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REALISTIC PLAY AROUSES GREAT BRITAIN TO DANGER

"An Englishman's Home" Creates Alarm Over Possibility of Invasion by Hostile Army

Lord Roberts' Solemn Warnings Against Britain's Unpreparedness Are Revived Now—Likely That Vigorous Defensive Measures Will be Taken at Once.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 6.—A Times dispatch from London says: England apparently is in a panic over the possibility of invasion by a hostile army. Numerous incidents following the production of the play "An Englishman's Home," built on such a possibility, shows the state of mind of the general public.

Lord Fisher has appealed to the Daily Mail for 11,000 volunteers to complete the quota of the public of London in the territorial army, an anonymous reader has sent to him a cheque for \$50,000 to assist in the work of recruiting this force.

The solemn warnings which Lord Roberts, has been uttering for two years, and fervid speeches which Mr. Haldane, the minister of war, has been making all over the country, have done their work and suddenly, under the influence of the realistic play, the whole people have awakened to a realization of what war would mean. Nothing is talked in the streets, the club and the home except the defense of the Island. Efforts are being made to recruit the territorial army and the Admiralty is asking the government for authority to lay down six dreadnoughts this year.

BOMB EXPLODES IN NEW YORK TENEMENT

As the Result of What is Believed to be a Black Hand Outrage Several Children May Die.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Several people were thrown into a panic when a scalding steam boiler exploded in the vestibule of a bomb on the ground floor of the building which was blown up, had received threatening letters. Paolo denies this. The bomb was found in the vestibule by Police Sergeant Birmingham, who saw the spattering of the spark as he was passing. The sergeant entered the hallway to investigate, but when he saw the bomb was about to explode, fled to the street. He had hardly reached the street when the explosion occurred. The vestibule doors were blown out, the ceiling fell and the windows in the front of the building smashed. The tenants fled to the street, carrying a number of children ill with scarlet fever.

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 6.—(Special)—Sir James Whitney, premier, and Hon. A. G. Mackay, leader of the Liberal opposition, who have been engaged during the last few days in preparing the seating arrangements for their followers in the new legislature, which opens on Feb. 16th, have completed their labors. Eight new seats have been installed in the chamber to accommodate the increased representation provided for by the redistribution bill of last session. Nineteen Liberal members will sit in a compact block immediately on the speaker's left. Hon. Thomas Crawford will be re-elected speaker at the opening of the house, while the respective whips of the two parties will continue to be Dr. R. F. Preston, Lanark, for the ministerials and C. M. Bowman, North Bruce, for the opposition. The address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by W. H. Heers, K. C., the new member for Sault Ste. Marie, and seconded by J. W. Johnson of West Hastings.

PERSONALS

Rev. R. G. Fulton, of Woodstock, was a passenger to the city on today's Boston train.

J. S. Harding came in on today's Boston train at noon.

S. L. Elkin returned to the city on today's Montreal train.

E. R. Machin was a passenger to the city on the Montreal train at noon.

George McA. Blizard returned from Fredericton at noon today.

Hon. J. D. Hazen returned from Fredericton at noon.

J. P. Hallisey, superintendent of the L. C. R. was in the city today and went east at noon.

Charles T. Crandall, editor of the Sun, returned today from Montreal where he has been spending a few days.

Donald Mackenzie, one of the old time King street firms, of MacKenzie Brothers, is in the city on a visit.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Feb. 6.—First transactions in stocks showed prices but little changed from last night. Dealings were in light volume.

Mary Kelly, an elderly woman, taken into custody last night for inebriation, was given her freedom by Judge Ritchie this morning.

CITY MEDICAL OFFICER IS ONE OF ST. JOHN'S NEEDS

Conditions Show That the City Should Appoint a Physician Who Shall Regularly Examine All School Children and Undertake the Especial Supervision of the Public Health—The Sale of Anti-Toxin and Recent Diphtheria Cases.

"I sold more than double the quantity of anti-toxin in January that I sold in any two months before since I have been in business," said a well known druggist to the Times in answer to a query as to what his sales of this diphtheria antidote had been. The sales made by this one druggist during the month just past, amounted to 35 packages of 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 units. Another dealer had sold ten packages and others varying quantities representing well over two hundred packages in that period of time.

According to the board of health reports, there were thirty-six cases of diphtheria in St. John during the month of January and at the present time, eight cases of the disease appear on the report book.

The question arises, what is done with so much anti-toxin when there are only thirty-six cases of diphtheria? Some of the druggists point out that in many instances the anti-toxin is used as a preventative on children in the family where the disease has been found, and that this might account for the large amount sold.

