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VOL. 53. MORE RAILWAY MEN QUIT WORK STRIKE IS SPREADING IN BALTIC PROVINCES

Business is Being Resumed at Odessa But the Streets are Patrolled by Soldiers.

Warsaw, Dec. 8.—Advices received here to-day from Riga and Orlov say that the railway men at those places struck last night as a protest against martial law in the Baltic provinces.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—6:22 p.m.—A dispatch to the Tagblatt from St. Petersburg, dated yesterday and received here to-day, by way of Eydtkuhnen, Russia, says Premier Witte has given his resignation to the Emperor, who refused to accept it.

Vienna, Dec. 8.—Dispatches received here to-day, from Lemberg, Galicia, says that general business is being resumed at Odessa.

London, Dec. 8.—The Great Northern Telegraph Co. re-established telegraphic connections with Helsingfors via Nystad, this morning.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Stocks on the Bourse to-day were depressed owing to continued interruption of communication with Russia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The American section of the International Waterways commission in its annual report to the secretary of the war department on the progress made in the work of developing on the commission, calls attention to a number of questions which have been brought before it and expressed a desire for an expression of wishes of congress for its future guidance.

Yreka, Cal., Dec. 8.—Jack McDonald, a laborer at Reed and champion of the locality, was killed in a fist fight on Wednesday night with Sid Roberts. The two men made arrangements for a ten-round bout for the gate receipts at Yreka, where it will take place on Friday night.

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MAKING IT EASY FOR THE SULTAN POWERS WILL ACCEPT SOME OF HIS PROPOSALS

Constantinople, via Sofia, Dec. 8.—The ambassadors of the six powers at a conference just held have accepted some of the modifications proposed by the Porte to the original scheme for the financial control of Macedonia and an amended agreement has been forwarded to their respective governments for ratification.

Buffalo, Dec. 8.—The shops of the Erie Railroad Company and the Erie Railroad transfer and freight house on Canton street were destroyed by fire, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

Caliao, Peru, Dec. 8.—The steamer Doa has arrived from Panama with 11 cases of yellow fever on board.

HONGKONG, Dec. 8.—Mail advices from Lienchun say that the commission appointed to inquire into the massacre of American missionaries early in November has examined thirty witnesses, and that 25 implicated persons, including a Buddhist monk, have been arrested.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—Norman MacLean with his legal representative, A. W. Fraser, appeared before the minority of the board to-day, and asked for approval of the map route of the Coast-Kootenay railway.

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OTTAWA NOTES. Statement of Revenue and Expenditure For Five Months Ending With November.

THE CRY FOR AN INSURANCE INQUIRY NO CHARGES AGAINST CANADIAN COMPANIES

Question Will be Fully Gone Into When Legislation is Introduced in the House.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Within the past few weeks a number of Canadian papers have been raising a vigorous if not altogether well-timed cry for a parliamentary investigation into the position and doings of Canadian insurance companies, and without in any way attributing to these papers motives that are not of the highest character, it must be apparent that there is something in the thing that they profess to be anxious to avoid.

What is the inquiry to be investigated? True, there is an investigation into certain charges which have been made against a number of United States companies, but it is an investigation exceedingly interesting and exhaustive.

IRISH QUESTION HOLDS THE FIELD VICTORY FOR HIS PARTY

IRELAND REDMOND CLAIMS Says Political Future is Encouraging and Great Mass of Liberals Will Follow Leader.

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ONTARIO FARMER'S TERRIBLE CRIME MURDERS HIS WIFE, SON AND DAUGHTER

Murderer Afterwards Ended His Own Life—Canal Employee Killed by Falling Into Lock.

Shelbourne, Ont., Dec. 8.—Jan. Coulter, a farmer living in the northern part of Melancton, about ten miles from here, last night murdered his wife, daughter and son, and then committed suicide. Further particulars are not to hand.

World's Typewriting Record. Pueblo Editor Wrote Nearly Five Thousand Words in One Hour.

Puebla, Col., Dec. 8.—Ray T. Vanetich, state service editor of the Pueblo Chief, last night broke the world's typewriting record for both the thirty minutes and one hour tests, taking 2,600 words during the hour with 1,800 words during the thirty minutes.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Yesterday, for the second time in less than six weeks, Percy G. Hill rolled a perfect game. "O'Brien" Hill rolled a perfect game in the first game of the season.

LONDON TIMES NAMES PROBABLE MINISTERS

Sir E. Grey Likely to be Foreign Minister and H. H. Asquith Chancellor of the Exchequer.

London, Dec. 9.—The Times this morning says that Sir Edward Grey will probably become secretary for foreign affairs in the Campbell-Bannerman cabinet, while all the Liberal Imperialists, except Lord Rosebery will hold important offices.

