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ROOSEVELT ON WOMEN'S VOTE

Is Lukewarm and Does Not Think it of Much Importance.

Has Not Helped Women in Western States.

The Old Story of Woman's Sphere in the Home.

New York, Dec 7.—The attitude of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Elihu Root on the question of woman suffrage was disclosed to-day at a meeting under the auspices of the National League for the Civic Education of Women.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, in the course of an address in opposition to granting the right to vote to women read the following letter from President Roosevelt, which he said he read with the president's permission, although it was not written "for publication nor this occasion."

"Personally, I believe in woman's suffrage," says Mr. Roosevelt at the outset of the letter, which is dated November 10, 1908. "But I am not an enthusiastic advocate of it, because I do not regard it as a very important matter. I am unable to see that there has been any special improvement in the position of women in those States in the west that have adopted woman suffrage, as compared with those States adjoining them that have not adopted it. I do not think that giving the women shuffrage will produce any marked improvement in the condition of women. I do not believe that it will produce any of the evils feared, and I am very certain that when women as a whole take any special interest in the matter they will have the suffrage if they desire it. But at present I think most of them are lukewarm; I find some actively for it, and some actively against. I am, for the reasons above given, rather what you would regard as lukewarm or tepid in my support of it, because, while I believe in it, I do not regard it as of much importance. I believe that man and woman should stand on an equality of right, but I do not believe equality of right means equality or identity of function; and I am more and more convinced that the great field, the indispensible field, for the usefulness of women is as the mother of the family. It is her work in the household, in the home, her work in bearing and rearing the children, which is more than any man's work, and it is that work which should be normally the woman's special work just as normally the man's work should be that of the bread winner, the supporter of the home, and, if necessary, the soldier who will fight for the home. There are exceptions as regards both man and woman; but the full and perfect life, the life of highest happiness and of highest usefulness to the State, is the life of the man and woman who are husband and wife, who live in the partnership of love and duty, the one earning enough to keep the home, the other managing the home and children."

ENGINE SMASHED.

Wonderful Escape of the Halifax Express Train.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 7.—While the Halifax express was nearing the city to-night at a thirty-mile speed the engine struck a half-open switch and immediately broke from the train and left the rails, running more than a hundred yards beside the track. It was practically reduced to scrap iron, and the driver and fireman had a miraculous escape. The baggage and mail car were badly broken up, but the passengers escaped with a severe shaking up.

Two tramps riding on the blind baggage were badly injured and taken to the hospital.

BOAT SMASHED.

Serious Accident to Steamer Charmer Off Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 7.—The C. P. R. steamer Charmer, leaving the harbor for Victoria this afternoon, was struck by a scow laden with coal in tow of the tug Permuda, off Prospect Point, in the Narrows. The steel-bound scow struck the Charmer's starboard side under the gangway, making a large hole. The forehold filled immediately, and the Charmer was turned and ran for Brockton Point and beached opposite the lighthouse.

The Bermuda stood by till the C. P. R. Nanaimo steamer Joan put out from the harbor and took off the startled passengers, who proceeded to Victoria to-night on the Princess Victoria. There were a hundred passengers, and only one accident. Capt. Scott, a veteran of the C. P. R. coast service, was asleep below, and suffered bruised arms and a scratched face.

BODY FOUND.

William Elliott, an Old Man, and His Dog Burned.

Niagara Falls despatch: In a fire which completely destroyed his house, William Elliott, aged 70 years, lost his life this morning at Niagara-on-the-Lake. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed sparks from his pipe ignited the bed clothing, as he was an inveterate smoker. Except for his dog he had lived alone for the past ten years, and the remains of both were found close together. Elliott was a member of the Niagara District Veterans' Association, and had lived in Niagara for sixty years.

STRUCK GUARD IN FACE.

Kingston Convict Committed for Trial for Assault.

Kingston despatch: In the warden's office of the penitentiary to-day a convict named James Young was committed for trial for striking Guard William McDonald in the face with his fist. He will come up on Tuesday.

Some time ago Young was reported by Guard McDonald for insubordination, and the assault was the result.

Many a man is chesty without having a broad mind.

CHIEF OF POLICE MALONE,
Of Simcoe, under arrest, charged with shooting Constable Wilkins.

DISASTROUS WRECK

On the Railway—1 Killed 4 Injured in Wreck at Pembroke.