Several of the druggists have been held enough to intimate that many people believe in the case, namely, that many cases of the disease are not reported to the board of health at all.

It is stated that some physicians do not report cases which are of a mild type, but it is contended that the affection can be spread by the mild cases as well as the more malignant.

Then again, many people are careless in looking after the disinfection of their homes where the disease has been, and many do not take proper precautions in safeguarding their fellow-citizens by going from their homes when a case of diphtheria exists therein.

The schools are a prominent factor in contributing to the spread of the disease, and though the room where a child has been attending who has been stricken down, is disinfected, there is nothing to prevent the germs being brought in again the following day by another scholar, who perhaps has been infected by the one on whose account the disinfecting was done.

Many physicians contend also that the methods of disinfecting do not kill the germs and refuse to be brought in again to the hospital here bear out this contention.

There are people now who have had cases of diphtheria in their families, who refuse to allow their children to return to school until some more effective method has been devised of coping with the disease.

It is claimed that the appointment of a medical officer to examine the scholars would be a step in the right direction, and would be in the best interests of the city generally. In Montreal, a medical inspection has revealed the fact that 63.37 per cent of the pupils required some sort of medical, surgical or dental treatment. In New York city the proportion of defective children is still higher and amounts to 70 per cent. If St. John, with between 7,000 and 8,000 school children has anything like this percentage of defective or diseased children there would be several thousand attending school here whose condition should be looked into.

It is contended also that the board of health should insist that all houses should be perfectly sanitary in every particular, so that all cohabitants or other unsanitary conditions around houses be removed.

"It is all right," remarked one man, who had several children stricken with the disease, "for doctors and others who have not had the disease in their own families, to talk, but if they had ever had the experience they would never want it again."

Discussing the situation with a prominent physician, he said the city will never be thoroughly free from contagion until a medical officer is appointed. Not long ago he said the Medical Society and board of health had asked the common council to appoint such an officer, but the aldermen could not see the necessity of it.

"There should be," he said, "a health officer to inspect all the school children regularly, and to attend cases of infectious diseases, such as smallpox, diphtheria, etc., arising among school children."

The physician went on to state that many other cities had medical inspection in the schools and he noted that the school board of Charlottetown had made application to the common council there to have a medical officer appointed.

Speaking of the use of anti-toxine, he said, it was used largely as a preventative as well as a cure for the disease. It was the usual practice to inoculate members of a family where the disease was, with a preventative dose to keep them from being infected. He referred also to the need of proper precautions being taken by the parents, such as having the disinfected to have their premises thoroughly disinfected and to not allow the children to go out until all the bacillus was gone from the throat. It was advisable to have a negative culture made about 7 to 10 days after a cure was effected to ascertain if all trace of the disease was eradicated.

OTTAWA NEWS

North Shore Delegation Will on Monday Urge Government for a Dominion Exhibition Grant.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Special)—Among the visitors to the capital today is Hon. John P. Burchell of Northumberland. On Monday a delegation from the north shore towns is expected to press the exhibition grant upon the government. Messrs Snowball, MacLachlan, Stanley, Miller and Hon. John Morrissey are others expected.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal Feb. 6.—(Special)—Stock prices continued strong today. Dominion Coal leading with an advance of one point at 63. Other features were Richlieu 81-1/2, Detroit 61, Scotia 60-7/8, Power 116-3/8, Twin City 105-1/4, Rio 93-7/8, Dom. Steel 20-7/8, Lake of Woods 104-1/2, Shawinigan, 99-7/8, Montreal Street Railway 207-1/2.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 6.—Cotton futures opened steady March 9.61; May 9.55; July 9.51; Oct 9.39; Dec. 9.22 to 9.23; Jan 9.19 to 9.20.

CANDY VENDOR A LEPER

Los Angeles Aroused Over the Case of Man Who Sold Candies to School Children.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 6.—It has been discovered that Samuel Bernick, a candy vendor, who is now a patient at the county hospital, is suffering from leprosy.

In the last three years he has sold thousands of packages of confectionery to school children of all ages in Los Angeles and the discovery has caused much anxiety on the part of the children's parents. He is now under arrest. It is estimated that in the three years he had handled not less than thirty-five thousand packages of candy which have been bought by school children almost entirely.

BARK MAY BE LOST

New York, Feb. 6.—Failure of the four-masted bark Fort George to arrive at Honolulu, for which port she sailed from New York on July 26 last, or to have been spoken any word, since last August, having given rise to fears for her safety. Her agent here stated today that while the bark had not been given up for lost, there were grounds for anxiety regarding her, as she was about two months overdue.

