

SPANISH BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENT

(Canadian Press) MADRID, Dec. 11.—Hispano Americano Bank suspends payment again today. It had been obliged to do so temporarily yesterday owing to a run. The Bank of Spain came to its assistance. It is reported that the bank is overloaded with Mexican securities. Hispano Americano Bank filed a declaration of suspension of payments in the law courts after a lengthy conference between bank officials and the governor of the Bank of Spain. The Minister of Finance later declared the Bank of Spain had lent \$4,000,000 to Hispano Americano Bank and offered it another two millions which has been declined on the ground that it was not enough to meet the demands of depositors, all the amounting to \$20,000,000. All the depositors were demanding their money back and the officials decided it was better to suspend payments now than later, which was done. Long lines of persons besieged the doors of the bank from early this morning. Those who had securities deposited for safety were allowed to withdraw them. The Finance Minister caused an announcement to be made to anxious depositors that if the Government could find means of avoiding losses to them it would do so.

MR. HAZEN DENIES STEFANSON STORY

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The story is absolutely unfounded and not warranted by anything that occurred in the expedition but it is a serious attack to make against the scientist who accompanied Stefansson. This statement was made by Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine this afternoon with regard to the sensational story published in the afternoon papers to the effect that Stefansson, the Canadian explorer, was deserted by his party on the Karjuk. The reason alleged for the inhuman action was his falling over the division of the provisions with the crew. There is not a shred of information to justify the theory. The statement of the minister is that the Stefansson expedition was better equipped than any previous venture of the kind ever sent north. Supplies for possible provisions made for every foot of the man. The minister accepts without the slightest doubt Mr. Stefansson's own report of what happened. It is most regrettable that imaginary tales have been sent broadcast without the slightest justification.

EXPERT THIEVES INFEST ST. JOHN

(Special to The Guardian) ST. JOHN, Dec. 11.—The police believe that a regularly organized gang of expert pickpockets are working among holiday crowds in the city's big stores. In one King street store alone, the aggregate sum taken amounts to considerable. Similar reports have been received from other towns in the province and it is regarded as not unlikely that this province is now the operating ground for a gang of expert sneak thieves from the United States.

BONAR LAW ON HOME RULE

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—Andrew Bonar Law, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, speaking here to-night repeated the prediction that the imposition of Home Rule upon Ulster would result in civil war. "If the Government," he continued, "has any proposal to make which holds out even a prospect of avoiding the evils we dread we shall consider it without any regard for party advantage or disadvantage, but with sole regard for the welfare of the nation." He added that the Government seemed inclined to let the matter drift and that in the meantime likelihood of reaching a settlement by consent was growing smaller.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST OFFICIAL

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—Alex. A. Legault, of Montreal, former secretary-treasurer of the County of La-Beauve, was arrested here this evening on a charge of high constable Grand. He is charged with misappropriation of county funds to the amount of \$8,000 and the theft of bank books, etc. He will be tried December 18. A. T. Wilson of Portland, Me., was also arrested this afternoon charged with the theft of \$1,500 in cash and more than \$8,000 in goods. He was remanded and will be extradited to Portland after pleading not guilty.

TORREON WAS RECAPTURED

(Canadian Press) MEXICO CITY, Dec. 11.—The story that Federals had recaptured Torreon on the border of the States of Coahuila and Durango is supported by General Velasco's official report received to-day at the War Department on December 8th, after eight engagements. The rebel losses were 400 killed. The federal loss is not stated.

300 CANADIANS MEET IN NEW YORK

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Cabinet ministers and leading citizens of both countries, some three hundred Canadian residents of New York, attended last evening the seventeenth annual dinner of the Canadian Society of State, represented by the Wilson administration, while Hon. W. T. White, the Canadian minister's envoy. In addition, Sir John Willison, Hon. W. L. MacKenzie-King, Mr. Justice W. R. Riddell and F. B. Featherstonhaugh, of Toronto, and Alex. D. Frazer, of Montreal, came to the city for the occasion. William Governor Taylor, of New Jersey, Bishop Courtenay, and representatives of the St. George's, St. Patrick's, St. Andrew's, St. David's, and other societies, formed the American representation. The British embassy was represented by Viscount Campden and Consul-General Courtenay. Walter Bennett, R. L. Norworthy, vice-consul, and John Joyce Broderick, the lately appointed consul at Amsterdam, were the members of the consular body in attendance.

