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ONE HUNDRED DYNAMITE STRUCTURES TO BE PROBED

Federal Grand Jury at Indianapolis Embarked on Big Undertaking--Will Investigate a Nation-wide Conspiracy--Has Declared List of One Hundred Structures which were Blown up--In Every Case Non-union Men were Employed--McManigal's Important Part

(Canadian Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 14.—After weeks of preliminary work and probing by government agents in many parts of the country, where explosions have taken place, the federal grand jury was ready to begin here today investigation of an alleged nation-wide conspiracy by which more than one hundred structures were blown up and in which dynamite, nitro-glycerine and other explosives were carried into at least seventeen states.

A detailed list of one hundred explosions in structures erected by firms employing non-union workmen as furnished to the government by the National Erectors' Association, was prepared for the grand jury. The list beginning with explosions of structural work in Massachusetts and Connecticut in the summer of 1905, cites the damage done up until 1911, and points as indicating participation by others than John and James McNamara and Orville E. McManigal, that crimes of this nature were perpetrated in seventeen states.

The explosions began two years prior to the employment of the McNamaras or McManigal, who, according to his confession, blew up his first building in Detroit in June, 1907, "with twenty sticks of dynamite," and they extend into the present year, several months after the arrest of the McNamaras. There were two explosions in 1905, eight in 1906, six in 1907, twenty-six in 1908, twenty in 1909, twenty-five in 1910, and thirteen in 1911. They oc-

curred in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Utah, Washington and California.

The announcement that Mr. W. E. Griffin, chief of police of Kansas City, who had arrived here late today, prepared to testify concerning various explosions in Kansas City, drew attention to the important part which the confession of McManigal is to play in the probe bearing on these.

McManigal, in his confession, quoted at least one of the Kansas dates, saying:

"On August 23rd I pulled off the McClintock Marshall job at Kansas City. I did not see J. J. McNamara, although he was in town at the time. From Kansas City I went to Peroria, Ill. J. J. McNamara returned to Indianapolis on August 29th or 30th, 1910, at which time he paid me for doing the Kansas City job. I told him about the bad luck I had on the Peroria and Kansas City jobs, and he gave me H— about not getting back the clocks that did not go off."

The clocks referred to by McManigal were the alarm clocks used by him to regulate the time for the igniting of the fuses. Attached to the winding key of each alarm was a small sheet of copper, so adjusted that when the alarm was released the copper in turning joined two electric wires, which thus created a current and caused the spark that exploded the dynamite or nitro-glycerine.

SCHOOL BOOKS MAY BE FREE

Quebec Legislature May Adopt a Policy of this Kind Next Session

The Principle has Been Approved by the Roman Catholic Dignitaries of the Province

(Canadian Press.)

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—That free text books for the schools of the province may receive the approbation of the legislative assembly and finally settle a question which for years has been a live issue in Quebec political circles, has rendered possible by the action of the Roman Catholic section of the council of instruction for Quebec. At their last session this body, which is composed of the episcopal dignitaries of the province and many distinguished laymen of the same faith, approved of a resolution favoring the principle of free text books for the Catholic schools of the province. The resolution of the council of public instruction does not call upon the government to decree absolute freedom of text books, but that such a policy may depend upon the action of the respective municipalities. It is understood that a measure will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature, by one of Sir Lomer Gouin's ministers, decreeing the principle of free text books on condition that the municipalities pay their share. The only dissenting voice of this resolution was Mr. M. J. Tellier, M.L.A. for Joliette, and leader of the opposition in the provincial assembly on the ground that the resolution would not bring about the desired object which it is necessary to attain in the interest of education in the province.

Free school books has been a live question in Quebec political discussion for many years past. In fact, Hon. Felix Marchand carried the province on the cry, and the speech from the throne the following session contained a paragraph foreshadowing the creation of such a portfolio, while every one expected free text books to follow. The province, in fact, was on the verge of a crisis. Hon. J. A. Chapleau was lieutenant governor of the province and a cable was received at Spencer Wood from Rome, showing considerable hostility to the paragraph in the speech from the throne. His Honor showed the message to Premier Marchand, who replied that matters had gone too far and that he would resign rather than drop that part of the program, but no further action followed.

It is believed that the prelates still remain decidedly opposed to the establishment of a portfolio as proposed by Hon. Mr. Marchand, but the fact of their Lordships having assented to the free text book principle indicates a change in public opinion throughout the country.