Ottawa despatch: Another man killed and four injured as the result of more human carelessness on the railway. The outline of the accident, which was a head-on collision, is this:

A light engine was running off the schedule from Carleton Place to Pembroke. It had orders to wait at Graham Station for the regular local passenger train. Instead of waiting it took chances, and made a dash for Pembroke, meeting the local one and a half miles east of that town. Both were running at the rate of about 40 miles per hour. Coming together with terrible impact, both engines leaped into the air, and sank to the ground again, completely demolished—a heap of ruin. The engineer of the passenger was killed instantaneously as he stood at his post. His fireman and three other men on the engine were more or less injured.

Railway casualties seem to be on the increase, and a multiplicity of train orders, running regulations or the supervision of experienced railway men seem to be powerless to stem the tide.

It is the unanimous opinion of eminent railroad men and all railroad commissions that the only way to prevent these wrecks is to make them mechanically impossible by the applying of a device which will absolutely prevent any chance of human error.

A device of this kind has been invented by H. W. Price, of the engineering department, University of Toronto. This Price system for the automatic controlling and stopping of trains is wonderful in its working. Almost human without human faults, it will absolutely prevent railroad accidents by rear-end or head-on collisions, open switches, breaks in the track or open drawbridges, and as 85 per cent. of the railway accidents are due to these causes, the adoption of this system by the railways will be a great boon to mankind.

The Universal Signal Co., Limited, owning the Price system, have an exhibition on the top floor of the Norwich Union building, 12-14 Wellington street east, where they are demonstrating the capabilities of the system on a miniature railway, representing five miles of track, with two engines of the mogul type. The exhibition is in the hands of capable and experienced men, who are gladly explaining the workings of the system to all comers. Hamilton representatives, E. B. Arthur, room 600, Bank of Hamilton building.

BUTTER TRICK.

Put Creamery Wrappers on Dairy Butter and Was Fined.

Toronto, Ont. despatch: An unusual case came up in the police court to-day, the prosecutor being the Dominion Government and the charge laid under the inspection and sale act. John Lyon, a grocer, and Wm. Duckworth, a commission salesman, pleaded guilty to taking dairy butter and putting creamery wrappers on it, thereby making an increased profit of 7 or 8 cents per pound. A fine of $25 and costs, or half the maximum, was imposed.

BOOK TREASURES SOLD.

High Price Paid at Lord Amherst's Dispersal Sale.

London, Dec. 7.—The dispersal of the famous library of Lord Amherst, of Hackney, one of the greatest book sales of modern times, began in London this afternoon and attracted bibliographers and collectors from all parts of the world. This magnificent collection was brought together during the past half century at a great cost in money and labor, and it is being sold in consequence of the heavy financial losses sustained by Lord Amherst through an attorney who absconded with a trust fund, of which Lord Amherst was trustee to the extent of $1,250,000.

At a private sale yesterday fifteen fine Caxtons were disposed of, supposedly to J. Pierpont Morgan, who is said to have paid $500,000 for them, but numerous treasures still are left, and the bidding to-day was spirited. The celebrated Mazarin Bible was sold to a London dealer for $10,250, while the "Apocalipsis Scannis," an original block book of the Low Countries, brought $10,000. The same volume was auctioned at the Crawford sale in 1887 and brought $2,500.

King Charles' copy of the Cambridge Bible brought $5,000. A total of almost $50,000 was realized to-day from the sale of 150 lots.

EARLY IN JANUARY.

Opening of Parliament Will Take Place Next Month.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—It is probable that Parliament will be called to meet on January 13th. The exact date for the opening of the session has not yet been fixed, but it is the Government's desire to make it as early as possible in January, and if the auditor-general's report and other matters of detail can be got ready in time the opening of the House will not be later than the 13th, and may possibly be in the first week in January. The date will be announced definitely in a few days.

NAVAL WARFARE.

Conference of the Powers to Frame a Code of Laws.

Britain, Japan and the States Agree in Most Matters.

London, Dec. 7.—The conference of the powers called by Great Britain for the framing of a code of laws for naval warfare and for the formation of the international prize court recommended by The Hague congress, was opened at the Foreign Office to-day. With an interval for the Christmas holidays, it is expected that the conference will last until February 1. At the request of the British Government the powers which accepted invitations to the conference have forwarded a list of subjects which they consider should be discussed.

