a religious mass meeting.

A SCORE OF HOUSES ARE ALL THAT REMAIN OF THE HUSTLING LITTLE TOWN OF FERNIE

CROWDED COURT CHEERS ACQUITTAL

British Sporting Man Not
Guilty of Blackmail.

Wins on Turf Have Made Plitt. Most
Unpopular Man in Racing
Circles.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The trial of Robert Plitt, proprietor of the Winning Post, on a charge of attempting to blackmail J. B. Joel, the Transvaal magnate and racing man, out of £25,000 by threatening to publish matter derogatory to him in the Winning Post, came to an end today with a verdict of acquittal. The result evoked loud cheering in the courtroom.

The trial attracted more public attention than any for years past. The attitude of the public throughout was remarkable. They have applauded and lionized the accused at every opportunity. As he was said to be an adventurer whose record is anything but savory, these demonstrations were taken to signify hatred for Joel more than love for Plitt.

Joel's frequent wins on the turf of late have been greeted with extraordinary bursts of vituperation, and it is no exaggeration to say that he is the most unpopular man in the racing world.

There was an exceptional scene outside the Old Bailey, where the trial was held. Thousands had gathered there to await the verdict and they called repeatedly for Plitt. The police with difficulty controlled the crowd.

Plitt was not discharged from custody at once. The police detained him, fearing that his partisans would tear him to pieces in their delight.

The crowd waited a long time for him, passing the time in hooting Joel and his satellites.

THE INDOMITABLE WAS DELAYED BY A STORM

But Nevertheless Has Maintained an
Average Speed of Twenty Six
Knots.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—British naval officials are watching with interest the reports regarding the performance of the warship Indomitable, which the Prince of Wales is returning to England from Quebec, where he attended the triennial celebration. This battle-ship cruiser, for she combines the speed of a cruiser with the armament of a battleship, left Quebec on the morning of July 29 and although caught in a hurricane about the Straits of Belle Isle, wireless telegrams received at the Admiralty today contain the welcome news that the big vessel maintained the high average speed of 26 knots and that she expected to drop anchor off Clowes at 6 o'clock this evening. Taking into consideration the delay caused the Indomitable by the hurricane this voyage is looked upon by naval officers as satisfactory.

QUEBEC TRECENTENARY

COST \$500,000

Commission Is Threatened With a Big
Deficit—Grand Stand Receipts
Only \$35,000.

QUEBEC, Aug. 3.—Now that everything is assuming its former appearance, they are counting up the cost down here. It has been something enormous compared with past celebrations in Canada, but it was on an enormous scale. The pageants cost \$140,000, and of this only \$35,000 has come from the grand stand. The sale of costumes may bring back \$25,000. The guests of the Commission, all of whose expenses were paid, will cost nearly \$25,000. For decorations the cost was \$17,000, and illuminations of the city exceeded \$14,000. Adding it all up and including \$20,000 that it cost the Provincial Government for the State ball, illuminations, etc., the sum will reach nearly half a million dollars. The only ones who gained financially were the cabbies, the boarding houses and refreshment bureau—the charges warrant this digressed name—and a few odds and ends of trade, such as souvenir stores. A deficit threatens the Commission, which it may be difficult to make up, as only \$350,000 is in sight for the celebration itself.

SUVA, Fiji Islands, Aug. 3.—The United States Atlantic fleet at 8 p. m. Saturday, was distant from Auckland, N. Z., 1566 miles.

DEATH LIST MAY AMOUNT TO ONE HUNDRED

Practically the Whole Place Wiped Out of Existence—Property
Loss Roughly Estimated at Upwards of Five Millions—
Seven Thousand People Are Homeless, Having Lost Every-
thing They Owned—Other Towns in Grave Danger.

CRANBROOK, B. C., Aug. 3.—Fernie lies in ruins, five thousand people are homeless and all that remains of the once prosperous and progressive little city are thirty houses in the south end and the coal company's offices in the centre of the town.

The fire started from bush fire near Fernie and spread so rapidly to the town that there was no time to save anything and everyone sought safety in flight. The brewery was the first place to fall a victim to the flames and the hurricane that was blowing carried the sparks to the Old Town and a few moments nothing was left of that section.

In the meantime everything in West Fernie except the brick works was a seething mass of flames and the residents were fleeing for their lives. It is impossible to say at the present time whether any lives were lost in that section as the bridges are consumed and communication has been cut off. The fire was made to check the conflagration jumped the river near the bridges, and in a few seconds the town was ablaze. Dozens of houses were burning and the time and street after street was rapidly licked up by the blaze. On Baker avenue and the park a determined effort was made to check the conflagration and by the heroic work of the residents and the firemen the few remaining houses were saved.

About 300 men, women and children fled to the company's office, the fact on every side was a mass of huge flames. The town itself, was surrounded by spacious lawns suggesting it to the panic stricken people as the only place of safety. Willing volunteers ascended to the roof, fought like heroes for hours, amid fierce heat, and suffocating smoke. Water pressure remained good and several streams of hose poured ton upon ton of water on the structure.

