

Somehow we like the fellow who does something, and does it wrong, far more than we do the fellow who does nothing for fear he will do that something wrong.

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FOREIGNERS ATTACKED BY CANTONESE IRREGULARS

British and United States Warships Shelled Nanking Area for Protection of Foreigners Assembled for Evacuation—One Britisher Was Killed and Two Wounded While the Number of American Casualties Has Yet to be Ascertained.

(Canadian Press) SHANGHAI, March 24.—British and United States warships replied this afternoon to the shelling by the southern irregulars concentrated in Nanking. One Britisher was killed and the British consul and another Britisher was wounded. The foreigners were concentrated for evacuation on a hill in the northern part of the city, where the Standard Oil plant is located. The shelling by the southern irregulars began shortly before four p. m. A few minutes later the United States destroyers Noa and Preston and the British cruiser Emerald, shelled the area surrounding the hill. With the object of opening the way for the immediate evacuation of the foreigners, combined British and United States forces were landed. There were no casualties among the 165 American men, women and children who were at the concentration point. A wireless despatch from Nanking blames the attack on the hill on "undisciplined Cantonese troops." A report reached the warships early this afternoon that looting had begun in the city and that foreigners were being killed. This report was not verified. Later it was reported that the British consulate had been looted and the consul wounded. The United States consul John Davis and his staff accompanied by a marine guard which had previously been landed from the Noa left the consulate and took refuge on Socony Hill where the foreigners were assembled. When the warships learned that the hill was being attacked, they opened fire with their main batteries on the area surrounding the hill for the purpose of cleaning out the attackers. United States destroyers are standing by at Shanghai awaiting possible hurry calls to Nanking. The destroyers Pillsbury, John D. Ford and Peary have been ordered immediately from Manila to Shanghai. The British steamer Poyang arrived today in Shanghai with the first refugees leaving Nanking since the official evacuation began. The Poyang which left Nanking Tuesday night was fired upon during her voyage to Shanghai and was hit several times but there was no casualty aboard. She brought seventy British and 30 Americans although her accommodations only provide normally for 13 first class passengers. The refugees, mostly aged mistresses and mothers with children said they had received consular instructions to leave the city Monday night. Tuesday at daylight they boarded the British cruiser Emerald and the United States destroyers Noa and Preston. They carried only a few belongings, many having only the clothes they wore. Later they were transferred to the Poyang leaving many other women and children aboard the warships. Other foreigners were concentrated at the plant of the International Export Company, a British

PROCEEDINGS SURPLUS AND REDUCTION OF LIABILITIES FEATURES OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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(From Our Own Correspondent) OTTAWA, Ont., March 24.—Parliament is getting very busy, which portends an early prorogation. Yesterday the annual report of the Canadian National Railway was submitted. The showing is most satisfactory and the best yet made, there being fourteen million dollars, or 44 percent increase in earnings, enough for the first time to pay all fixed charges. Throughout Sir Henry is most optimistic, but deals cautiously with the rate structure which is a cause of continual agitation, and while not arguing for or against a higher rate thinks the public interest will be best served by rates which not only maintain service, but permit of necessary improvements and adequate facilities. If rates were going to be cut down, the hope of earnings increasing to profitable proportions cannot be attained. Generally speaking, the report reflects a buoyant optimism as indicated in increased operating revenues, a lower operating ratio, the establishment of new industries, betterments and improvements and extensions in many places, and finally in that increased population which is coming in with its vitalizing influence upon the country as a whole. This afternoon, fifteen new lines were approved by the house in a brief space of time, a sure sign that it is well satisfied with the situation. Old age pensions ran the gauntlet in the Senate rather successfully. Senator Beaubien gave notice of amendment to refer to committee on banking and commerce immediately after second reading of the bill which it received this afternoon. The idea of extensions in many places, and finally in that increased population which is coming in with its vitalizing influence upon the country as a whole.

