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THE WEATHER.
Moderate to fresh
north-westerly winds,
fair and cooler today
and Saturday.

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OPINIONS ARE DIVIDED AS TO HODGINS CHARGES

Majority Report Says Charges Were Not Proven While Minority Says They Were and Report Contains for Further Investigation.

Ottawa, June 26.—Majority and minority reports of the committee on the Hodgins charges were brought down this morning. The majority report says:—
“Your committee decided that as the charges made by Major Hodgins had been withdrawn the question as to whether the engineers on districts B and F were classifying according to the interpretation of the specifications as laid down by the chief engineer was a technical one which Major Hodgins did not wish to present. The committee therefore decided that it was the proper tribunal to determine whether or not there was an issue in this matter.”
“The committee therefore find that Major Hodgins has not only failed to prove the charges as contained in the ‘Colonist’ but has also failed to prove that he has specifically withdrawn the same and has unqualifiedly exonerated the commissioners and their engineers from any improper conduct or undue influence over officials under them or of collision with the contractors and that if questions over classification arise they should be decided by the arbitrators.”
The majority report is signed by Messrs. Geoffrion, MacDonald and Carvel and the minority by Messrs. Barker and Lennox.
The minority report says in part as shown by the papers and documents produced by the commissioners “that many charges of over classification or excessive allowances are undue payments by the commissioners to the contractors of a like description to those charged by Major Hodgins have formally been made by the G. T. P., which charges involve and are examples of enormous payments out of the public funds and are of serious concern to this dominion. They cover and include not only the charge made by Major Hodgins but other specific and more serious complaints not merely for the period dealt with by Major Hodgins, but continuous to the time of the order of reference to your committee. Such complaints are within the scope of the order within which your committee have been conducting this enquiry and should be investigated by them.”

WILL APPEAL TO HIGHER COURTS

Plumbers Union of Winnipeg to Appeal a Case Recently Decided Against Them.

Winnipeg, Man., June 26.—(Special).—The Plumbers Union of Winnipeg has made an appeal to all the trades organizations of the Dominion for financial aid to enable them to appeal to the higher courts against the judgment recently rendered in the case of the master plumbers against the union. In this case the union was fined \$2,000 for persuading the non-union men to quit work, or not to go to work during the last strike of that body. The trades and labor council has voted \$500 to start a fund.

DENMARK'S ROYAL GHOST

The present Prince Royal of Denmark had a curious experience some 13 years ago. He and his father and mother—the present King and Queen—were staying at a castle which had a curious reputation for “ghosts.” One evening after dinner he went to another room to find something which he wanted. There was no electric light, and so he took a candle. In a short time he came back, pale and trembling, saying the room was full of armed men, who were his father and mother. He then rushed out and called out his light. Much disturbed, the King roused the household, told them to arm themselves and bring lights. Then he led them to the suspected room, and finding the door suddenly open, called on those within to surrender. There was nothing within but darkness and silence. Moreover, there seemed no possible way by which such a body of men like the Prince described could have entered and escaped unseen. Yet the Prince persisted in his story.

Different color was imparted to his experience when it occurred to him that he was sitting in the room in the evening and a blaze of candles, when suddenly she became aware of a figure all in white standing near the door.
The door was not open and she had not heard it open. The figure gazed at her fixedly, but did not speak, and at first she was too spellbound to cry out; but eventually she called out to know who or what the intruder was. Receiving no answer to her inquiry, she sprang up to ring the bell, and then she saw the figure turn and walk deliberately and slowly through the closed door.

NEGROES DRIVEN OUT OF TEXAS WITH LASH

Galveston, June 25.—The reign of terror precipitated in Sabine County by the lynching of nine negroes following the murder of two white men seals the doom of the blacks in Sabine, Newton and San Augustine counties.

The negroes are being driven out of these three counties into Louisiana and other sections of Texas, and a dozen or more of them who attempted resistance were whipped and thrashed.

The militia and State Rangers were powerless to interfere, as the majority of the negroes obeyed the summons for them to leave the county or suffer death.

Sabine County was one of the first counties in the State settled, and the negroes in that section are densely ignorant. White politicians hired them to kill and burn out old and influential settlers. Ten white men who attempted to criticize the driving of the blacks were run out of Sabine County.