The United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Spain, Holland and Japan will be represented. The American delegates are Rear Admiral Charles Stockton and Prof. Grafton Wilson, of Brown University. Commander John H. Gibbons, naval attache at the London Embassy, will act as aide.

Great Britain will be represented by the Earl of Desart and Capt. Charles L. Ottley, director of naval intelligence, and secretary of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

An address of welcome was delivered by Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey. At the suggestion of Germany the powers have submitted their views on various points. Great Britain, Japan and the United States are agreed in principle at least on the most important proposals.

MAKE TRAMPS WORK

New York Man Proposes Farm For Their Detention.

Albany, Dec. 7.—A State farm for the employment and detention of tramps is proposed by Jos. C. Baldwin, jun., of Mount Kisco, a member of the New York State Board of Charities. Commissioner Baldwin intends to secure, if possible, the aid of the Legislature in its efforts to have a State farm established. His plan is to have tramps detained at the proposed institution for a long period, and to make the institution self-supporting.

Pending the final establishment of such an institution he would have the Legislature enact a law prohibiting the reception of tramps by city or county almshouses, and make it the duty of poor-officers to have them committed to a pen, under the provisions of the penal code. He also favors the employment of such able-bodied persons as may be temporarily committed to almshouses.

Mr. Baldwin is of the opinion that if his suggestions are enacted into law it will go far toward the elimination of the tramp, who would rather leave the State than be compelled to work in a State institution.

GALE COST 17 LIVES.

Ten Fishing Vessels Wrecked on Newfoundland Coast.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 7.—Seventeen persons perished in a storm which lashed the Newfoundland coast for forty-eight hours In all, ten fishing vessels have gone ashore, most of them breaking into fragments on the rocks The victims of the gales were members of the crews of three of these craft. The fishermen were all residents of Newfoundland fishing villages

The storm began Tuesday evening, and developed into a blizzard A northerly gale caught many small schooners and sloops off the coast, and in scudding for harbor before the blast many of the crew lost their bearings in the thick snowstorm.

STRANGE THEORY.

SUN'S RAYS THE FOOD OF SOUL BODIES.

Soul Made of Psychomeres Says Psychical Expert—May Some Day be Weighed and Visible—200 Miles Around Earth the Spirit Realm.

London, Dec. 7.—The soul of man is an aggregation of psychomeres inhabiting the cells of the human body and probably weighing about one-thousandth part of the body's weight. Such is the conspicuous part of a theory enunciated in a lecture in London by Fournier d'Albe, secretary of the Dublin Society of Psychical Research. He held out the hope that it would be possible some day to see psychomeres because, he said, they are probably opaque to ultra-violet light, and therefore may be visible by more powerful optical means than the world yet possessed. Then they will be weighed and measured. After death the psychomeres unite and form the soul body, suited to the environment of the earth's atmosphere, in which they float. They have consciousness and power of locomotion, the latter being probably derived from the ultra-violet rays of the sun. The soul body lives cheaply, subsisting on the sun's rays, and as these are easily assimilable no digestive apparatus is wanted. So the soul body is stomachless and knows nothing of the struggle for existence. To balance this it retains, according to d'Albe, the higher quality of competition in mutual service, and spends the time in cultivating the higher virtues.

Some soul body is anywhere between the surface of the earth and some circumscribing limit, vaguely specified as two hundred miles above it. This space is the soul realm. The soul body apparently does not suffer lonesomeness, as d'Albe states that the soul realm is as thickly populated as the earth. Indeed, the atmosphere is inhabited by the souls of tellurians who have quitted the earth life during the last thirty thousand years. This mystic period limits the soul's body's existence in the atmosphere. When this time is up it quits, but d'Albe is not sure where it goes. He, however, suggests a further transformation into a state of existence into inter-planetary space, implying a final cosmic union of all souls of all ages. D'Albe is not an obscure dreamer. His work in science and in psychology has won the commendation of Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir William Crookes.

PEOPLE NOT READY.

Why the Shah of Persia Withholds Constitution.

Teheran, Dec. 7.—His Majesty the Shah of Persia granted an audience this afternoon to the local representative of the Associated Press, and expressed a keen desire to dissipate some of the false impressions regarding his attitude on constitutionalism. His Majesty asserted his belief in a constitution in emphatic terms:

"I consider the institution of a constitution as essentially necessary for the advancement of Persia, and the well-being and prosperity if the Persian people," he said.