EIGHT RIDERS LEFT OUT OF FIFTEEN

New York, Dec. 14.—A badly battered lot of riders were pedaling their way around the saucer track at Madison Square Garden, but eight of the original 15 teams still race and five teams has a fighting chance. The succession of accidents and consequent delays had left the contest at eight o'clock 14 miles and 1 lap behind the record. The score at that hour was: eight teams 1,561 miles 6 laps. Four teams 1,561 miles, 5 laps. Galvin and Wiley 1,561 miles 4 laps. Just after 8 o'clock Earl Salsow of the German team struck a beer glass dropped by a careless waiter who was running across the track. Salsow was thrown against the inside fence and picked unconscious, but he soon revived and it was said would be able to continue.

Champion Kramer with a hurt left shoulder and John Bedell whose head frame was broken, whose right arm and shoulder was bruised during a sprint, are in the worst condition so far as injuries go, but both took their regular turn when called upon by their trainers.

Mr. A. McN. Shaw of Toronto arrived in the city last night and registered at the Queen.

SYDNEY, N. S., IS IN FAVOR

Is the Best City in the World for a Ship Building Plant

At Least this is the Opinion of One of the Promoters of a Ten Million Dollar Company

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—That Sydney, N. S., is the best location of any city in the world for ship building purposes and is almost certain to be chosen as the location for British Canadian Company is the code for Canadian British Canadian Company, is statement of Grant Hugh Brown, one of the promoters of the big concern which was this year capitalized at ten million dollars.

Although disappointed at the setback given the naval policy by the recent elections, his company will go right ahead with its project for the establishment of a shipbuilding and first class dry dock in Canada, Mr. Brown declared. A delegation of the directorate of the company, probably including Sir Henry Pellatt and Governor Mortimer Gibson leave for Sydney today or tomorrow. Sydney is the first choice of the directorate and if they can secure certain additional privileges which they are asking notably a twenty year tax exemption. Sydney would certainly be the location of the plant. "It is the best shipbuilding site in the world," said Mr. Brown. "It's steel industry and water facilities putting it in the premier place."

Halifax is the second choice, but Sydney is further favored, said Mr. Brown, because of the character of the people there as compared with those of Halifax. "Every shoemaker in Sydney would mortgage his soul to get a shipbuilding plant in the city," said Mr. Brown. He thought that the Halifax people were on the other hand a rather autocratic crowd.

After the British Canadian directors have got through with Sydney they will go to Halifax.

The plant if located in Sydney, will be between the Steel Works and the Cove to North. None of the other sites mentioned are large enough. The company has now 120 acres under control to the north of the steel works, directly on the harbor and figure that it can get the extra 300 acres required without difficulty.

WHOLE FAMILY MURDERED NEAR ALBANY

Italian Farm Hand Believed to Have Committed the Foul Deed--Bodies Were Found Buried in a Manure Pile

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Some time between last Tuesday noon, and evening, an Italian farm hand employed by the Morner family of Defresville, a hamlet six miles from Albany, is believed by the police to have slain Mrs. Conrad Morner, her daughters, Edith, aged 8 and Blanche, aged 17, and her 28 year old son Arthur. The bodies of the three women were discovered late last night in the gloomy barn on the Morner farm, where they had been so hacked with a hatchet and battered with a bale stick, that the murderer had been able to crush all three of them into a small manure pit on one side of the stable. Morner's body is missing and trace is also lacking of the farm hand, who is known as Ed Dennis.

Troy, N.Y., Dec. 14.—The body of Arthur Morner, mutilated and with his throat cut, was found under another part of the barn floor at nine o'clock by Sheriff Gotrell's searchers.

Hon. John Morrisey and Hon. W. O. H. Grimmer who were here attending a meeting of the provincial government returned to their homes last night.

TRADE SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Business with United States Greatly Exceeded that of Last Year

Imports from that Country were in Excess of Two Hundred and Eighty Four Millions

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—During the last fiscal year Canada's trade with the United States increased by no less than \$61,590,676, out of a total increase with the world of \$76,232,684. The increased trade with Great Britain during the year was only \$2,237,928, as compared with an increase of \$2,230,761 with Germany, and \$1,726,300 with France.

These are the striking figures of the annual report of the trade and commerce department giving Canadian trade with the United Kingdom, United States, France and Germany during the twelve months ended March 31st last.

Despite the high tariff between the United States and Canada, compared with the British preference, trade with the country to the south is increasing at a rate twenty-five times at least as that with the United Kingdom, according to the figures of last year.

It may be explained, however, that last year's crop shortage resulted in a decrease of \$7,326,021, in the exports of Canadian products to the mother country, although imports for home consumption increased by nearly \$15,000,000.