STUFFED TOMATOES A LA CAROLINA.

Select a dozen round tomatoes of the same size. Remove a piece about an inch in diameter from the blossom end of each. Remove the seeds and pulp, to leave a shell, and chop the pulp fine. Put into a saucepan four tablespoons of butter and saute, in this half an onion chopped fine, then add a pint of chopped mushrooms and cook, constantly stirring until the moisture evaporates; now add the tomato pulp, half a cup of lean ham, cooked chopped fine, half a cup of bread crumbs (stale, not dried), a few leaves of sweet herbs, tied in a parsley bunch, salt and pepper, with broth or thickened sauce to moisten; stir and cook until thoroughly heated, then remove the parsley bunch and fill the tomatoes. The mixture should not be too moist. Set the tomatoes in a baking pan and sprinkle with grated cheese and buttered crumbs. Bake about half an hour in a moderate oven.

TEHRAN IS QUIET NOW

Trouble There is Apparently Over, at Least for the Present

St. Petersburg, June 26.—A foreign official communication, based on the report from M. Hartwig, Russian minister to Persia, confirms the news that quiet has been restored in Tehran. It states that the Cabinet remains in power and that the Shah's position is believed to be greatly improved. The Russian and British representatives at Tehran have cognizance of the intrigues of Zill-Es-Sultan, the uncle of the Shah, who has been warned to desist. Although the official representations which have been made to the Shah deal exclusively with the matter of safety of Europeans in Persia, both Russia and Great Britain have strongly hinted to him that he must uphold the constitution in order to save the throne. The Shah has vowed his determination to preserve the national council. The communication admits that M. Hartwig played a leading part in the negotiations between the National Council and the Shah, acting as intermediary. The Russian Minister has certified that the council is innocent of intrigues against the Shah.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK ON BOMBAY RAILWAY

A Number of Persons Killed in Collision Between Freight and Express Trains.

Bombay, India, June 26.—In a collision between an express and a freight train on the Bombay and Baroda Railway near Baroda to-day, a number of persons were killed. It will be impossible to estimate the loss of life until the wreckage has been cleared away. Four passenger coaches and four mail cars of the express train and four cars of the freight train were burned.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA ARE IN HARMONY

Mukden, June 26.—The Russo-Chinese Bank, in spite of the protest of the legation at Peking, is to immediately withdraw its branches from Japan, extending its influence. The bank has been shorn of its political character since the death of M. Pokotiloff, former Russian minister to China, and its withdrawal from southern Manchuria is suggested by the Russo-Japanese entente by further weakening the spheres of influence of the two countries in Manchuria.

GRANTED PENSIONS

London, June 26.—The list of pensions granted by the government in the past year for services to science and literature includes \$12,500 yearly to Professor Edwin Ray Lankester, director of the natural history museum, and \$250 yearly to Paul Fountain, an American traveller and writer, the latter in consideration of his contributions to literature and his straitened circumstances.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, June 26.—(Special).—Stocks were dull again, but prices were firm. Detroit continued a strong feature, advancing to 59 3/4, and Toronto Ry showed a slight rally at 98 3/4. Some Ogilvie Company changed hands at 105, and steady features were Mexican 55, Rio 43 5/8, Toledo 19, Lake of Woods at 89 1/2, was off a fraction.

BURNED TO DEATH.

New York, June 26.—Frederick D. Gristed, 50 years old, was burned to death early today in his warehouse on East 110th street. He was a member of the firm of Gristed Bros., proprietors of a chain of a dozen grocery stores in Harlem. Fire broke out in the Gristed warehouse shortly after midnight. The flames after a short fight extinguished the blaze. They thought everything had gotten out of the building, but when washing down the ruins came upon the burned body of the proprietor. It is not known how he came to be caught in the fire.

NEW DIAMOND FIELD FOUND.

Berlin, June 26.—A despatch received here from Witbooi, German Southwest Africa, says that a diamond field, the extent of which is nearly ten square miles, had been discovered at Luderitz Bay.

