# ITALIAN KING FIRED AT

## The Would-be Assassin Declares That He Is An Anarchist

A despatch from Rome says: A dastardly attempt to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel of Italy was made by an Anarchist in Rome on Thursday morning. The would-be regicide chose for his attempt the anniversary of the birthday of the late King Humbert, the father of the present King, who himself died the victim of an assassin's blow at Monza on July 29, 1900. The King was fortunate enough to escape the shots fired at him from a revolver. They were several in number and were aimed from a very short distance. One of his Majesty's body-guards, however, who was in the immediate vicinity of the King, was dangerously wounded. The unsuccessful attempt to assassinate the King was made as his Majesty, with Queen Helen, was proceeding from the Palace to the Pantheon to take part in the annual memorial service in honor of the late King Humbert. The Royal carriage was preceded and followed by an escort of Cuirassieurs. The procession was passing along the Via Lata when three shots rang out from amid the crowd. Consternation was on every face. The soldiers following the carriage immediately dashed forward, and as they did so their commander fell from his horse. The wounded officer was moved to one side by some of his men while the others dashed up to the Royal carriage, where they found the King and Queen sitting calm and unmoved.

Meanwhile the crowd seized the man who had fired the shots and attempted to lynch him. He was so badly handled that he was scarcely able to answer questions when he was handed over to the police.

# PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

**REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.**

**Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.**

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, March. 19. — Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, $3.90 to $3.95, at seaboard, and at $4 to $4.10 for home consumptien. Manitoba Flours—First patents, $5.60; second patents, $5.10; and strong bakers', $4.90, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.13 1-2, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, $1.10, and No. 3 at $1.06 1-2, Bay ports. Feed wheat, all-rail, 75 to 75 1-2c.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, 95 to 96c, outside.

Peas—Good shipping peas $1.20 to $1.25, outside.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario, outside, 46 to 46 1-2c, and of No. 3 at 44 1-2 to 45c, outside. No. 2, 49 1-2c, on track, Toronto. No. 1 extra W.C. feed, 50c, and No. 1, 49c, Bay ports.

Barley—93 to 94c, outside.

Corn—No. 3 American yellow, 76, Toronto freights, and kiln-dried at 80c.

Rye—About $1.00, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $26, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, $27.50 to $28.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$3 to $4 per barrel.

Beans—Small lots of hand-picked, $2.35 to $2.40 per bushel.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, $2.50 to $2.75.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at $15.50 to $16.50, on track, and No. 3 at $13 to $14.

Baled Straw—$9 to $10, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, in bags, $1.60 to $1.65, and Delawares at $1.70 to $1.75. Out-of-store, $1.75 to $1.80.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of choice dressed poultry:—Chickens, 12 to 15c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 10c; geese, 13 to 15c; ducks, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 20 to 21c. Live poultry, about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, in wrappers, 32 to 33c; large rolls, 30 to 32c; and inferior, tubs, 21 to 22c. Creamery quoted at 38 to 40c for rolls, 35 to 36c for solids, per lb.

Eggs—New-laid, 24 to 25c per dozen, in case lots.

Cheese—Large quoted at 16 3-4 to 17c, and twins at 17 to 17 1-4c, per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $22.50; do., mess, $19.50 to $20. Hams—Medium to light, 16 to 16 1-2c; heavy, 14 to 14 1-2c; rolls, 10 3-4 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 17c; backs, 19 to 20c.

Lard—Tierces, 12c; tubs, 12 1-4c; pails, 12 1-2c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, March 19.—Wheat — May, $1.05 5-8; July, $1.07 to $1.07 1-8; No. 1 hard, $1.07 1-8; No. 1 Northern, $1.06 5-8; No. 2 Northern, $1.04 5-8; No. 3 wheat, $1.02 5-8. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 66 to 67c. Oats—No. 3 white, 51 1-2 to 52c. Rye—No. 2, 89 to 90c. Bran—$25 to $25.50. Flour—First patents, $5 to $5.30; do., seconds, $4.65 to $4.95; first clears, $3.40 to $3.75; do., seconds, $2.50 to $2.70.

