

CRIMINAL TRIAL TO LAST A YEAR

Historic Town in Italy the Centre of World Wide Interest

Leaders of Neapolitan Camorra About to be Judged—450 Witnesses to be Called.

(Canadian Press)

Viterbo, Italy, Friday, Feb. 25.—This historic town called by ancient writers "The city of handsome fountains and beautiful women" has not been a centre of such interest as now since the 13th century when the conclave which resulted in the election of Theodore Visconti as Gregory X. continued in session for two years and nine months during which time it was the scene of unending violence and bloodshed, among the murdered being the English Prince Henry. At the present time it is a criminal trial instead of a conclave which attracts the interest of the whole world. The leaders of the dreaded Neapolitan Camorra are about to be judged and the trial will last at least a year. The authorities are busy perfecting elaborate police and military precautions against interference on the part of thousands of friends of the forty-one prisoners, many of them desperate men. The testimony of 450 witnesses has been prepared by the state. It was one of the ramifications of this case unquestionably which led to the assassination of the New York Detective Lieutenant Joseph Petrosino.

YORK COUNTY FARMERS DISCUSS RECIPROCITY

The reciprocity agreement furnishes a fruitful topic for conversation in the country market these days. The farmers are taking a very lively interest in the question and all except the most violent Tory partisans among them are confident that the measure will be of untold benefit to New Brunswick.

There were eleven loads of hay in the market at one time this morning and the demand for it was very slow at six and seven dollars a ton. "Do you suppose," remarked a well-informed farmer, to The Mail, "that I would be compelled to sell hay at a starvation price if the market of the United States was open to me. The farmer who opposes reciprocity for political reasons is cutting off his nose to spite his face."

Another farmer in discussing reciprocity, said: "It is the first real concession granted to the farmers by any government since Confederation, and we should stand together and show our appreciation of it. All we want to make us prosperous is a staple market for our surplus products."

Another farmer, a rank Tory from Keswick Ridge, argued against reciprocity because he thought it might increase the price of farm produce to the people of Fredericton.

"It will do the farmers of New Brunswick no harm to have the United States market thrown open to them," remarked a leading Queensbury farmer. "For my part, I am willing to give reciprocity a trial."

Ex-Warden John McKeen of Keswick Ridge, a life-long Conservative, has heartily endorsed the reciprocity agreement. Mr. McKeen thinks it will be a great boon to New Brunswick and he has no sympathy with the campaign of misrepresentation being carried on by the Conservative press. "They cannot bamboozle me by such rot," is the way he expressed himself in conversation with a friend recently.

P. E. ISLAND OUTPUT OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Feb. 25.—The value of cheese and butter manufactured at the forty-five Island factories last year was \$514,000, the best in the history of the province. The increase was \$12,000 over last year. There was a decrease in the cheese but an increase in the butter.

BOGUS STOCK OF LITTLE NIP

Anxious Shareholder Find That a Big Block of it Was Issued

Impossible to Tell Good From Bad— Company's Affairs in Deplorable Condition.

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Two hundred and eighteen anxious shareholders of the little Nipissing Silver Cobalt Company held a special meeting yesterday and learned that there had been issued 664,244 shares of the company's stock more than the 1,250,000 shares authorized by them and that it was impossible to distinguish between the good stock and the bad. It was stated to them that the affairs of the country were in about as deplorable a state as they could be.

The shareholders unanimously resolved that the directors immediately seek special legislation authorizing an increase in the capital stock from \$1,500,000 to 3,000,000. By this means all the spurious stock which has been issued will be invalidated.

MADE GRUESOME FIND IN A SMALL TRUNK

New York, Feb. 25.—Nathan Levin, bought a small trunk for a few cents at an auction sale of unclaimed warehouse goods today, took it home and was horrified upon opening it to find that he had purchased the ashes of two human beings. The ashes were in two tin receptacles and were labelled "Minnie Eveleigh, New York Sept. 1, 1902" and "Ernest Kruger, Jan'y 27, 1907."

FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL MAY VISIT CANADA

London, Feb. 25.—The Duke and Duchess of Argyll expect to revisit Canada next year, as the guests of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. The first intimation of the intention of the former governor general to revisit Canada, came from Hamilton, where it was announced that the Duke would pay a visit to the Highland Regiment in that city. It was pointed out that at the time that the return of a former governor general to the scene of his former labors formed a unique occurrence in colonial history.

BRITISH STATESMAN HAS PASSED AWAY

London, Feb. 25.—Viscount Wolverhampton, formerly secretary of state for India and from 1903 until 1910 Lord President of the Council, died here today.

Henry Jertly Fowler, the first Viscount Wolverhampton was born May 16, 1836 and was the youngest son of the late Rev. Joseph Fowler. He was created a Viscount in 1908.

MAPLE SUGAR MAKERS WANT PROTECTION

Toronto, Feb. 25.—A petition is being circulated among pure maple sugar manufacturers of Canada, asking from the Dominion government an amendment to the adulteration act which will protect pure maple sugar products from competition with adulterated sugars and syrups.