CENTRAL RAILWAY ENQUIRY CONTINUED THIS MORNING

Deputy Receiver General and Others Examined as to Company's Dealings With the Government—How the Original Central Railway Stock Was Held.

Fredericton, June 26 (Special).—The Central Railway commissioners made good progress with the enquiry here this morning. They had before them Deputy Receiver General Babbitt who made further explanations regarding the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's transactions with the government and J. J. Fraser Winslow, secretary of the company submitted a list of the stockholders in regard to the business methods followed by the company.

C. A. McVey of the board of works of the Central Railway to the commissioners. The road from Nottville to Miramichi was shown to be 50.23 miles in length but as there are some more lines Mr. Powell promised to examine Engineer Wetmore as to the exact mileage. Mr. Babbitt was here called and explained that the first payment of the interest on the \$300,000 of bonds guaranteed by the province of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company was made July 2, 1905.

Previous to that the company had financed the interest of the bonds \$250,000 of which were issued on construction account and the remainder in payment for the Central Railway.

Mr. Winslow swore that he succeeded George W. Allen, as secretary of the N.B. Coal and Ry. Co. in 1904 and still held the office so far as he knew. He had kept a stock record of the company but about a year ago handed it over to the deputy receiver-general. He did not think that the company had any treasurer, but as secretary he kept a record of expenditures.

George McVey, president of the company made payments to the James Barnes Construction Company from time to time. He knew nothing of the transfer of the company's property to the government. He held stock in the company but had received nothing for it. The stock ledger for the company was produced by Mr. Powell and witness examined in regard to it. He said that five hundred shares had been issued at a par value of \$100, making a total of \$50,000 or one half the capital. Of the total issue Charles N. Skinner of St. John held 490 shares, E. B. Winslow, Willard Kitchen, R. A. Irving, Franklin Stetson, A. P. Barnhill, Ernest Hutchinson and Charles A. Bruce held ten shares each, making up the total. Mr. Skinner had subsequently transferred eleven shares to Mr. Barnhill, ten to

James Robinson, ten to A. I. Treseman, three to Franklin Stetson, three to George McVey, one to Charles P. Sanford, ten to Dr. J. M. Smith, ten to Charles McLaggan, and ten to Geo. W. Allen. The company's ledger was shown to the witness and he explained that he had made some of the entries contained therein while clerk for Mr. Allen and others after being appointed secretary.

The items included a payment of \$31,500 to Elkin and Evans for services rendered in transferring the Central Ry. to the new company. He said the company's books did not show that shareholders had made any payments on account of stock. In making up the accounts for Allen he went back to November 1901, when the company's dealings with the People's Bank commenced. He understood Mr. McVey had kept a cash book, in which was a record of the company's transactions.

He admitted that in making up the accounts with Auditor Sharp he was unable to get vouchers for some payments and was compelled to depend on the checks and letters ordering payments. The company's bill books were identified by the witness and put in evidence.

Paris, Illinois, June 26.—Mangled beneath the wheels of the Knickerbocker Special yesterday, Lawrence Friend, aged 23 years, a brakeman, gave his life in preventing the last Big Four passenger train from crashing into a row of freight cars head on, and the loss of scores of lives that might have followed the collision. Friend was working on a freight train which was blocking the line when the passenger came along at forty miles an hour. The brakeman ran to a switch and turned it just in time to throw the passenger train on a side track, but not quickly enough to avoid being struck down and crushed by the Knickerbocker engine.

KEENE'S HORSES WILL NOT START

Neither Colin nor Celt Will Participate at Sheephead Bay Tomorrow.

New York, June 26.—Neither Colin or Celt, the mainstays of Jas. R. Keene's big stable this year, will start tomorrow in the \$25,000 Coney Island Jockey Club stake at Sheephead Bay. Both are seriously ailing. The coach of the tendon of one of Colin's forelegs is so feverish that Dr. Shepard, the veterinary, declared that it would be dangerous to work the colt yesterday for the risk stake to-morrow.