Buffalo, March 19.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads store, $1.16 3-4; Winter, No. 2 red, $1.04; No. 3 red, $1.02; No. 2 white, $1.02. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 72c; No. 4 yellow, 69 3-4c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 57 1-4c; No. 3 white, 56 3-4c; No. 4 white, 55 3-4c. Barley Malting, $1.20 to $1.35.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, March 19.—Oats — Canadian Western, No. 2, 53 to 53 1-2c; do., No. 3, 51 to 51 1-2c; extra No. 1 feed, 52 to 52 1-2c; No. 2 local white, 50 1-2 to 51c; No. 3 do., 49 1-2 to 50c; No. 4 do., 48 1-2 to 49c. Barley—Malting, $1.05 to $1.10. Buckwheat—No. 2, 72 to 73c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.70; do., seconds $5.20; strong bakers', $5; Winter patents, choice, $5.10 to $5.35; straight rollers, $4.65 to $4.75; do., bags, $2.15 to $2.25. Rolled oats—Barrels, $5.25; bags, 90 lbs., $2.50. Bran—$25; shorts, $27; middlings, $29; mouillie, $30 to $34. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $15 to $15.50. Cheese—Finest Westerns, 15 1-4 to 15 1-2c; finest Easterns, 14 1-2 to 15c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 33 to 34c; seconds, 32 1-2 to 33c. Eggs—Fresh, 25 to 27c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.65 to $1.70.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, March 19.—Butchers' cattle, choice, $6.75 to $7; do., medium, $4.50 to $6; do., common, $4 to $4.50; canners, $2.75 to $3.25; butchers' cattle, choice cows, $3 to $5.50; do., bulls $3.50 to $5.50; milkers, $65; do., com. and medium, each, $50; Springers, $30 to $40. Sheep—Ewes, $5 to $5.25; bucks and culls, $4 to $4.50; lambs, $6.75 to $7.10. Hogs—F.o.b., $7.75 to $7.85. Calves—$3 to $12.

Toronto, March 19.—Medium and common butcher cattle ranged from $4.50 to $5.50. Good cows and bulls were quoted firm. Stockers and feeders were strong, but milk cows went under about $15 apiece. Lambs were very firm at $7.50 to $8. Sheep and calves were steady and unchanged. Hogs were about 10c. higher at $7.25 to $7.35, fed and watered.

### HEALTH ACT REVISION.

**Radical Changes Are Proposed in the Bill.**

Provides for division of Ontario into not more than ten health districts, with provincial officers in charge of each; reduces membership of local boards of health; makes local officer of health executive officer of board. Provides for weekly reports to provincial board of all communicable diseases; prevents dismissal of local officer, except by consent of provincial board; provides for annual conference of medical health officers; orders provision for care of indigent sick; extends provision for inspecting meat.

### PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

**Freight Cars Crash Through Hillhurst Railway Station.**

A despatch from Hillhurst, Que., says: A serious accident occurred here on Thursday night, which resulted in the destruction of the Grand Trunk Railway Station by fire and the tying up of traffic for several hours. Several cars on a westbound freight jumped the track and crashed through the station, upsetting the stove and starting a fire. Agent Bonner was badly injured, but will recover.

### NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.

**Conferences on British Coal Strike Ended in Failure.**

A despatch from London says: The conferences on the coal strike have failed, and the negotiations have been broken off. The Government has decided, therefore, to resort to legislation with a view of ending the strike, and a bill will be introduced providing a minimum wage for all underground coal workers.