On board the vessel when she left here for her trip around the Horn were Captain Fullerton and his wife, and crew of eighteen. She was laden with 2,500 tons of general merchandise.



BULGARIAN MOUNTED BATTERY ON THE MARCH TOWARDS A POST ON THE TURKISH FRONTIER.

JAPANESE DEMAND EQUAL RIGHTS IN UNITED STATES

HALIFAX AND THE WINTER PORT TRADE

A. B. Crosby Says Sister City Needs the C. P. R. and He Thinks That the Line Will Run There in Time—Much Expected From McKenzie and Mann.

A. B. Crosby, M. P., of Halifax, colleague of R. L. Borden, opposition leader, and a former mayor of the sister city, passed through the city today from Ottawa, en route home. To a Times man, who enquired the state of winter port business in Halifax, Mr. Crosby stated that the present season was a particularly good one. He, however, expressed the opinion that the advent of the C. P. R. to his city was essential for the upbuilding of the port, and he said the view over there was that it would yet come about.

The C. P. R., at the present time, was felt, exercised a dominating influence over the I. C. R., in such a manner that the agents of the latter did not over exert themselves for business, which, of course, worked to the detriment of Halifax.

"The attitude of the C. P. R. toward Halifax," said Mr. Crosby, "reminds me of the story of a young man who was desirous of marrying a young lady, but was so situated that he could not, but determined that while he could not be would prevent others doing so; and I believe the C. P. R. are using influence to prevent other roads getting into Halifax." Halifax, Mr. Crosby said, further expected much from the Mackenzie & Mann interests.

A SUDDEN DEATH

Miss Edith Atkinson, of St. John, West, Passed Away This Morning—Had Been Ill With Ulcerated Teeth But Death Was Unexpected.

From what is believed to be diphtheria, Miss Edith Atkinson, aged 18 years, died at eleven o'clock this morning at the home of her father, Captain Nelson Atkinson, 330 Charlotte street, West End. The young woman had been suffering for several days from what was thought to be ulcerated teeth, aggravated by a severe cold, and this morning she requested her mother to lift her from bed and bathe her mouth and throat. She went into unconsciousness in her mother's arms, and was replaced in bed, and Dr. Curran of Fairville and Dr. Kenney of West End, were hurriedly summoned. Dr. Curran was first on the scene, but life was extinct, when he made an examination. The physician did not examine the circumstances closely, but considered, after a brief diagnosis, that death was caused by diphtheria, as it was practically impossible to describe her disease as ulcerated teeth. No physicians had been in attendance on the deceased girl since the beginning of her illness, and the case was not reported to the board of health, as nothing more serious than trouble with her teeth was ascribed to the committee. Atkinson is master of a schooner sailing out of this port.

POLICE COURT

Before Police Judge Ritchie this morning, George Henderson, an uncouth saloon denier addressing threatening epithets to John Walsh yesterday. The complainant, in his testimony, asserted that shortly after one p. m. he perceived Henderson approaching his saloon, muttering incoherently and flourishing his arms. In front of his store he paused and attempted to enter, asserting that he was inquiring for a companion. He was repulsed, and remained in the vicinity for half an hour, vowing vengeance on Walsh and threatening to smash the glass front. Henderson, in a statement to his honor, declared that he was in the saloon and becoming engaged in a controversy with Walsh, the latter hit him on the jaw. He repaired to the exterior, and was awaiting the proprietor's advent in order to thrash him. He was fined \$5 and two months.

No less a noted personage than James J. Jeffries, who, however, was not of the avoutprints of his illustrious namesake, was fined \$5 for profanity on Charlotte street last night.

Langford Coram pleaded not guilty to intoxication, but Patrolman Ross swore otherwise. The officer deposed to moving Coram from Sheffield street last night and later discovering him in an alley on Carmarthen street. "I'm here for a purpose," was his explanation to the policeman. In his pocket was found an iron belaying pin. He said he used it for moving timber from cars. He told his honor that he was awaiting for a son of Amela Francis, and entered the alley to avoid three men with whom he did not desire to associate. The officer proffered the information that the men were not in close proximity to him, and he was fined \$8 or 30 days.