EQUITY COURT

In the equity court chambers to-day before Chief Justice Barker, the following matters came up.
In re Harris vs. Sumner, L. A. Curry applied for a stay of proceedings, M. G. Freed court. Court refused stay but allowed for a further hearing August 1st.
In re McGaffigan vs. Ferguson, referee's report read, but as Mr. Teed asked about interest time was allowed to communicate with Mr. Landry, barrister.
In re W. E. Raymond vs. T. J. Beattie, application to join John J. Beattie as defendant, Court considered.
In re W. A. Turner, on import, appeared by his next friend, Minnie E. Turner. Mr. Dickson applied for the appointment of a guardian and sale great stock. Order made.
In re D. H. Nickson vs. D. Curry, order made for hearing July 14th.
In re Alton and Thomas Ritchie vs. Alton Letz, Letz Letz, his wife, and James E. Weider, Executors of the estate of M. G. Teed made application to take the bill pro confesso for want of an appearance, and for sale of property. Order. Mr. Babbitt paid \$1,250.38, with subsequent interest and taxed costs and balance from sale to be paid into court.

ROOSEVELT AT CLEVELAND'S FUNERAL

Washington, N. Y., June 26.—In his official capacity as President of the United States and as a warm personal friend, Theodore Roosevelt will pay a last tribute to the memory of Grover Cleveland. He left here with Mrs. Roosevelt on a special train shortly after noon to attend the funeral at Princeton.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

ME AND THE KING.

The Times new reporter has placed an order for a white beaver hat. He and an eminent lawyer and an equally eminent insurance man are the leaders in a revival of the vogue of the white beaver in these parts. In England, his majesty the King-Emperor, Edward VII., is understood to have placed the stamp of royal approval on the white tile, by wearing one on several conspicuous occasions.

POKE BONNET INTO THE LIMBO OF PAST CRUDITIES.

A SIMPLE MATTER.
The agricultural commission has been notified that if stray dogs are the only trouble in developing the sheep-raising industry the solution of the problem is very simple. Send the dogs to St. John. This is Dogtown, N. B.

THE KING OF CONFIDENCE MEN ARRESTED BY BOSTON POLICE

William Griffis Alias Lord Ashburton Caught—He is Wanted For Forgeries and Swindles All Over the World.

Boston, June 26.—The bogus Lord Ashburton, considered by the police of the entire world from here to Shanghai, China, as one of the cleverest, if not the very cleverest, of all confidence men, was unexpectedly caught by the Boston police Wednesday afternoon and placed under arrest at headquarters in Pemberton square.

He is wanted for passing worthless checks on several counts by the New York police, and, according to Chief Watts, when the New York police through with him there will be a waiting list of other police departments who have multifarious charges of swindling and forgery to enter against him.

Lolling back in a touring car under the watchful eye of Inspector Morris Wolf and Officer John Douglas, the famous bogus lord drove up to police headquarters, and holding his hands in front of his face to evade the battery of photographers, walked unceremoniously into Inspector Pinkerton's office, where he was held pending the arrival of the New York detectives today.

With over thirty different aliases under which he has paraded through the royalty of England and the European countries and through the upper society of this country during the past twenty years, the real name of the famous swindler is not known.

Chief Watts believes that his right name is William Griffis. Under either the name of Lord Ashburton or William Griffis, Chief Watts declares, his photograph adorns every rogues' gallery in this country and in England, and that the swindling has extended even as far as Shanghai, China.

He was once sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in England on the charge of impersonating a member of the embassy, but was later pardoned through the intervention of his friends.

As Lord Ashburton in this country, backed by five of the country's cleverest forgers and counterfeiters, he, ten years ago, travelled royally from here to San Francisco, making friends of millionaires and spending money sumptuously. Later it was discovered that his connection with the Royal Bank of England was one of the most stupendous swindles in the history of the country, and that he had on a rough estimate lavishly spent over \$900,000 during his period of royal impersonation, all of which was money secured under false pretences. All during the time he was the lion of all the country's most select social events and was idolized as a "royal lord with a fortune" wherever he turned.

He originally came from England as a youth and was a poor room fend. As a waiter in Billy McGilroy's joint on the East Side in New York he got to know personally all the big forgers and counterfeiters, the men who themselves never do anything that they are liable to be detected at.