Proceedings in the federal parliament. The Public Accounts Tabled Yesterday Show a Surplus of \$22,102.47 on Current Account and a Reduction of \$18,093.03 in Total Liabilities. The Public Accounts for 1926-27 were tabled at the Legislature yesterday afternoon. A reference to more healthy condition financially and expenditure shows that it is at the present moment surplus on the ordinary operations thanks to the able management and of \$22,102.47—a most substantial administration of the Stewart Government. In addition to this all the more remarkable when it is surplus there is a decrease of \$18,093.03 in the total liabilities of the capital expenditures incurred in province including capital and high-connection with the construction of way expenditure, permanent bridges and culverts. For the first time for many years the public service throughout has the accounts of the ordinary operations of the Province have been closed showing both a surpluss and a reduction in Provincial liabilities. During the Bell regime there were Cape. The Stewart Government's claims of surpluses on a small scale deserving of, and will no doubt be which were not borne out by facts, elve, the greatest credit for this but there were no records of re-satisfactory showing.

Table with columns for Revenue and Expenditure for the Province for the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1926. Includes items like Dominion subsidy, Canadian National Railways, Public Lands, etc.

Attractive Markers For Autos This Year. Yesterday afternoon the Provincial Treasurer received this year's automobile numbers. The body of the plate this year is purple, while the lettering and figures are orange. This year's markers differ from those of last year in the fact that "Prince Edward Island" is displayed in its entirety instead of being initialed, and also "Canada" is added to the plate. This is to signify that the car is from Canada and the Province of Prince Edward Island. It may also be mentioned that this is the only marker in the Dominion bearing the word Canada. It is related that the driver of a P. E. Island car in Boston was asked where he was from and what "P. E. I." signified. He jokingly replied "from the Philippines". He was then asked if he came all the way by road. This no doubt conveys some idea of the lack of knowledge possessed by some, or perhaps many Americans regarding Prince Edward Island. Last year there were 3,453 cars registered. It is estimated that there will be about 500 additional markers required this year.

The Weather, Etc., THE WIND IS STARTING TO 'BLOW' ABOUT SPRING. ALREADY. TORONTO, Mar. 25.—Maritime east and northeast winds, mostly fair, not much change in temperature. Maximum and minimum temperatures: Toronto, cloudy 32-24; Montreal, cloudy 20-10; Quebec, cloudy 22-8; Ch'town, fair 31-8; Halifax, fair 28-16; Saint John, cloudy 28-12; Boston, snow 36-36; New York, snow 42-28. High tide this afternoon at 2:32 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:19. Sun sets this evening at 6:20 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:50. Last quarter moon Saturday March 26th 7:11 a. m.

THE SPIRIT OF LOGARNO PROCEEDINGS AT THE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

Resolution Regarding the Standardization of Murray Harbor Branch Carried. Reports of Provincial Auditor and Department of Public Works Tabled.

