

# PORTE-DE-PAIX, HAYTI, DESTROYED BY FIRE.

## Town of About 9,000 Inhabitants Obliterated in One Night.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, cable: "A despatch received here from Gras Morne to-day announces the complete destruction of Port-de-Paix, Hayti, by fire last night. Only the vessels belonging to the Haytien Company were saved."

Port-de-Paix is a maritime town of Hayti, on the strait between that Island and Tortuga Island, 35 miles from Cape Haytien and about 100 miles north by west of Port Au Prince, the capital. Vessels load and discharge at Port-de-Paix by means of lighters. It has a population of about 9,000.

### San Antonio Submerged.

San Antonio, Texas, March 2.—As the result of an unprecedented rain fall, San Antonio to-night was partially submerged, and much loss of property has been sustained by the rising of the San Antonio River. So far no loss of life has been reported. Many houses along the river were swept away. The water reached its highest point yesterday morning, a stage about equal to that of the flood of 1876, the highest ever recorded. The loss of property in the

city and country will approximate \$500,000, not including the railroads.

### Nicaragua Helps Honduras.

Paname, Mar. 2.—News has been received here that forces under the command of General Nicacio Vasquez, sent by President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, to help President Sierra, of Honduras, to cope with the revolution led by General Bonilla, who was elected President of Honduras, but whose election was afterwards disputed by President Sierra, have occupied Choluteca city, this place is 68 miles south of the Honduran capital. General Ortiz has invaded Honduras to assist General Bonilla. Bonilla himself is now advancing towards San Antonio Del Norte to attack the Honduran departments of Comayagua and La Paz.

### Tossed About Like Dice.

Obelin, Ohio, March 2.—A car on the Cleveland & Southwestern Electric Railway went over an embankment twenty feet high last night at Henkleton, five miles west of Oberlin. There were 20 passengers aboard, some of whom were severely bruised, but the greater number escaped without serious injury. The car fell on its side in landing, and the passengers were thrown together in a heap.

ly interested. "Of course," said he, "Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, President of the Grand Trunk Railway, may have approached the chairman of our company, Mr. Nathaniel Dunlop, who resides in Glasgow, upon the subject, and this may have given rise to the rumor in London. If there has been any such move, however, we on this side have not yet been made aware of it."

### Grand Trunk Arrangements.

The G. T. R. over a year ago made its arrangements with the Dominion Line for tonnage out of Portland, but the business arrangements which have existed between the Allan Line and the Canadian railways have always been most cordial and this applies to the Canadian Pacific as well as to the Grand Trunk Railway.

"We are not making any changes in our Atlantic steamship service," said Mr. John W. Lind, Freight Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, to-day. The Dominion Line serves us to Liverpool, the Thompson to London, the Allan to Glasgow, and the Leylands to Antwerp."

In connection with the deal just consummated, and the rumored probable arrangement between the G. T. R. and the Allans, a special cable received to-day states that the Canadian Northern also contemplates having its own line of steamships between Canada and Europe. The cable declares that it is the prevailing opinion in the London port and shipping world that Mr. J. J. Hill, of St. Paul, is backing Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, and that he is also friendly to the Grand Trunk Pacific project, seeking to use all as weapons against the Canadian Pacific.

### TIE-UP OF TRAINS.

#### Dutch Government to Form a Railroad Brigade.

The Hague, Mar. 2.—Premier Kuyper introduced in the Second Chamber of the States-General to-day three bills in connection with the recent railroad strike. He explained that the Government considered it necessary to oppose any unreasonable attack on society which would sacrifice the well-being of the people to the desire of a certain class for influence, and to political tyranny. The Government, therefore, proposed to form a railroad brigade, to assure a regular service of trains in case of need. The just complaints of railroad employees would be adjusted by a Royal Commission, which would be constituted later with the settlement of the situation from a legal standpoint, as well as regarding the conditions of service of the employees. It also would have to decide what constituted criminal acts. The Government did not desire to be reactionary. It only aimed at effecting social reforms.

One of the bills provides for a modification of the Penal Code, with the object of affording a sure guarantee for the personal freedom of labor, and preventing State officials or persons engaged in occupations affecting public interests from absenting themselves from their duties.

### REGISTERED STOCK SALE.

#### Good Prices Brought by Pedigreed Cattle at Guelph.

Guelph, Ont., report: This annual sale of registered stock under the auspices of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association took place here to-day, and was eminently successful. About seven hundred buyers and sellers were present from all parts of Canada, and the prices realized were beyond expectations. The total sum paid was \$6,430. One shorthorn bull, bid and contributed by Thos. Scott, of Sutton West, was sold to W. D. Flatt, of Hamilton, at the handsome figure of \$275. The lowest price paid was \$25.