Arthur Strong, Who Travelled West With J. C. Hammond, is in Helena.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 8.—Arthur Strong, who it was stated in a dispatch from Albany last night was under arrest here because of his association with John Cross Hammond, the murderer of the late Governor, was released today.

MURDERED HIS WIFE. New York, Dec. 8.—Pasquale Fringo, owner of Spanish Laale, Mamie F and other race horses, and a well-known character at local race tracks, shot and killed his wife, Emma, last night in a house on 30th street next door to the tenderloin police station.

WELCOMED HOME. Tokio, Dec. 8.—Gen. Kuroki and staff made a triumphant entry to-day. There was a great demonstration of enthusiasm.

ANOTHER REUNION OF OLD TIMERS

AGAIN GATHER AROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD

Men Who Nursed Province in Its Swallowing Clothes Period Exchange Reminiscences

Gathered about the festive board at the Victoria hotel on Friday night were a party of British Columbia old-timers, men who first came to the west in the sixties and seventies, and to whose indomitable energy is due the foundation of one of Canada's fairest provinces. It was the 21st annual banquet of the Pioneer Society, and there were those present who had attended each one with the faithfulness characteristic of the early settlers.

About 8:30 o'clock the guests filed into the dining room and took their seats. Occupying the president's chair was Charles Hayward; on his right sat Senator Macdonald, W. G. Cameron, M.P., and T. Fox, on the left Col. Holmes, D.O.C. and C. E. Redfern. The accommodation was by no means fully used; but those present were very representative of the British Columbia pioneers.

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ONE WHALE A DAY BEING CAPTURED

FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM WEST COAST

Work at Sechart Station is Progressing at Satisfactory Rate--Promising Industrial Centre.

Reports coming from the coast indicate that the whaling station since starting up a week ago has been in continuous operation and is handling whales at the rate of one a day. This whaling has been the best criterion yet afforded of the success of this new industrial venture on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

The manufacturing of a whale into guano, oil, etc., is a bigger undertaking than many are aware. In oil alone from 60 to 100 barrels of oil is taken from every carcass. In addition to six tons of guano and a large quantity of whalebone. It will be seen from that that a great number of barrels are required daily for the station.

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DELIGHTFUL CONCERT BY FIVE ARTISTS

Watkin Mills and Company Entertained Large Crowd at the Victoria Theatre Last Evening.

BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL

President Paterson presided over a meeting of the council of the board of trade which was held on Friday. A considerable quantity of business was transacted but owing to the exigencies of the Christmas season the following items are here published.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

Annual Meeting of Women's Council

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There's the fact, there are the day's duties to be got through and the woman who can rest may not. The woman who, when she married, said, "Now, I'll be my own mistress," finds herself a slave to household cares and duties.

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BRITAIN'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

The most pronounced fact respecting the composition of the Liberal government is that it is "mainly Scotch."

Whether that fact will commend it to the people of the sister kingdoms and call forth an additional display of the large spirit of tolerance which is one of the most pronounced political characteristics of the population south of the Tweed has yet to be determined.

Another prominent fact is the recognition which has been bestowed upon the radical elements of the Liberal party in the formation of the ministry of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

The population of Great Britain, in spots, is becoming quite advanced in its political opinions, and it is quite right and proper that the thinkers who lead their fellows should be given representation in the government.

The conservative elements have had their innings. It has been a somewhat longer spell than usual. The latter portion of the term was productive of some measures that were more reactionary than progressive.

It is now high time that the hands of the time-piece of progress were moved forward a trifle. An administration has been formed which will act in harmony with the evident sentiments of the people generally.

Whether the life of the government shall be long or short must depend upon the degree of strength its members display when their talents are put to a real test as well as upon the capacity for leadership exhibited by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

In all frankness it must be admitted that the Liberal leader's career thus far has not been impressive. He appears to lack the qualities which in Mr. Balfour throw so many serious defects completely into the background.

However, Sir Henry is about to be given a real chance to demonstrate the quality of his mettle.

There is a tradition in connection with British politics that the Liberals are strong in domestic affairs and the Conservatives must be relied upon in cases of foreign crises.

At the present time the political situation at home is very far from satisfactory. The Nonconformists of England have been roused to the greatest activity and hostility by the school legislation of the late government, which they regarded as putting altogether too much power into the hands of the Establishment.

Every section of Great Britain and Ireland has been stirred to its depths by the fiscal reforms proposed by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, a policy the late Premier is suspected of sympathizing with very deeply.