"I realize what a great source of progress Parliamentary government has been to other nations, but the deplorable results of the recent institution at Teheran of the Mejliss (National Assembly) give ample proof of the necessity for a gradual development of the system in this country. The Mejliss proved to be actually retrogressive, instead of progressive, and the experiences of the people with the Mejliss led to a widespread movement against a revival of the constitution, under which the intelligent masses anticipated a return of the evils to which they were subjected under the first Assembly.

"It is necessary that the people be brought gradually to appreciate the value of these institutions, and this is my aim. It is quite true that there are two parties in the country, one for and one against a constitution, but it is precisely for this reason that I fear a hasty decision might lead to disturbances, which I am anxious to avoid. The work of the last Mejliss caused sufficient trouble and bloodshed.

"The Council of State, which I have summoned, will deal with all these questions. It is true that the members of this Council are not deputies, but from this small beginning I hope that the Council ultimately will develop into an important Assembly. I hope to train my people properly to appreciate a larger constitutional regime."

KILLED ON RAILS.

Heavy Loss of Life on Canadian Roads During the Year.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—There has been a terrible toll of deaths in railway wrecks in Ontario within the past few months.

Even the past few weeks has a long grim list of fast smashes.

If the railway board has not the power to institute an enquiry, then the subject is one of such gravity that the appointment of a royal commission would perhaps be advisable.

RECORD OF THE YEAR.

	Killed.	Injured.
January	29	26
February	24	28
March	26	23
April	32	45
May	22	31
June	28	32
July	20	22
August	11	22
September	23	12
October	27	18
Total	242	259

The fatalities were due to the following circumstances:

Run over by cars, 72; explosions, 57; collisions, 23; derailments, 19; caught between cars, 13; falls, 12; struck by trains, 10; falling material, 10; drowning, 6; killed by rock slides, 4; struck by passing object, 4; machinery, 4; suffocated, 2; swept away by flood, 3; fires, 21; heat prostration, 1; fumes of gasoline, 1. Total, 242.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Jacob Oldham's Leg Broken and One Horse Killed.

Chatham despatch Word has reached the city of a dangerous accident at Tupperville, whereby Jacob Oldham, of Wallaceburg, may die. Oldham, who is a teamster for Mr. Steinhoff, was helping to load logs at Tupperville, the team being on he main line of the P. M. R. at times, though the cars were being loaded on a siding. Unable to get out of the way in time Oldham and the team were both struck. Oldham receiving severe injuries in the head and one leg being broken. One horse was killed, but the other escaped without a scratch.

CANADIAN BYRES.

Many of Them Very Badly Kept, Says Scottish Lecturer.

London, Dec. 7.—Mr. George Ferguson, of Morayshire, one of the Scottish Agricultural Commission which recently visited Canada, lecturing to a farmers' club at Elgin, pointed out that many byres in Canada were very badly kept, and that otherwise the production of dairy products was not crippled by over-inspection in the initial stages. That raised the point of protection of the right sort. He did not think the British subject would ask too much if he demanded that the same rules should apply to the manufacture of his imported butter and cheese as to the manufacture of those articles made at home.

THE MINER'S WIDOW.

John Mitchell Suggests a Tax for Her Assistance.

Pithtsburg, Pa., Dec. 7.—The need for greater safety in mining and conservation in the coal mining industry were urged at to-day's session of the American Mining Congress here. Apparently the whole convention has concentrated its efforts for the improvement of the coal-mining industry. Disasters last year and the catastrophe last Saturday at Marianna, Pa., have so far furnished the chief material for discussion.

John Mitchell, former President of the United Mine Workers of America, was given close attention when he spoke on conditions in the mines here and abroad. Taking up the subject of fatalities in the mines, Mr. Mitchell said that provision should be made to pay every widow of a miner who was killed in a mine $1,000, and an injured miner $500. This money, he said, could be secured through a small tax on the coal taken out, and the tax would be such that it would not bear heavily on any coal operator.

CONSTABLE WILKINS,
Of the Simcoe Police Force, who is in a dangerous condition from bullet wounds, alleged to have been inflicted by Chief Malone.

LIQUOR CASE.

CHARLES F. STEWART TELLS HOW HE LEFT OWEN SOUND.

In Fear of His Life—Claims Solicitor Tucker Paid Him for His Notes—Rode on the Bumpers of a C. P. R. Freight, and Was Handed Fifty Dollars.