This year's exports to the United Kingdom are showing a decided increase and the figures at the end of the year will show a more satisfactory statement, in so far as trade with Great Britain is concerned.

STARTLING FIGURES

Imports from the United States last year totalled \$284,325,321, an increase over the preceding year of a little over \$51,000,000. Imports from Great Britain totalled \$110,585,004, an increase of nearly \$14,000,000. These figures are for imports for home consumption only.

Exports of Canadian products to the mother country totalled \$132,156,924, as compared with exports to the United States totalling 104,155,323.

The total trade of the dominion for the year was \$769,443,905, of which \$462,041,330 were imports. The increase in trade was practically all in imports.

The Canadian government will next summer entertain the delegates to the International Marine Association Conference at Philadelphia at the conclusion of the conference in July. Representatives of all the leading marine interests of the world will attend the conference.

When it adjourns the members will make a tour of the great lakes and St. Lawrence waterways as guests of the Canadian government, visiting Fort William, Owen Sound, Toronto Kingston and Montreal.

An appropriation of \$20,000 will be placed in the estimates for the coming year to defray the cost of the trip through Canadian waters.

WANTS \$5000 DAMAGES FROM LOG DRIVING CO.

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, Dec. 14.—The St. John River Steamship Company is bringing action against the St. John River Log Driving Company for the sum of \$5,000. The action is based on an accident to the steamer Victoria in May last when she was driven on a pier at the Fredericton railway bridge by a log jam, and also by losses sustained during the summer by floating logs.

MR. PALMER HERE

Mr. W. Leonard Palmer, representing London Financial News, arrived here last night. Tonight he will address the public meeting under the auspices of the board of trade in the City Council Chamber on the opportunities offered by the province and methods to be adopted to attract British capital.

HON. DR. PUGSLEY DISCUSSES VALLEY RAILWAY CONTRACT

The Ex-Minister of Public Works is Pleased that the Local Government Decided to Have the Road Constructed from St. John to Grand Falls--Premier Flemming not Slow to Absorb Other Peoples' Ideas--Liberals' Good Work at Ottawa During Session

(St. John Times)

Some interesting comments on the recent session of the federal parliament and of the completion of the contract for the St. John Valley Railway were given by Hon. Wm. Pugsley this morning in an interview which he granted to a Times' reporter. In expressing his gratification at the signing of the contract, Dr. Pugsley also expressed his pleasure at finding that the present government had adhered so closely to the terms and principles for which he and his colleagues had held out so firmly.

When asked for some impressions on the session which has just been concluded, Dr. Pugsley said that in the short time at his disposal, it would be impossible to give a full and complete report of the proceedings between the assembling of parliament and the adjournment. "The proceedings," he said, "were interesting, and were very much enjoyed—by the members of the opposition at all events."

"In addition to the debate on the address," he said "we found that it was our duty to ask a good many questions on matters of public interest. I notice that some members of the government in speeches made since parliament adjourned have complained that the government was embarrassed by the number of questions put to them by the opposition. This seems to me to be very childish on their part for they should remember that it is the duty of the opposition to obtain all necessary information from the ministers on matters of public interest."

"The opposition is in great fighting trim, thoroughly united under our

great leader and the members propose giving a good account of themselves during this and subsequent sessions until the next general election, which must come before long as a result of redistribution and increased representation to which the west is entitled."

When the signing of the contract for the construction of the Valley Railway was referred to by the reporter, Dr. Pugsley said: "I have just read the reports in the morning papers and I am very glad that this important matter has advanced to the present stage. I am especially pleased that the provincial government appears to have carried out the agreement advocated by the late government under which the railway is to be built, not as first proposed by the provincial government from a point on the American boundary in Victoria county to a point on the Canadian Pacific, but to be constructed all the way from St. John to Grand Falls and to be operated by the federal government as part of the Intercolonial system."

"I notice that the standard of construction that we insisted upon, viz., that the grades should be first class and that the rails should not be less than eighty pounds to the yard have been agreed to the specifications providing just as we had agreed, that from Fredericton to St. John the grades should be the same as on the National Transcontinental which is not to exceed four-tenths of one per cent to a mile, and between Fredericton and Grand Falls the best which the physical features of the country will admit of and in no case to exceed."