All the animals were young bulls, ranging in age from four months to two years. Eighty-three were entered for sale, and all were sold except two Polled Angus and two short-horns. Two of the short-horns were also withdrawn. The sale was under the direct supervision of Mr. F. W. Hodson, live stock commissioner for the Dominion, and Mr. Thos. Ingram, Guelph; George Jackson, Port Perry; and James McDonald, Guelph, were the auctioneers.

### THE ALLAN LINE

#### Said to Have Been Purchased by the Grand Trunk.

#### NO DEFINITE STATEMENT.

London, Mar. 2.—The Allan Line officially declined yesterday to confirm the statement that negotiations are proceeding with the Grand Trunk Railway for the acquisition of their fleet. Shipping circles in Liverpool and London, however, confidently expect that the Grand Trunk will at once take up the challenge of the Canadian Pacific, and enter upon a struggle to secure the lion's share of the great volume of traffic which is looked for in the near future between Canada and Great Britain. The Elder-Bempster Company will retire from the Canadian trade altogether after dismissing all the four ring-leaders he announced to them that they would whip Foster.

Leaving three boys in a classroom he took Foster into his private office, locked the door, produced a "hickory" and attempted to apply it; but Foster refused to be whipped and pulled the rod from the grasp of the teacher. At the same moment the three young men left in the classroom burst open the door and rushed at Pitts.

To defend himself from an expected

Pitts says he drew a pistol from his pocket and levelled it at the young man. Foster was within a few feet of him and struck the pistol with his hand, knocking it down. Pitts had his finger on the trigger and the blow discharged the weapon, the bullet going into the student's abdomen, inflicting a mortal wound. The teacher summoned a physician and then surrendered to Constable Frank A. Metcalf, and they drove across the country to Spartanburg.

Pitts' reason for carrying a pistol, to that, being physically unable to cope with the larger boys, he needed a weapon for his protection.

### MISS TAYLOR'S CASE.

Tries to Show the Court That Her Dismissal Was Illegal.

Washington, Mar. 2.—Miss Rebecca Taylor, who was discharged from the War Department for publishing severe criticisms on the Administration's policy in the Philippines, argued her own case before Chief Justice Bingham, of the District Supreme Court, in an effort to secure a writ of mandamus to compel Secretary Root to reinstate her. Proceedings for a writ of mandamus were begun a year ago, but since then Miss Taylor's counsel withdrew

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CANADIAN.

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A despatch to a Vienna news-

paper from Constantinople an-

nounces that M. Rulon, Russian

Consul at Mitrovitz, Albania, has

been murdered by natives.

Dr. R. J. Gatling, the inventor of

the Gatling gun, died in New York

yesterday afternoon, at the home of

his son-in-law, Hugh O. Pen-

cost. He was 85 years old.

Lord Stanley, of Preston, the eld-

est son of the Earl of Derby, has

officially denied the rumor that he

is to succeed the Earl of Minto as

Governor-General of Canada.

At the Colonial Club banquet on

Wednesday night, Major-General

Laurie, M. P., in speaking in regard

to trade, said that the Mother

Country should make an offer to

the colonies.

A despatch from New Zealand to

The London Times says that steps

are being taken with a view to the

formation of a colonial employers'

federation, to watch labor legisla-

tion in the colony.

John R. Dickie, C. P. R. brakeman,

with his wife and family, were plac-

ed under quarantine at their home,

No. 41 Victoria street, Toronto,

last evening by Dr. Mc-

Namara, M. H. O. The 8-year-old

daughter of Mr. Dickie is suffering

from a mild type of smallpox.

Eleven judges of the High Court

at Abo, Finland, the State Attor-

ney, and other court officials have

been dismissed without pension be-

cause the court instituted proceed-

ings against the Russian Governor

of the Province on the complaints

of persons who were affected by

the Governor's action at the first

disturbances there in April, 1902.

The front stone walls of the Pike

building and those of adjoining struc-

tures owned by Robert Clarke &

store, and of the Seasongood build-

ings, withstood the heat and did

not fall.

Walls Gave Way.

The rear walls of these structures,

however, gave way with the falling floors.

The fire swept across the alley known as Baker

street, and burned the large publish-

ing house of the American Book

Company, and other property along

Baker street, and did great damage

to the telephone building. All tele-

phones in the city were out of ser-

vice for some time. All the guests in

the Burnet House, on Nine street,

just across from the telephone build-

ing, were called out of their rooms,

were those at the Gibson, the Emery and Stag Hotels, which were

in close proximity to the fire.

The Kankakee building, diagonally

across from the Seasongood build-

ing and Pike Opera House, and

which is occupied by the Western

Union Telegraph Company, the Asso-

ciated Press, the Post, Four and

other offices, was threatened, and all

the wires of the Western Union, for

was