Owen Sound despatch: Alegations of a most serious character were made against a prominent solicitor of this town and an engine driver in the Police Court this afternoon by Charles F. Stewart, license detective, Toronto. The evidence was given in connection with the charge of having sold liquor, brought against Charles Crook, of the Duncan House. Stewart is one of the two detectives who disappeared from the Seldon House here on the evening of the 25th of last month, a few hours prior to giving evidence against the hotelkeepers in the court on the following morning. Altogether there were three detectives engaged in the raid, their names being Claude Pownall, Alexander Coorien and Stewart. Pownall and Stewart skipped out of town, the latter being discovered at Toronto, while Pownall is still missing.

Mr. Saunders, of Toronto, chief of the License Department, was the first witness called, and he told how Stewart had come to his office and handed over several documents to him, which he had placed in a sealed envelope. The envelope was produced in court and handed over to Magistrate Creaser.

Crook then gave evidence and declared that he had never at any time sold intoxicating liquor to Stewart or the other detectives.

Stewart was examined at great length. Asked as to why he and Pownall had left the town, witness made a number of sensational statements. He declared that Detective Pownall had told him about 7 o'clock on the night of their disappearance that he knew they could get $500 or $750 if they agreed to leave the town and not give evidence against the hotelmen, and that if they did not go they would be shot. Witness believed that if he remained in town he would be killed, and accordingly, being afraid for his life, he agreed to clear out. Later in the evening he and Pownall met a C. P. R. driver named George Pumple, and they spoke to him on the subject of the money and agreed to meet him at the local C. P. R. station. On two occasions during the same night they had conversed with Mr. H. G. Tucker (the barrister who is defending all the hotelmen implicated in the raid), and Mr. Tucker had given them $5 for the possession of their note-books containing the dates on which they had visited the various hotels.

Mr. Tucker interrupted at this stage and emphatically denied ever having had any such transaction with either the witness or Pownall.

The witness then proceeded to tell how he and Pownall got clear of the town. They had gone down to the station and boarded a freight train, which was driven by George Pumple. They started out from Owen Sound shortly after 1 o'clock in the morning of the 26th of last month, travelling on the bumpers. When the train stopped they got on the top of an open car containing stones, and from there to the caboose, and were admitted to the caboose by Conductor Grimes. Witness had had his hat blown away while travelling on the bumpers, and he had got the loan of a hat from Conductor Grimes, which he had left at Orangeville Station after purchasing a new hat in that town. During part of the journey they had travelled on the engine, and while they were there Pumple, the driver, had handed over a roll of bills to Pownall. The latter counted the money and gave the witness $50, which sum he had given to Mr. Saunders in Toronto. Witness was sorry that he had ever run away, and had made up his mind to give his evidence as soon as he reached Toronto.

This concluded Stewart's evidence, and the court adjourned till the following morning. Stewart's statements have created a great sensation here. He made a good appearance in the witness box.

BARBADOES IS WILLING.

Closer Trade Relations With the Dominion Wanted.

Halifax despatch: Barbadoes desires to enter into closer trade relations with Canada, and whenever the Dominion will give us a further reduction in duty on sugar we are prepared to give corresponding concessions in flour, fish, lumber and other Canadian produce. A resolution has been passed by our Legislature to this effect, and the matter now rests in the hands of the Canadian Government."

This was the answer of Mr. E. Mitchell, of the West Indian colony, when asked to-day whether the colony was still desirous of improving trade relations with Canada. Mr. Mitchell is returning from a business trip to Newfoundland, and sails for Barbadoes on Sunday.

His Eagle Eye.

A Republican politician in Atchison was explaining to a negro voter how to vote the straight ticket. "Now do you understand?" said the politician, at length. "Yes, sah; yes, sah; all I has to do is to put a cross right under that thar chicken."—Kansas City Star.

She—So you admit that a woman can keep a secret, eh? He—Oh, yes, she can keep it going.

TOP NOTCH REACHED

Last Year's Timber Crop in U. S. the Greatest Possible.

Washington, Dec. 4.—That the top notch in the lumber production of the United States was reached during the past year, and that from now on the annual production would either remain the same as last year or would show a decrease, was the startling statement made to-day before the National Conservation Commission by Overton Price, associate forester in the United States Forest Service. He declared that the original forests cover only one-fourth; that only one-fifth of all our standing timber is publicly owned, the other four-fifths being held in private ownership, and that only 70 per cent. of our public forests and less than 1 per cent. of our private forests are conserved for use.