# REVOLVERS FREELY USED

## Judge, Lawyer and Sheriff Slain in Virginia Court-room

A despatch from Hillsville, Virginia, says: In a flame of unprecedented outlawry the entire human fabric of the Carroll County Circuit Court, in session here on Thursday, was wiped out by assassination. Just as Judge Thornton Massie had sentenced Floyd Allen to one year in prison for aiding in the escape of a prisoner, two of Allen's brothers and several friends opened fire with revolvers. Judge Massie fell dead in his place on the Bench on the first volley. The weapons were then turned on the Commonwealth's Attorney, William Foster, and he sank to the floor with several bullets in his brain, death being instantaneous. Sheriff Lewis Webb, making a frantic effort to reach the ringleaders, was shot dead before he had taken ten steps. Several of the jurors who had tried the case were seriously wounded, J. H. Blankenship probably fatally. The Allens, including the prisoner and their friends, after the killing of the Sheriff, backed slowly out of the courtroom, holding all would-be pursuers in check at the point of revolvers. Once outside they made a dash for the mountains on horseback. Special officers are being rushed into the county to help in running down the murderers. Governor Mann is holding two companies of militia in readiness in case the Allens and their friends gather recruits in the mountain fastness.

Hillsville is in a remote quarter, fifteen miles from Barren Springs, the nearest railroad station.

### 7,000 PASSENGERS COMING.

**Eight Steamers Now on the Way to Halifax.**

A despatch from Halifax says: Eight steamers, with more than seven thousand passengers, are now en route to Halifax. The Allan liner Corsican has 1,541, and of this number 525 will go to Manitoba, 489 to Ontario and Michigan, 108 to Montreal, and 55 to other United States points. The Empress of Ireland has 1,349. They will be distributed as follows: Manitoba, 589; Ontario and Michigan, 214; Sault Ste. Marie, 81; Montreal, 55, and Maritime Provinces, 5. The Russian-American line brings 1,000 from Libau. The Uranium Company's Uranium has 675 and the Volturno 765, both from Rotterdam. The Allan liner Teutonic has 1,129. She will land 579 at Portland and 524 at Halifax.

### COST OF LIVING GOING UP.

**The Record Shows High-Water Mark for February.**

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Department of Labor wholesale prices record up to date shows a still higher level for February than for January, notwithstanding that the latter month was reported as having seen the highest prices since 1882-4, and possibly since 1873. The index number rose during February from 131.4 to 134.3, those being percentages of the average level of prices during the last decade of the last century. The upward movement was largely the result of advances in grains, animals and meats, dairy products and potatoes. Retail prices were also upward, especially in the food products derived from the lines above mentioned.

### SUFFRAGETTES SENTENCED.

**Four to Six Months' Imprisonment for Window-Smashing.**

A despatch from London says: Ten of the suffragettes who were committed for trial by the Police Magistrate at the Bow Street Court on March 2 on a charge of smashing windows during the women suffragette demonstration on March 1 were sentenced on Wednesday at the London Sessions Court to terms ranging from four to six months' imprisonment. The women were tried in the Superior Court on account of the damage caused by each of them having exceeded the value of $25.

### U. S. MINERS TO STRIKE

**Conference in New York Breaks Up Without Result.**

A despatch from New York says: "All negotiations with the anthracite coal operators are off," declared John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America, at the adjournment of the meeting on Friday afternoon between the miners and operators in which the miners declined the operators' counter-proposition. "I look for a general suspension of work on April 1," he added.


### HARD TO DROP.

**But Many Drop It.**

A young Calif. wife talks about coffee:

"It was hard to drop Mocha and Java and give Postum a trial, but my nerves were so shattered that I was a nervous wreck and, of course, that means all kinds of ills. (Tea contains caffeine—the same drug found in coffee and is equally harmful.)

"At first I thought bicycle riding caused it and I gave it up, but my condition remained unchanged. I did not want to acknowledge coffee caused the trouble, for I was very fond of it.

"About that time a friend came to live with us, and I noticed that after he had been with us a week he would not drink his coffee any more. I asked him the reason. He replied, 'I have not had a headache since I left off drinking coffee, some months ago, till last week, when I began again, here at your table. I don't see how anyone can like coffee, anyway, after drinking Postum'!