The Home Rulers of Ireland claim that they drove the last nail in the coffin of the Balfour government, and that no government of the future can exist unless it consents to view with favor the proposition to grant Ireland legislative independence—a very indefinite term and fraught with deep significance for the future of the British Empire considering the apparent temper of the Irish leaders.

It is, therefore, apparent that if the Liberals have hitherto proved themselves the more adept, and the more effective managers of domestic affairs, the government of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman must needs possess all the talents to meet the situation demanding its attention.

Admittedly there is much strong material in the cabinet. The names of nearly all the members of the government are familiar to those who take an interest in the affairs of the Mother Country.

Tainted Gold.

By Mrs. C. N. Williamson.

Author of "The Barn Stormers," "Fortune's Sport," "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "Queen Street," "The House by the Lock," etc.

CHAPTER XXV.—(Continued.)

"This offer had its humorous side, since the money she was pressing upon him was really his; but Newcome received it with a perfectly grave face.

"That's awfully good of you," he said, "and I will borrow a sovereign—I really don't want more—on one condition, and one only."

"What is that?" asked Winifred. "Well, you see, we've been partners, and nothing I hope can ever make us feel like strangers to each other again.

Such a contingency seemed at present rather remote, and so for the pleasure of lending him a pound to-day Winifred pledged herself to his condition for other days to come.

That evening she let him see her off at the station, and he stayed in Brighton for the night (instead of going straight to town to begin his partnership in preparation for the coming contest), solely for the joy of receiving a letter which Winifred had promised to write.

Next morning the letter came. She had written it before going to bed, in the flat which had once been such a dear home to her and the little mother, Mrs. Gray's release had been caused by some bad news about her son, so the girl wrote, though she did not tell what the nature of the news had been; but the nurses hoped for the best, and Winifred thought that the sight of her mother would do her good.

The situation in Russia is not improving. Anarchy is running riot in all the provinces now. The spirit of revolt has seized upon the armies in the Far East, so that the revolutionary circle is complete.

When he had sent the detective away he saw Newcome, and told him that he himself was besting his way with him. He had run down to Brighton for a few days by the sea, as he didn't care to go abroad this year, but after all, London was best, and he might make the journey together, if Newcome liked.

At this seemed very good-natured and unaffected for Newcome, who, although not as conspicuous as that in which he had called upon the Duke of Clarence, was shabby at best, and handsome and well set up as the wearer was many men in Macaire's position (Macaire had not needed his detective for a travelling companion).

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Only a dozen men were asked, and there were no women save those engaged to sing and dance strange new dances in diaphanous rainbow draperies while the guests sat over their wine and cigars.

His dining room was built like a banquet hall in an ancient Roman palace, with a floor of white marble, and the domed ceiling was of blue and gold mosaic, the pillars supporting its arches were of pink granite, and there were wonderful curtains of Stryand purple silk, bordered with scroll patterns in gold.

With the cigars came a gold cigarette case for each guest, with his own monogram in diamonds; and when the waiter had bowed his light blue and purple drapery away behind one of the purple curtains and no man cared for more wine—even Lionel Macaire's—the host suggested to his most honored guest an adjournment to the "cellar," as he called it, where something amusing might be expected.

"You must remember Miss Gray," Macaire went on, "you hauled a man off the driver's seat, and you know he might have you. Perhaps you knew her before?"

"No," said Newcome, calmly. "I'd never seen her till this night. You might you speak of happened quite by accident."

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Mayor's Commission.

CHAPTER XXX.

The Lion's Den.

Lionel Macaire was giving a dinner to a few friends at his huge palace of a house in Park Lane.

Only a dozen men were asked, and there were no women save those engaged to sing and dance strange new dances in diaphanous rainbow draperies while the guests sat over their wine and cigars.

His dining room was built like a banquet hall in an ancient Roman palace, with a floor of white marble, and the domed ceiling was of blue and gold mosaic, the pillars supporting its arches were of pink granite, and there were wonderful curtains of Stryand purple silk, bordered with scroll patterns in gold.

With the cigars came a gold cigarette case for each guest, with his own monogram in diamonds; and when the waiter had bowed his light blue and purple drapery away behind one of the purple curtains and no man cared for more wine—even Lionel Macaire's—the host suggested to his most honored guest an adjournment to the "cellar," as he called it, where something amusing might be expected.

"You must remember Miss Gray," Macaire went on, "you hauled a man off the driver's seat, and you know he might have you. Perhaps you knew her before?"

"No," said Newcome, calmly. "I'd never seen her till this night. You might you speak of happened quite by accident."

"You didn't run across her at Brighton, then?"

"I wish I had," Newcome answered, with such apparent frankness that no one could have suspected evasion. "I'd have gone to see her, but she had been playing in 'Mazepa.'"

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