The petition asks that the word maple, be made illegal in connection with products containing foreign sugar.

Rich foods and fear of water are potent causes of a muddy skin.

FRENCH MINISTRY LIKELY TO RESIGN

Narrowly Escaped Defeat in the Chamber of Deputies—Political Crisis in French Republic Believed to be at Hand—Premier Briand For the First Time Finds Himself on Shifting Sands —Said to be Worn Out by Bickerings and Petty Distractions and Desirous of Giving Up the Fight.



Paris, Feb. 25.—Premier Briand and his cabinet were severely attacked in the Chamber of Deputies last night by the Radical Socialists Louis Malvy and Paul Meunier. They accused that Briand of clericalism claiming that he had not applied sufficient severity to the religious congregations law. Premier Briand asked for the confidence of the chamber which was voted by the small majority of 16. The cabinet met last night to consider the delicate situation caused by its dwindled majority but postponed action until today.

It is regarded as certain that the Briand ministry will resign on Monday as a consequence of the attack made upon it in the chamber of deputies last night and the small majority.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Premier Briand for the first time in his brilliant career as the controlling influence in the government of France finds himself on shifting sands. It is quite probable that the resignation of the cabinet will be presented to President Fallieres on Monday. If this course is not adopted, it will be more because of the urgency of personal friendship and the fact that no other strong leader appears available than because of any desire on the part of the premier to continue the fight against the radical socialists and the anti-clericals.

The premier's friends described him today as "Sick of it all," worn out physically and weary in spirit over the bickerings and petty distractions. Only a broad sense of duty will hold him if he remains at his post. Beyond the matter of his personal inclinations there is the unquestioned weakening of the premier's power and confidence in his ministry. The leader who has before survived grave crisis and come off with a triumphant vote of the chamber of deputies, last night escaped censure of the government by a bare majority of 16 votes.

Following the adjournment of the chamber, the cabinet met at the premier's office and considered the situation. Foreign Minister Pinchon and Minister of Commerce Dupuy were for resigning at once. All of the other

EXCITEMENT IN PORTUGAL OVER PASTORAL

Lisbon, Feb. 25.—Intense excitement prevails here following a report today that the republic will take legal action against the patriarch of Lisbon for addressing a pastoral to the Bishops and arbitrators of all Portugal harshly criticizing the government for the proposed dissolution of state and church. It is stated that the pastoral will have no effect on the course of the government. Another sensation has been caused by an attack on Senor Machado Santos, a newspaper owner who has posed since the overthrow of the monarchy as one of the heroes of the revolution. A poster acclaiming Santos as a coward was stuck up in front of the self-styled hero's newspaper.

Pasadena, Calif., Feb. 25.—It snowed in Pasadena yesterday for the first time in twenty years. Everyone rushed into the streets and began snow-balling. After fifteen minutes the snow turned to hail and rain.

CHICAGO GIRL APPEARS OUT IN HAREM SKIRT

Chicago Feb. 25.—Chicago has its first harem skirt and is apparently kinder to the new model than Paris and Madrid. The pantaloons were worn yesterday by Miss Frances Mills and aside from causing a noticeable craning of necks, the day passed well for Miss Mills. Her appearance on Michigan Avenue caused a furor of excitement and the young woman was forced to escape in a taxicab. Crowds followed her all through the loop district but aside from snickers she was not molested.

SIXTEEN KILLED BY AN AVALANCHE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—An avalanche overwhelmed a school in the village of Aibge in the Black Sea government yesterday and killed sixteen persons.

SERIOUS FIRE AT MONTREAL EARLY TODAY

Montreal, Feb. 25.—Forty-five automobiles and about as many carriages went up in smoke last night when a spectacular and costly fire broke out in the block owned by Fierre Brault St. Antoine St and did nearly \$150,000 worth of damage. In the building were housed the Brault Carriage works, Rousseau Bros. automobile garage and repair shop and the Utopia resort of colored men.

FOREST OF DEAN REMAINS LIBERAL

London, Feb. 25.—Harry Webb, a Liberal, was elected to Parliament in the bye-election in the Forest-of-Dean district of Gloucester county today. The district is regularly Liberal, and was formerly represented by Sir Charles Dilke.

ATTENTION FOCUSED ON RECIPROCITY BILL

Senator Aldrich Expected to Reach Wash- ington on Monday From the South—Is Favorable to the Bill and May be Able to Put it Through the Senate—Hearst Suggests a Reciprocity Race—B.C. Board of Trade Defeats Resolution Condemn- ing Agreement.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Feb. 25.—The announcement that Senator Aldrich will return on Monday, the reporting of the McCall Bill by the Senate Finance Committee, and a preliminary discussion upon it in the Senate, have focused attention once more upon the reciprocity bill and its battle for life during the remaining week of the session.