Thursday, March 24th House met at 4 o'clock. Mr. Saunders asked if answers to his questions in regard to the Prohibition Act and the Commission had as yet been received from the Commission. Premier Stewart replied that no reply had as yet been received. He had made inquiries from narrow rail cars to standard line has been going on for many years. A meeting was held to discuss a branch line from Pisiquid to Mount Herbert. Mr. Macdonald said there were many districts in the province requiring attention in this regard. He had in mind the moving of a matter under the consideration of the Department. Mr. James B. Macdonald asked the Honourable the Minister of Public Works if he had received a petition from Frank Donnelly, Ernest Rodgeron, George E. Jay and others praying for improvements to the road from Samuel Jay's corner St. Patrick's Road, known as the road from Augustus Road during the how his district was admirably suited for the growing of potatoes, but the people there could not compete with other districts on account of a transportation difficulties. A survey, he said, should be made of the whole province in view Massachusetts, Laundryman, pray of looking into the different districts for an Act to vest certain lands in the whole province would be said James MacLean. The bill was cost less to the Government or the real for the first time. Railway than the Pisiquid to Mt. Herbert branch. Mr. Norman McLeod in second-order praying for an Act to amend the Municipalities Act to give the privilege of second-order to the League of Municipalities. He was glad also to see the resolution had been brought before the Legislature as it afforded all interested parties an opportunity of expressing their views on the important matters Act consolidating and amending contained therein. "I may say at the outset," said the speaker, "that I am in perfect accord with the spirit and purpose of the resolution and I feel quite sure, Mr. Speaker, that I voice the sentiments and express the views of the people of Southern Kings in the general and of the people of my own district of Murray Harbor particularly, in the remarks and observations I am about to make. In the first place I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the whole of the Prince Edward Island Railway including its branch lines, except the Murray Harbor Branch, has recently been standardized, furnishing work out and depleted and nished with rolling stock, and new traffic and freight to be carried in complete shape to take care of less new equipment is provided, the traffic and business, offering at the same time a considerable saving in the cost of the different centres along the line. We have no envious feeling toward the people of the other sections of the province who have had the gauge cars amounts to a very considerable sum. Mr. McLeod then explained how the transportation problem was going to be solved by the province, and which could not be used elsewhere young people left the province, and one half of the potato crop of the people of Southern Kings was left behind while the farmers of more fortunate districts were shipping potatoes. This was due to the fact that there were no heated cars on the line. He said Hillsboro Bridge presently very difficult to market any large quantity of such seed potatoes in the short period of time in the fall a public man who said that when the foundation of the Bridge was being built, standardization at some cutting date was taken into consideration. Mr. McLeod concluded that if it were not for the fact that the people of Murray Harbor are prevented from carrying on their own and engaging in this industry to a considerable extent owing to the difficulty of transportation, the people of Murray Harbor would be in a position to support the resolution in thorough accord of what that both in the interest of economy and efficiency the Murray Harbor Branch Line should be standardized as soon as possible, and that a thorough survey should be made throughout the whole Province with a view to establishing necessary branch lines of railway to overcome the difficulty of transportation. In moving the resolution, Mr. Macdonald said it was not necessary to say much. The whole of the province is now standardized except the Murray Harbor line. The time must come when this branch will become standardized and why should it not be done now, He felt

MAJ. SEGRAVE SETS A NEW SPEED RECORD. (Canadian Press) DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., March 24.—Speeding under unfavorable course conditions Major H. C. D. Segrave, British Driver, today set a new unofficial United States one way straight away record of 166.51 miles an hour for a mile on the ocean beach speedway here. Workers had plotted the nine mile straight away with flags and erected intricate timing equipment for use in the British pilot's one mile of greatest speed. Major Segrave used four miles to gather power, shot the one mile and eased up in the next four. Officials of the American Automobile Association timed the test. The United States record was 156.04 miles an hour, held by Tommy Milton. Today's trials were called off after two runs when the racing machine stuck in high gear and the tide began to cover the course.

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\$20,000 For Hanna. TORONTO, Mar. 24.—In the Ontario Legislature yesterday Premier G. H. Ferguson announced he would be prepared to pay a salary of \$20,000 to D. B. Hanna as chairman of the Liquor Control Board. The Government would be prepared to pay Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion and S. McClellan approximately half that amount.

Coal Strike Is Threatened. CHICAGO, Mar. 24.—Unable to detect any promise of an agreement that would stave off the threatening coal strike April 1st, the executive committee of the Illinois board of directors of the Illinois Coal Operators met today and adjourned until next Wednesday in the hope that time may offer some solution.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc. *Inquire Re Chronic Diseases 112 Prince Street, Dr. Cliff, M. D., D. D., most done, don't delay. *Savitar in Mayo, fortiter in Barton. 4285-3-18-3mos. *Come to Hunter River Friday night, March 25th and hear Wheatley River debating society put on their big concert. Admission \$5 and 15 cts. 4557-3-24-21.

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