The new court house and post office and customs building were directly opposite and in a few minutes the buildings were a mass of flames. Store after store and hotel after hotel caught and in a few minutes the part of the fire fighters they fell one by one until not a single building of any description or kind remained standing north of Walmsley Street, save the residences of W. R. Ross, M. P., D. V. Mott, the Catholic priest, the Coal Company's office, the residence of J. T. Teifer, and the Western Canada Wholesale Company. The scene at night was awe-inspiring, the lumber piles in West Fernie blazing fiercely and rapidly. The mountains on every side were a mass of huge flames. The town itself, was surrounded by spacious lawns suggesting it to the panic stricken people as the only place of safety. Willing volunteers ascended to the roof, fought like heroes for hours, amid fierce heat, and suffocating smoke. Water pressure remained good and several streams of hose poured ton upon ton of water on the structure.

This morning the relief committees have been organized and food and supplies are beginning to arrive. Special constables have been sworn in and the town, or what is left of it, is being put into as orderly a state as possible. Few of the people had their belongings. So fast did the fire sweep through the town that they were forced to flee before it without giving thought to their possessions.

A long line of straggling carts wound its way through the little valley to the south of the town. In this procession was every man, woman and child.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME WAS NOT CARRIED OUT

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Of twelve important measures forehadowed in the King's speech at the opening of Parliament in January, just two had been passed up to the adjournment Saturday for the summer vacation. These were the Irish Universities Bill and the old age pension bill, neither of which was opposed in principle by the opposition, although the House of Lords amended some clauses of the pensions bill, only however to have them rejected by the House of Commons and to accept the amendments when the bill was returned to the Lords in its original form. The old age Pensions Bill will become operative January 1, 1910, so that only three months will be chargeable to the House of Commons and no great increase in the budget will be necessitated. For the first full year, however, the ministers estimate that six million pounds sterling (about \$30,000,000) will have to be found.

There were many minor bills passed and although the first part of the session had been fruitless, the extensions

DOUBLE DROWNING IN NAPAN RIVER

Frank Robertson and James
Dickson Lost Their Lives.

Had Been Swimming—Donald Morrison
Badly Hurt in a Driving Accident
on Chatham Street.

CHATHAM, N. B., Aug. 3.—Word reached here at noon today of a double drowning accident at Napan River in which two young men, Frank Robertson, son of Rev. John Robertson, and Frank Dickson, son of James Dickson, lost their lives while swimming in the river. No particulars of the accident have been received. The young men were about 23 years of age and were only sons.

On Saturday Donald Morrison, of Black River, sustained severe injuries on Henderson Street. He was driving rapidly into town and collided with a truck and then with a telegraph pole. He was thrown out of the team and fell heavily on his side, breaking his arm in two places and sustaining a bad cut over the eye and several bruises. Dr. Bann was summoned and the man was removed to Hotel Dieu Hospital. His condition is serious.

FIGHTING CONTINUED IN TABRIZ ON SUNDAY

Shells Flying All Day and Doing Con-
siderable Damage—Turks Continue
to Advance.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Telegraphing Sunday from Tabriz, Persia, the correspondent of the Times says: "Hostilities were renewed yesterday and today there was shelling again, considerable numbers of shells bursting in the European and Christian quarters of the city. Both the Royalists and the Anti-Royalists need money and are making forced levies to obtain it. The business situation is pitiful. The Turks are still advancing in the Urumiyeh district, and the re-occupation of Subhank may occur at any moment."

BOTTOM DROPS OUT OF THE G. T. P. STRIKE

Arrest of the Three Ringleaders Settles
Everything—Men Did Not Want
to Strike Anyway.

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 3.—With the arrest of three ring leaders, the strike of the Grand Trunk Pacific foreign laborers who demanded an increase in wages from a dollar and a half to a dollar seventy-five per day, has fallen through. Saturday night most of the men expressed a desire to go back to work at the old rate, and most of them were on hand this morning. The majority of the men claim they would not have left work at all had they not been threatened by the three ring leaders who are now in jail. The trial of these three men, charged with intimidation, will commence tomorrow morning and the company will take the most stringent steps possible.

THREE DROWNED WHILE SWIMMING

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 3.—Three fatal swimming accidents occurred in this vicinity today. Axel Robert Blom, of this city, 18 years old, jumped from a boat in Dorcy Pond in Milbury and despite the efforts of a companion, sank to the bottom, after an attack of cramps. His body was recovered. Albert E. Homer, aged twenty-five years, was overcome while swimming in Oak's Pond and died before help could reach him. His body was recovered. A widow and a five months old baby survive.

VENEZUELA IS NOT ANXIOUS TO BE FRIENDLY

THE HAGUE, Aug. 2.—Official despatches received by the government from the government of the island of Curacao, confirming the withdrawal by President Castro of the Exequaturs of the Dutch consuls in Venezuela, so that an exception was made in the case of N. F. Hellmuth, the Consul General at Caracas, who was appointed in 1871. The Governor's dispatches add that Venezuela no longer wishes to maintain friendly relations.

LATEST WEATHER REPORT

Fine and Warm.