"I said nothing, but at once ordered a package of Postum. That was five months ago, and we have drank no coffee since, except on two occasions when we had company, and the result each time was that my husband could not sleep, but lay awake and tossed and talked half the night. We were convinced that coffee caused his suffering, so he returned to Postum, convinced that the coffee was an enemy, instead of a friend, and he is troubled no more by insomnia.

"I, myself, have gained 8 pounds in weight, and my nerves have ceased to quiver. It seems so easy now to quit the old coffee that caused our aches and ails and take up Postum." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont.

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# MAKING SAFE INVESTMENTS

**HOW THE HIGH RATE ON WESTERN MORTGAGES AFFECTED BANK SHARES.**

**Loan Companies Which Formerly Loaned Heavily to Speculators on Bank Shares as Security Found the Extra One or Two Per Cent. Too Great a Temptation—Failure of Several Banks Helped Make Them Less Popular.**

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(By "Investor").

Not long ago, a business man was remarking on the altered position which bank stocks occupy now in the Canadian markets as compared with a few years ago. "Why," he said, "in 1897 or 1898 I made my expenses to Europe by buying a few shares of one bank—which one I have now forgotten—but if I had bought the same stock only five years ago and held it until to-day I should probably have lost heavily."

Undoubtedly he would have lost, as a large percentage of Canadian bank stocks are lower at the present time than they were then.

There are several reasons for this, which are not only not generally realized, but which have a very important bearing on bank stocks as investments.

Ten years ago the loan and trust companies commenced investing in Western farm mortgages. Up to that time they were satisfied with a modest interest of from 4 per cent. to 6 per cent., but the demands of the West put the price up to 8 per cent., and even to 10 per cent., and the loan companies, finding this a very satisfactory method of making money, naturally used all their surplus funds in investing out there, until now probably a very large proportion of their funds are so loaned. The insurance companies then followed suit, and now, instead of having large amounts of surplus funds available for loaning in the market—as they and the loan companies formerly did to a very considerable extent—they cut down the proportion of the money so used. They opened loaning offices in the West, employed skilled valuators and, as would be very costly in the case of an individual, took advantage of the high rates, without taking any chance to speak of.

Now what effect had this on bank stocks?

As might be inferred from the first paragraph of this article, in the '90's bank stocks were a popular medium of speculation. Men bought them on margin; that is to say, paid for them by borrowing money on the stock as security up to about 85 per cent. of its market value, and themselves putting up the 15 per cent. balance, which is known as "margin."

One of the very stringent laws concerning banking in Canada prevents one bank from loaning on the security of shares in any other bank, or of its own, and so it was that the loan, the trust and the insurance companies, and, of course wealthy individuals, alone could lend the speculators in bank shares the wherewithal to buy them. And just here is where the Western demand for money altered the position bank stocks were to occupy. Where formerly these companies could get from 4 1-2 per cent. to 6 per cent. for call loans (in those days more than the average mortgage paid) on bank shares, they could now get 8 per cent. on western mortgages, and so they naturally no longer took the same interest in call loans they formerly did. As a result, loans on bank shares became more and more difficult to obtain, until speculators found bank stocks by no means satisfactory, and gradually they were left to investors altogether, with the further result that they did not get the same attention in the market.

This is one very important cause of the change in the past few years, which removed bank stocks very largely from the realm of marginal speculations, and accounts partly for the lower prices of bank stocks during the past few years.

There is another reason, however, why bank stocks fell in price and this was the uneasiness caused to nervous investors by the failure of the Ontario, Sovereign and Farmers banks in Ontario, and a couple of small ones in Quebec. The Ontario failure, especially—which came as a surprise to all but a very few people—made people wonder whether their own investments were safe, and so the more timid rushed into the market with such unquestionable shares as those of the Bank of Montreal, Nova Scotia, Toronto and a score of others. Nor did the failure of the Sovereign and Farmers banks, a few years later, help matters, and many people who had, perhaps, put money into Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's bank, who wouldn't have trusted him with a cent personally, lost sight of the fact that the other banks were different.

And so, bank shares have come to be in strong hands at the present time, which is an important feature of an investment.