WANT DRASTIC AMENDMENTS TO CRIMINAL CODE

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—Amendments to the criminal code in regard to immorality were urged upon the Minister of Justice yesterday by members of the government yesterday by Rev. Dr. Shearer and Rev. Dr. A. A. Moore, secretaries of the Social Service of Canada, and by Rev. J. H. Hazelwood, Secretary of the department of social and moral reform of the Methodist Church. They asked for legislation at the coming session of parliament raising the age of consent from fourteen and sixteen years to sixteen and eighteen years; making habitual adultery a criminal offence under severe penalties; providing for the complete abolition of race track gambling; and making it a criminal offence for any employer to seduce a female employee under the age of twenty-one.

GRAND VIZIER RESIGNED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 11.—Prince Said Halim, Grand Vizier, has resigned because of differences over military policy.

TO AID CONSUMPTIVES

PARIS, Dec. 10.—Leon Bourgeois has presented to the Senate a bill for establishing anti-tuberculosis dispensaries throughout France. The situation in regard to this disease has become worse and worse in the general mortality in France, he pointed out. In Belgium, Switzerland, and England, the reasons are the housing, alcoholism, and an aversion to open windows. Of the persons who die of tuberculosis, 42 per cent. are an average age victims of tuberculosis. The proposed dispensaries would furnish to infected persons advice, food and medicine. All persons could pass days at the establishment, and nurses would visit them and instruct the members of the family.

SYDNEY MAN SHOT NEAR VANCOUVER

(Special to The Guardian) SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 11.—Further details concerning the death of Curdy, a man who was shot and killed in the woods north of Vancouver, were received this afternoon by the young man's brother, J. A. McCurdy. The message says Curdy was shot by a lad named Silver, accompanying the deceased on the fatal trip. Death was instantaneous. The coroner's jury exonerated Silver.

THE DEAREST MARKET IN THE WORLD

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—With the choice of butcher beef bringing nine cents pound on the hoof, and dressed hind quarters 15 cents in Toronto, this week, this is the highest priced primary live stock market in the world. Both Chicago and Buffalo are below Toronto. The local demand in Ontario seems in the face of a large curtailment of supplies strong to be enough to maintain prices higher than in any other centre in America. Since the beginning of September, fully 150,000 head of cattle have been shipped from Eastern Canada to the States.

TORONTO TENEMENT CONDITIONS ARE BAD

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Tenement conditions are daily growing worse in Toronto, according to the monthly report of the Medical Officer of Health issued yesterday. Overcrowding, consequent upon congestion, is increasing at an alarming rate. There are at least 3,000 houses in the city occupied by from two to six families. As many as eight and ten families are living in ordinary ten or twelve-roomed houses. Families of five, six, and as many as ten, are living in single rooms, dorm cells and basements. At least 10,000 additional houses are required at low rentals. There are 12,000 houses fit for condemnation, and in the presence of winter little can be done. In the 630 lodging houses in the city there are over 1,800 lodgers in excess of the public health regulations. Those requiring lodging accommodations are crowding into the city, and by spring the number will be nearly double what it is at present.

THE PLEA FOR PEACE

Mr. Bryan delivered an eloquent plea for international peace, which was supplemented by a powerful address from Mackenzie-King for social justice as well. In his reply to the toast of the Empire, Sir John Willison stirred his hearers, frankly analyzed some of the feelings of Canadian towards the United States, and pointed out that the differences between the two countries were merely those that might be expected to exist among members of one family. Rev. Dr. Eaton, the president of the society, was toastmaster, and with his usual humor recalled many of the scenes of the homeland and events of Canadian life to the sympathetic audience. The big hall room at Delmonico's was decorated with British and American flags, while the table decorations were small Canadian flags. Wives and daughters of the officers were in the galleries for the speeches, while the wives of Canada and the various nations that have sent their sons to build up both countries made the scene still more home-like to the exiles from "Our Lady of the Snows."

DEATH OF DRAMATIST

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Stanley Houghton, a prominent young dramatic author, is dead.