An unuzzed, ferocious dog, owned by George Seelye of Adelaide Road was ordered destroyed. Fred McMullin complained that the canine had attacked him and his wife as they were driving from Millidgeville on New Year's Day, and its teeth had torn Mrs. McMullin's coat. Seelye, who interviewed, promised to exterminate the animal, and in the interim has not complied. Sergeant Kilpatrick said he was in receipt of information that the dog had yesterday bitten one young lady in the arm and torn another's skirt. Seelye was desisted of producing evidence in that respect, and entered the alley to avoid three men with whom he did not desire to associate. The officer proffered the information that the men were not in close proximity to him, and he was fined \$8 or 30 days.

They Indignantly Refuse to be Classed With Chinese, Koreans and Other Asiatics

Will Either Get Equality With Other Foreign Nationalities or a Very Good Reason for Its Refusal, Says Officer of Japanese Association.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 6.—Equality with other foreign nationalities in the United States, or a very good reason why not, is the demand of the Japanese in America, according to Takeo Sagara, secretary of the Japanese Association of Colorado. "We consider ourselves superior as a race to the Chinese, Koreans and other Asiatics, and we do not want to be classed with them, and will demand our rights, granted the Japanese by treaty and under the constitution of the United States to be treated on equal terms with the French, German or American, or people of any other nationality," said the secretary. "The Asiatic secret of the Pacific Coast amounts to little," he continued. "The number of Japanese in the United States are decreasing, and will probably be 4,000 in Colorado and 500 in Denver."

The statement that there are only 900 Japanese in Denver is denied by Chief of Police Armstrong, who says that a conservative estimate shows between 3,000 and 4,000 in this city.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 6.—Governor Gillett, who is now in this city, refuses to divulge the reasons which led Speaker Phillip Stanton, of the assembly yesterday, to make the dramatic appeal for delay, which resulted in postponement of consideration of the Japanese school segregation bill until next Wednesday.

It is considered significant that Senator Cannetti, who introduced the school bill in the upper house, should have had the measure referred to the committee on education. He is himself a member of this committee, and it is generally believed, no matter what fate of the bill may be later, that it will receive a favorable report.

HILDER DAW IN THE LIMELIGHT

Engineer Who Was Applicant for Position in St. John Charges Montreal Civic Officials With Ignorance.

Hilder Daw, who was one of the applicants for the position of city engineer of St. John, is momentarily in the limelight in Montreal. He is conducting the Hilder Daw Construction Company in the big Canadian city, and has just been released from a Montreal hospital, where he had undergone treatment for typhoid fever. Mr. Daw was formerly resident engineer of the Manchester corporation in England, and was a member of the Royal Institution of Engineers. He is an expert on sanitation, the construction of sewage systems, etc., and he blames the present epidemic of typhoid in Montreal upon the ignorance and neglect of the city officials. He writes as follows to The Montreal Herald:

Sir—With regard to the investigation of affairs at the City Hall by the Royal Commission, I read that the aldermen claim that no one will come forward to make any definite charge, and that the commission will thereby be useless.

I have just returned home from the hospital, having been treated for an attack of typhoid, but in three weeks' time I trust to be strong enough to prove my model plans and sworn statement that this terrible and disgraceful epidemic is due to the lamentable ignorance of the City Hall officials. It is apparent that they must be made to recognize the methods adopted in England to stamp out this preventable disease.

HILDER DAW,
A.M.C.S.E., M.I.E.S., etc.

USED WARRANT TO BRING HIM BACK

Moncton, Feb. 6.—(Special)—Making him believe they were doing an act of kindness Fred Allan, a Scott Act informer, was a few nights ago, driven to Salisbury, by a well known liquor dealer and there told to keep on going. At the same time they gave him \$10 and told him if he did not clear out they would by charge against him for selling liquor contrary to the Scott Act. Allan, thinking he would be dealt with the same as Jones, who is now awaiting trial before the county court on a like charge, and who is also a Scott Act informer, agreed to do it and went as far as Pettitodiac where he communicated with the police here. The result was that he was arrested on a warrant and now awaits Scott Act cases when he will give evidence for the prosecution.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT

Reserves decreased	37,369,171
Less U. S. decreased	17,239,674
Loans increased	1,739,859
Spente decreased	20,860,254
Legal decreased	1,558,250
Dep. decreased	19,911,750
Clrc. decreased	249,250
Very poor, much worse than expected.	
E. C. RANDOLPH.	

Rev. L. A. McLean, pastor of Calvin Presbyterian church, will exchange pulpits with Rev. W. J. Robinson, of Louisa street Baptist church, west end, tomorrow morning.

Nicholas Dascolin will be taken to Moncton this evening by a policeman from that town.