He added: "The average growth in all our forests is about 12 cubic feet per acre, or a total of seven billion cubic feet. But we take from the forests 23 billion cubic feet each year, or over three times what they produce.

"Forest fires run through fifty million acres of forests each year."

A ROUND-UP.

Gang of Nine Safe Breakers Captured at St. Paul.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 7.—A special from Minneapolis says: Nine men, supposed to be members of a gang of professional safe-crackers, wanted in various towns of the Northwest and from points in Canada, were captured here in a raid on rooms at 27 Eastman avenue, Nicolet Island, by Pinkerton Detective Ole Ringdahl, of St. Paul, and four Mill City officers. A complete outfit of explosives and various accessories commonly used by safe-crackers was confiscated. The catch is considered by the police of the Twin Cities to be most important. The men under arrest give these names: M. E. Howard, Thomas Burnes, Edward Leburg, Harry Dean, W. J. Stolz, Joseph Brown, Mike Bermingham, John Baker and Gustaf Peterson.

The Provincial Police Department is in communication with the St Paul authorities It is strongly suspected that the men who have blown open safes in Manitoba during the past summer will be found among those captured last night

It is thought that the two men who killed Mike Sagar while robbing a store at Elkhorn, Man, may be among the number

CROZIER CASE.

Young Man Will Not Ask New Trial—Will Appeal Instead.

Toronto despatch: Milton Crozier, who was sentenced to two years in the Central Prison on a plea of guilty to a charge of counterfeiting, has declined to avail himself, for the present at least, of the leave granted by Mr. Justice Latchford to appear again and plead before Magistrate Shields on the indictment. He will instead appeal from his Lordship's refusal to grant his discharge, on the ground that he was not properly informed as to his rights of election, and further that the magistrate exceeded his jurisdiction in sentencing him for two full years to the Central.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AN ELECTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Government Majority in Both Houses Advisable—Bishops to Have Ten Representatives—The Colonies Remembered.

London, Dec. 7.—The report of the select committee of the House of Lords appointed to suggest a plan for the reform of the Upper House was issued to-day. The committee find it undesirable that the posession of a peerage should of itself give the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords, and it recommends that qualification should be the main test for the admission to the reformed House.

It then sets forth that all hereditary peers should be formed into an electoral body for the purpose of electing two hundred of their number to sit and vote as the "Lords of Parliament," not for life, but for a single Parliament; that the spiritual Lords of Parliament be reduced to ten, to be elected by the bishops, the two archbishops sitting during the tenure of their sees, and the other eight for the duration of each Parliament.

It is recommended that Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have official representatives in the Upper House, and that the Governments of those countries be consulted as to a suitable method of appointment.

The report also suggests that a number of hereditary peers, 130 or so, possessing certain qualification, should be allowed to take their seats without the necessity of election; these to include men who have held the post of Cabinet Minister, Viceroy, Governor-General of Canada, and governor of the larger colonies, and naval and military officers of high rank, and that twenty years' service in the House of Commons shall entitle one to a seat among the peers. This plan will give the reformed House of Lords about 350 members, namely, three peers of the blood royal, 200 peers to be elected, about 130 qualified hereditary peers, ten spiritual lords and five judges.

The report adds that the committee feels that the party in power in the House of Commons should be able to count on a substantial following in the House of Lords, but as opinions as to the best means of obtaining this object are so diverse it is unable to make any recommendations.

S. S. BORNU ON ROCKS.

Ran Ashore in the St. Lawrence Off Gaspe.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Word has reached here that the Elder-Dempster steamer Bornu, of the Canadian-Mexican route, went ashore off Gaspe. She was loading lumber for Havana when a strong gale drove her ashore. Aid has been asked from Quebec, but it is expected that with a change of wind and tide she will get off the rocks. She is a steel vessel of 2,074 tons, and has been on her present route for some years. At the time of the accident she had no passengers on board.

Better stretch your hand than your neck.—Dutch.

GERMANY-CANADA.

The Fatherland Seeking Trade Advantages.