CELEBRATION OF CONFEDERATION JUBILEE

In continuation of the interesting interviews on the question of celebrating the centenary of Confederation which were published in this paper on Wednesday, a Guardian reporter called on other leading citizens yesterday and their views on the matter are given below: Mr. James Paton gave utterance to an opinion which is well worth consideration. It is only a right proper thing, he said, that Charlottetown should be made the place where the jubilee should be held. The success that ought to be made would require assistance from the Federal Government as well as the Local Government and from the City Council. As to accommodations, he did not think that there was any more difficulty than was experienced during the Provincial Exhibition. The Prince of Wales College might very well be opened up as a temporary hotel, just for a few days. The culinary arrangements of this "hotel" could easily be met by the stewards, stewards and cooks of the steamers as the Earl Grey, the Minto, etc., were requisitioned. And some sacredness might make the accommodations open their homes to the accommodation of the visitors for the occasion. The rooms of the College might be converted into bedrooms. He thought that every-thing possible should be done to have the celebration held in Charlottetown. The celebration should be held on the Island would derive from such a momentous occurrence. Of course a strong committee would have to be appointed to consider the subject, and he was of opinion that that step was the first that should be taken. Such a committee would be able to draw up proper plans for the celebration. Sir Charles Tupper should certainly be invited. Even if he were not in a position to come, it would not be an act of courtesy on the part of the committee to invite him. Besides we would have his reply in the event of his declining the invitation. His Honour Mr. K. J. Martin said he would be extremely pleased to see the celebration held here. He was sure that Charlottetown would afford just the ideal spot for such a celebration.

MR. HAZEN'S VIEWS

The Guardian man also called on Mr. Horace Hazen, who at the outset emphasized his conviction that the proposal was an excellent one with which he was entirely in accord, and that it would be a fine thing if the idea could be carried out. "The only difficulty I see in the way," he proceeded, "is the matter of hotel accommodation in the event of a large number of people being present, as I feel sure there would be on an occasion of this kind. People would come from every part of Canada. If that could be overcome, there would, in my opinion, be no more suitable place in Canada for a holding of a celebration of this character, than this city, as it has been called, the cradle of the Confederation." In reply to a question as to what suggestions he would make with regard to the form the commemoration should take and the steps to be taken to arrange there for, Mr. Hazen said: "I think a special committee might be appointed to be named, I suggest, by the Premier, and the matter taken up at the earliest possible date. Although it is a long way off yet, there is nothing like being in time. There are several things to be observed that should be taken into account. I think it might be left to the committee to advise the Government of celebrating the event. There has been some talk of the erection of a monument in the Square. There have been other ways suggested in which the event might be celebrated, but that could best be discussed by the committee. Then, if it is at all possible, we should like to have Sir Charles Tupper down here. I am sure everybody would be glad to have him with us. "Of course it looks to me a little premature at present. It has yet to be decided to have the commemoration held here. And I think the first thing to be done is to have a special committee appointed to take the matter up and see what arrangements can be made with the Government of Canada or the powers that be towards having the celebration held here. Then that settled we will know how to set about making the necessary arrangements for the celebration. I think it is something that would include the provision of adequate hotel accommodations, as that would be very necessary. "It would be a great ad. for us here," Mr. Hazen added.

PREMIER MCBRIDE TURNS DOWN THE SUFFRAGETTES

VICTORIA, December 11.—Premier McBride refused yesterday the request of the United Suffrage societies of British Columbia for the introduction of a suffrage bill by the government. He suggested that the question would have to be brought up by a private member. "The provincial executive is not in entire agreement on this question of the vote for women," announced Premier McBride to the delegation which waited on him. "If you get the vote, then you would sit in parliament and it would be reasonable to suppose that sometimes you would form a suitable party and probably run the entire affairs of the country. That would be a logical conclusion," said the Premier.

SMALL CYCLONE STRIKES SACKVILLE

SACKVILLE, Dec. 9.—Shortly after dinner yesterday a very high time made things decidedly lively. It was a small cyclone, which was accompanied by a heavy shower of rain, and a large piece of the large plate glass window in W. Cahill's new store. The pane was blown into the street. The pane was worth in the neighborhood of \$75.

SHAMROCK IV. WILL PROBABLY BE LAUNCHED IN APRIL

LONDON, Dec. 11.—According to the Times, the yacht Shamrock IV., Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the America Cup, will probably be launched in April and ready for sailing trials in May. The yacht will be as extreme a type as rules will permit a tremendously long hang and abnormal sail spread.