The feeling was general at the capital, that an extra session for reciprocity was inevitable, in view of the choked condition of the legislative channels. Allowance will now have to be made for whatever Senator Aldrich can accomplish, as he is known to favor the passing of the bill, although he has always been regarded as a prince of protectionists.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

Vancouver, B. C. Feb. 25.—The Vancouver board of trade last night defeated a resolution condemning the proposed reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States. Seven members voted for the resolution and ten against it. Several of those present declined to vote.

WANTS RECIPROCITY RACE.

New York, Feb. 25.—W. R. Hearst, commodore of the Brooklyn Yacht Club suggested a "Reciprocity" motor boat race between Canada and the United States in an address last night before the annual dinner of the Club.

"Our country has taken steps recently to bring our country into trade relations with Canada," he said, "and it seems to me that would be a good thing if the yachtmen would do all in their power to promote that movement. I would like to suggest to the racing committee of the club that they arrange for a reciprocity race, between motor boats from New York to Halifax, Canada. I think it would be beneficial to both countries."

Joseph Fleming Day, editor of a nautical publication, endorsed Mr. Hearst's suggestion and said that it would not only promote good feeling between the nations but would be a factor in building up the American merchants marine by creating interest in sea craft.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Opponents of the Canadian reciprocity agreement attempted to put a quibus on legislation on the subject when the McCall bill to carry out the provisions of the agreement late today, was reported "without recommendation" from the senate committee on finance. So far as the present session of congress is concerned, they took a long step toward accomplishing their purpose.

As only a few days remain to put the bill through a hostile body the speeches against it were accepted generally as its death knell, until a resurrection should come in an extra session.

Senator Bailey, the Democratic leader expressed the opinion that the best interests of the agriculturists would be served by the defeat of the bill. The Texas senator said that while the agreement admitted wheat and cattle free, it retained the duty on flour and beef meat.

"Civilized people eat flour and not wheat, beef and not cattle," he said. True it was he continued that the agreement provided for a free pulp wood but this change in the tariff laws would mean the loss of almost \$500,000 of revenue to the treasury annually. He had been informed he said, that this change would be worth \$5,000,000 to the newspapers and magazine publishers, but for himself he could not consent to a measure which gave such preference to the rich against the poor and needy.

HALE WILL NOT BE DRIVEN.

Senator Hale concurred in all that Mr. Bailey has said, and added that while the bill had been reported without recommendation, the committee had done so in face of the fact that an unquestioned majority could other

wise have been had for an adverse report.

Coming to the consideration of the bill on its merits, Mr. Hale said: "It is my understanding that the bill will take its course in accordance with the feeling and desire of the senate whatever that may be. If the senate does not choose to take it up that course will be within its clear right and any effort on the part of anyone, of whatever authority to drive the senate now or at any time would be an assumption of power which would be unwarranted."

Senator Stone of Missouri, the minority member of the committee announced his intention of supporting the measure on the ground that it would be in the line of wise and progressive statesmanship.

Speaking briefly for a second time Senator Bailey stated that while opposed to the bill he would not seek to delay its passage. "I am ready to vote on it, as soon as the Lormier case is disposed of," he said. "If the legislation should reduce the cost of living it would do so at the expense of the farmers along the northern boundary, and I should be greatly concerned in observing their settlement of the question with those responsible for its enactment."

The bill went on the calendar where it is subject to consideration whenever the senate may decide to take it up.

UP TO SENATE NOW.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Canadian reciprocity agreement has been ordered reported to the Senate without recommendation by the finance committee.

After the two votes had been taken on the bill and both had failed by margins of one, there was only one course left open to the committee if the pledge to President Taft not to smother the bill was to be kept. That was to return the bill to the Senate without recommendation and this motion was at once submitted by Acting Chairman Burrows. It carried unanimously.

No amendments to the bill were adopted and it will come up on the floor of the Senate, therefore in the exact form in which it was passed by the House. Undoubtedly there will be many attempts on the floor to modify the measure, the action of the committee being accepted generally as an invitation to anyone who cares to do so to present any amendments he may choose.

If consideration is given to all of the amendments which are almost certain to be offered, and there is no way to prevent such consideration under the rules of the Senate, if the sponsors are insistent, it seems certain no vote will be taken on reciprocity at the present session. The division in the committee today was not made public.

President Taft today made public a telegram signed by a dozen lumber and other companies in the State of Washington, who declare that the "Pacific Northwest has not a single interest that will suffer from the Canadian reciprocity agreement." They say they are opposed to any amendment that will endanger the adoption of the agreement.

The usual flood of telegrams regarding Canadian reciprocity met the Senate today. Among them were two from Seattle, one from the Chamber of Commerce declaring that the enactment of the proposed legislation would be a serious blow to the interests of the northwest and the other from business houses protesting against the statement of the Chamber and declaring that "not a single interest would suffer through reciprocity."

ONTARIO FARMERS FOR RECIPROCITY.
Toronto, Feb. 24.—The Canadian Farm this week publishes some fifty-five "post-card interviews" with

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