These men, finding in the suave waiter a man who had no fear of the law and a man whose nerve and complacency would make him friends everywhere, sent him out, backing him up in the venture. From one end of the country to the other he traveled as Lord Ashburton.

On a score of different charges he was finally arrested, exposed and sentenced to the State Prison at Folsom, Cal. A year later he stabbed himself in the roof of the mouth just before the visit of Governor Perkins to the prison and when the governor passed his cell he was discovered apparently suffering from internal hemorrhages. The sight so touched the governor that he pardoned him.

Since then he has been arrested a score of times, each time either being released several years before his sentence was up for good behavior, or else being released on parole and quietly disappearing. Oftentimes he would be arrested and would serve his sentence and vanish before the picture of him were compared with the others, and he was discovered to be the king of swindlers. Each time he started on one of his swindling expeditions he adopted a new name, and when arrested the thought that he was the international crook would never occur to the police.

He has always been interested in oil schemes and has acquired a good knowledge of refining and piping. In four different cities of the west he appeared as a big mining promoter and got the whole city enticed over a pipe line scheme. When he had money flowing swiftly into his coffers he would quietly step out and a few months later, in a different part of the country, would severely hob out under another name and repeat the performance. His utter nerve and his acquaintance with swindlers would invariably lead others to imagine that he was wealthy, and they would loan him money and help him in his schemes.

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HEAVY FIGHTING IN MEXICAN TOWN

Viesca Has Been Attacked and Captured by Mounted Bandits.

Laredo, Tex., June 26.—Two hundred armed mounted men today attacked and captured the town of Viesca, a state of Coahuila, Mexico. Three persons were killed and several were wounded in the fighting. Telegraph wires were cut and the railroad lines torn up and a bridge burned. Three train loads of troops left the city of Mexico tonight for the scene and one train load of soldiers is also leaving Saltillo, the capital of the state. Reports received here are to the effect that the government believes the attack was made by bandits. The Vice-president of the Republic and the secretary of war and interior, it is said, deny that the trouble has any political significance. Some reports received here say the outbreak is the starting of a revolution.

El Paso, Tex., June 26.—Eleven Mexicans were arrested here yesterday charged with fomenting a revolution against a friendly power on American soil. A search of the building in which they were taken, revealed two cases containing rifles and revolvers and also 1,000 rounds of ammunition. Letters and literature said to be incriminating were found also. Among the letters were said to be several from Antonio Villarreal and Flores Nagon, two alleged revolutionists, whom the Mexican government recently sought to extradite from the United States.

THE SUFFRAGETTES 100,000 STRONG

Will Endeavor to Convince the British Government That They Mean Business.

London, June 26.—Convinced that their recent tactics have failed to persuade Premier Asquith to accelerate the legislative machine in their favor, the suffragettes project another novel demonstration next Tuesday with a view to exerting further pressure.

While a deputation will be an interview with the prime minister it is the intention to surround the House of Commons with a cordon of suffragettes, which the leaders predict will number 100,000. It will be a peaceful gathering, however, and no attempt will be made to force an entry into the house.

A BAD PRACTICE.

A citizen in talking to the Times this morning drew attention to what he termed a very bad practice of having city laborers working on the streets sweeping the crossings and streets on a dusty day without the streets having first been sprinkled. The dust raised in this manner is very annoying to people on the streets and light filmy costumes of the ladies are quickly soiled as a result.

POLICE ATHLETES CANNOT GET AWAY

New York Policemen Members of American Athletic Team May Not Be Able to Go to Olympic Games.

New York, June 26.—Police Commissioner Bingham has refused leave of absence to Martin J. Sheridan, Matt McGrath and John Flanagan, the three policemen who have been selected members of the American team that is to compete in the Olympic games in London next month. It was stated last night at the Irish American Athletic Club that Mayor McEllen would be appealed to in the matter.

FORT WILLIAM IS DOING A BIG FREIGHT BUSINESS

Fort William, Ont., June 26 (Special).—Business along the freight docks at this place looks more like old times today than before this season. The Canadian Pacific steamers coming into port are bringing cargoes of from eight hundred to one thousand tons, and tonight two trains of merchandise will leave for the west. Sixty-three carloads of farm machinery left yesterday for the west which was a class of shipments.