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THE KING'S SISTER HAD THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Royal Party Were Much Exhausted when Rescued from the Wrecked Steamer--The Princess Showed Great Pluck

Gibraltar, Dec. 14.—All the members of the royal party, comprising the Princess Royal, the Duke of Fife, and their two daughters, who suffered such terrible experiences during their landing from the wreck of the Delhi, off Cape Spartel, yesterday, are reported to be well this morning. Although they are much exhausted, the royal ladies were perfectly calm and went among the passengers during the wreck. Amusement was caused by a gentleman who gave one of the young princesses a lucky ring, assuring her that no harm could come to the owner, while wearing it. The princess immediately put the ring on her finger. The royal party refused to leave the ship on the first French boat that came, but went ashore attended by Admiral Craddock. When close to the beach, the boat capsized. All waded through the surf, after being tossed about for several minutes. The princess showed great pluck all through.

JOHN DALY CAPTURED BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, Dec. 14.—In a remarkably well played finish John Daly of Chicago last night recaptured the world's three cushion billiard championship from Alfred Deoro by the narrow margin of 3 points, the score for three nights play being Daly 150, Deoro, 148. Tonight's block went 114 inings.

VOTES FOR WOMEN WOULD BE A POLITICAL MISTAKE

At Least this is the Opinion of Premier Asquith--Anti-Suffragists are Aroused to Action in Great Britain

London, Dec. 14.—The anti-suffragists have been roused to action by the recent violent demonstrations of the suffragettes. Important deputations of the National Anti-Women's Suffrage Society, under the leadership of Lord Curzon of Kedleston, was received by Premier Asquith at his official residence on Downing Street this morning. The object of the deputation was to secure the prime minister's co-operation in blocking the threatened enfranchisement of women by means of an amendment to the government forthcoming franchise reform bill, which includes the granting of votes to women. Mr. Asquith expressed his hearty sympathy with the object of the deputation and agreed with them to grant the franchise to women, would be a political mistake of a very disastrous kind. The premier said that he did not reject the suggestion that a referendum should be held on the subject of woman's franchise, but he feared that the verdict of such a referendum would not be accepted by the suffragettes, unless women were permitted to vote in the referendum. Mr. Asquith thought the public opinion in the British Isle was much against the change and the granting of suffrage to women that it would prove a dominating factor in defeating the proposal even should a franchise bill, including the women vote as carried through the House of Commons.

Mr. M. Lodge of Moncton is registered at the Queen.

CAR BUILDING AN INDUSTRY OF IMPORTANCE

President of Canada Car and Foundry Company Very Optimistic--Many Orders Booked for next Year

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Although Canadian car builders are shut out from the United States by a prohibitory tariff, which works out to the disadvantage of the Dominion in every instance, car building is developing rapidly according to Mr. N. Curry, president of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. Ltd. This year's output of the concern will foot up to \$12,500,000 and he thinks that the figure for 1912 will reach at least \$16,000,000 for the good reason that they have about \$10,000,000 worth of orders for next year already on their books and the total will certainly be sixteen millions and perhaps will total up to 17 and a half millions before the end of next year.

TRANSFER OF CAPITAL HAS MADE TROUBLE

(Canadian Press.)

Calcutta, India, Dec. 14.—The transfer of the capital of India from here to Delhi, which was proclaimed at the close of Durbar after the coronation of the King-Emperor, has had a serious financial effect. Government bonds made a record fall of eight annas, (16 cents) yesterday, and a further decline of three annas today. The shares of land owning companies are glutting the market so great is the rush to sell property in Calcutta.

UNKNOWN MAN'S BODY FOUND IN HUT IN QUEBEC

Believed to Have Been the Victim of a Terrible Tragedy -- The Body was Partially Devoured by Rats

Quebec, Que., Dec. 14.—Latest news from Bay St., St. Paul, show that the discovery of the body of an unknown in an abandoned hut near that place, points to a terrible tragedy. That a most foul murder was committed is evident by the horribly mutilated remains of the unknown man and a blood smeared coat lying by the body, upon which also was found hairs from the head of the victim. The tragedy is a terrible one and it is thought that the body of the slain man has lain in the hut since the 23rd or 24th of October last.

The murdered man had been hacked with an axe, and his skull had also been crushed evidently with a hammer, rats had discovered the body and both hands were almost gnawed away. There is no clue to the victim's identity.

N. S. COAL MINE UNDER THE HAMMER

(Special to The Mail)

Halifax, Dec. 14.—The North Atlantic Colliery at Cape Breton was today sold at auction under foreclosure at the suit of bondholders. It was purchased for Stone and Webster of Boston at \$70,500.

Mr. W. Leonard Palmer of London arrived from Moncton last night. He is at the Barker House.