### RIOT IN LANCASHIRE.

**Miners Seized Pit Head and Fought the Police.**

A despatch from London says: The first serious strike riot was reported from Haydock, in Lancashire, on Wednesday night. The strikers, who claimed that firemen had been employed to fill the coal tubs, seized the pit head and fought with the police, who were sent to dislodge them. Several of the strikers were injured and three policemen were seriously wounded. The rioters were repulsed, but the police were unable to make any arrests. The Government has issued notice to all local authorities that if the police at their command are unable to control the situation and prevent rioting to apply immediately for troops.

### GREAT BATTLE IN TRIPOLI.

**Italians Hurled 28 Bombs Into Turks' Camp.**

A despatch from Rome says: Another battle has been fought in Tripoli, this time at Benghazi. The official announcement was made on Wednesday at the War Office and it is stated that 1,000 Turks and Arabs were killed. The loss on the Italian side was 29 killed and 62 wounded. The Turkish positions were captured after hard fighting. The Arabs left 400 dead on the field. The dirigible balloons hurled 28 bombs at the Turkish encampment at Zanzur, Tripoli, and created great havoc. Two of the bombs exploded in a caravan of 60 camels with disastrous results.


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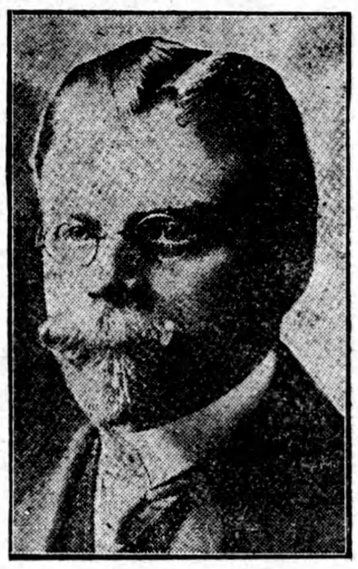
# 75,000 CASES OF SMALLPOX

## Dr. Beaudry Says the Disease Is Epidemic in Quebec Province

A despatch from Montreal says: Dr. Beaudry, Chief Inspector of the Provincial Board of Health, estimates that there are over 75,000 cases of smallpox in the Province while the cases kept secret will probably increase this number. The contagion is distributed all over the Province, especially in the north, from Ottawa to the Lake St. John district, as much of it originates in the lumber camps. But it is not confined to the north, as was shown by the recent outbreak of Rigaud, where twenty cases were found in the college a week ago.

Since the beginning of the epidemic the Provincial authorities have found smallpox not reported to the proper authorities in five convents and two colleges, the last being that of Rigaud, which is still under quarantine.



SYDNEY A. M. ROSE.

An Australian electrical engineer, who has invented a new automatic target device that flashes to the elbow of the marksman the indication of the precise spot struck on the target, no matter what the length of the range may be.

### GIRL WHO SHOT HER FATHER.

**Ella Perry Acquitted on Ground of Self-Defence.**

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Sask., says: Miss Ella Perry, a pretty seventeen-year-old girl, was on Thursday acquitted of shooting Louis T. Perry, her father, on the ground of self-defence. Perry, who is a merchant, struck his daughter, and she fired two shots into his body.

### THE KING'S KINDLY ACT.

**Helps Welsh Lad Who Had Lost His Feet.**

A despatch from London says: A Welsh lad, Idris Thomas, who recently had to have both his feet amputated owing to tuberculosis, received from King George a gift of money to enable him to buy artificial feet. Thomas on Tuesday painfully made his way to Buckingham Palace for the purpose of personally thanking the King, who, however, at the time was absent. Hearing of the call and of the lad's disappointment, King George had him sent for and on Wednesday received him. His Majesty gave the lad a scarf pin as a memento of the occasion and sent him into Treloar Cripples' Home, where he is to be taught a trade.


### A GREAT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

The report of the business transacted in 1911 by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, which the management of that institution placed before their shareholders and policyholders at their annual meeting on the 5th March, makes one realize that Canada has in this Company a concern big—even in these days of large undertakings.

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