London, Dec. 7.—The Commercial Treaties Association of Berlin will publish shortly a memorial entitled "Concerning the readjustment of the German-Canadian commercial relations." From this it appears that numerous manufacturers have for years maintained business in Canada without a profit in the hope that the tariff conflict would soon be settled. It is shown that the removal of the surtax would alone result in a considerable development of German export trade. The advantages to Canada of an understanding with Germany are also exhaustively set forth. Much that now comes from Germany, from Argentina and the United States could be bought from the Dominion.

The Commercial Treaties Association now suggests such an arrangement between Germany and Canada that in return for the removal of the surtax on German goods Germany should grant the Dominion a provisional establishment of the German conventional tariff, with a clear recognition of the existing preference in favor of Great Britain.

SHOT FOUR MEN.

UNPROVOKED CRIME IN LUMBER CAMP NEAR DRYDEN.

Young Man Named Joseph Milroy, Seized With Berserker Fit, Fires Five Shots—One of His Victims, Richard Denna, Will Probably Die.

Dryden, Dec. 7.—A terrible and evidently unprovoked and cold-blooded shooting occurred in a lumber camp out in Wainwright Township, two miles from here, about midnight last night, in which four men were wounded, one of whom will die. The shooting was done by a young Canadian named Joseph Milroy, and his victims are Richard Denna, shot in the pit of the stomach; Daniel Foy, shot in the neck and right side; K. Stanton, shot in the knee, and an unknown man, shot in the thigh.

There were fourteen in the party in camp, and all were quietly sitting around the room, according to reports which have been received from the scene, when, without a moment's warning or provocation, Milroy jumped up and shouted: "Stand back; I am going to shoot." He was flourishing an automatic revolver, and before anyone could escape he fired five shots in rapid succession, every one of which took effect.

Milroy then made his escape, but was captured this morning about a mile from the scene of his crime by Constable Rollo. He expressed no regrets, and after inquiring how many of his shots had taken effect, he observed that he would have shot the lot if he had had time. Milroy was an employee of the G. T. P. and the three men who were seriously wounded are teamsters in a lumber camp.

The wounded men were taken to Kenora this morning. Denna is not expected to live, but the others will recover. Milroy will be up for preliminary hearing on Saturday. Denna came to the west from London, England.

MADE RICH HAUL.

Thieves Got Diamonds and Cash in a Toronto Residence.

Toronto despatch: The business of entering the homes of well-known citizens now being carried on vigorously by a gang of housebreakers is becoming too popular. One of the most successful robberies from the standpoint of the thieves was the entry of the home of Mr. John W. Hirst, one of the proprietors of the Arlington Hotel. Mr. Hirst lives at 178 Beverley street, and during the absence of the family jewelry to the value of about $800 was stolen. The rooms were thoroughly ransacked by the housebreakers, who also got for their trouble about $100 in cash. One diamond ring worth $150, which was taken away, was highly prized.

AROUSED BY DOG.

Ottawa Family Narrowly Escapes Asphyxiation.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Mr. Dominique Poirier and wife, his father-in-law, and two young ladies, resident at 74 Friel street, probably owe their lives to the barking of a pet dog belonging to the family, which aroused them in time this morning to save them from being asphyxiated by gas. Mr. Poirier was awakened about 4 o'clock by the barking of his dog. He rose from bed and as he did so he fell to the floor; he dragged himself to the window and threw it open, and was quickly partially revived.

Turning his attention to his wife, Mr. Poirier found her unconscious from the effects of the gas. He managed to get her to the window, and partially revived her, and then went to succor the other occupants of the house, who were all found in a similar condition.

THE HINDOOS.

British Agent to Investigate as to Their Deportation.

Halifax, N. S., despatch: Col. C. T. Swayne, Governor of British Honduras, was a passenger on the steamer Empress of Ireland, which arrived here yesterday from Liverpool. He is bound for Vancouver(B.C., to investigate and report for the British Government on the prospects of sending all the Hindus in Canada to British Honduras, the Canadian Government having practically passed an order for their deportation. Col. Swayne commanded the expedition which captured the Mad Mullah in Somaliland.

NO CHRONICLE OF SMALL BEER.

Kaiser Will Lessen Publicity of Trivial Court Happenings.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—In pursuance of his disciplinary treatment, the Kaiser has decided to lessen the publicity of court happenings. It has hitherto been customary to publish the most trivial doings of the imperial family. These henceforth will not be announced. The court circular will be censored by the Imperial Ministry of Foreign Affairs before it is published.

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