WILLISON'S SPEECH

Sir John Willison spoke to the toast of the Empire, and began by calling the Canadians the Scotch of the new world. Only the law which prevented anybody born outside the United States from becoming president had kept a Canadian out of the office, he believed. This, he declared, proved the prophetic vision of the framers of the constitution. With a mere passing reference to reciprocity, Sir John dwelt on the benefits of the empire for Canada, and for the peace of the world. He expressed regret that the original thirteen states had ever broken away, for with the whole continent under one flag, there would be a power that would simply compel peace throughout the world. Speaking of the relations between the two countries, Sir John said that Canadians, at least some of them, might look with some complacency on minor difficulties of the United States. (Continued on page two)

CONDENSED ADS TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

One cent per word each insertion in this column. Cash must accompany order. Minimum charge twenty-five cents. NURSE GIRL WANTED TO TAKE out children. Apply Mrs. Burnett, 174 Kent St. 3175-12-11Mf. AUCTION SALE—THE POSTPONED sale at C. E. Rodd's, North River will take place on Saturday, December 13th. 3083-12-6M26. APPLE CIDER FOR USE IN MAKING Mince Meat, also Home Made Plum and Black Currant Jam for sale at R. F. Maddigan & Co., 79 Queen St. 3194-12-12M21. FOR SALE—ONE OR MORE NEWLY freshened, young cows Jersey & Friesian Grades. Apply to W. J. Seaman, Springfield, Lot 87. 3190-12-12M31. FOR SALE—A REGISTERED Berkshire Hog 18 months old. Apply by Phone or Letter to H. B. Haslam, Springfield, Lot 67, P. O. Box 1. 3189-12-12M31d. CHARLOTTETOWN BOWLING ALLEY, Market Building, Billiard Room in connection; everything first class, bowl and never have appointments. Special Ladies' days from 2 to 5 Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Open from 10 a. m. till 11 p. m. 2698-11-17Mtf. FOR SALE—MODERN HOUSE beautifully situated in Stanley Bridge. In good repair, interior newly decorated office and dispensary in connection new hot air furnace. Large lawn, stable almost new. Splendid opportunity for medical man, as I am leaving large and well established practice. Further particulars apply to Dr. A. S. Simpson, Stanley Bridge. 3192-12-12M7f. Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

LIBERAL LEADER'S OPINION

Mr. John Richards, leader of the Liberal party of Prince Edward Island, interviewed by The Guardian yesterday, said the idea was, he thought, a very good one. It would not only advertise the Island but also serve to commemorate one of the greater events in Canadian history. It is something that would give the birthplace of the idea of Confederation and the province would not be true to itself if it failed to take advantage of the opportunity of suitably commemorating the date. There is only one place for such a celebration and that is here, where the fathers of Confederation first met to map out an scheme for the federation of the disunited British provinces. Whatever action the Dominion government may take in the matter, Prince Edward Island should see to it that a suitable celebration be held here, if not on the initiative of the Dominion, then on its own initiative. As to the form such a celebration should take, that would be a matter for careful consideration on the part of a committee to be appointed for the purpose. The question of accommodation would of course arise but that, too, the hands of a competent committee could no doubt be handled. "The Guardian's idea of having a Dominion Exhibition as the nucleus around which the celebration would centre," said Mr. Richards, "is a good one. The time would be opportune, say any where between the first and the middle of September, providing arrangements could be made so as not to interfere with other exhibitions. I think the idea

THE WEATHER, THE TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON ETC.

(Special to The Guardian.) TORONTO, December 12.—Strong north-westerly and westerly winds. Fair and cold. "THE WEATHER"—In the memory of "the oldest inhabitant," weather of the kind that has been prevailing for the past fortnight has never before been experienced here at this period of the year. The temperature has been of an unusual height, and in fact the weather instead of being wintry, has been decidedly of the nature of the middle seasons. Yesterday was no exception to this rule for the past two weeks, in that it was anything but of a wintry character. It was a very disagreeable day, raining most of the time and being damp and dirty. At night it came on to snow and there was a fall last evening several hours. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 39 degrees above zero, being three degrees greater than the lowest registered during the preceding night. At 9 a. m. yesterday, the thermometer showed 35 degrees above and at 9 p. m. 32 degrees above. The tide will be high this morning at 10.15 and tomorrow at 11.05; it will be high tonight at 9.15 and tomorrow at 9.53. The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.15; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.34 and Sunday at 7.35. The moon sets tomorrow morning at 4.03. The first quarter of the moon was on Friday, Dec. 5th at 10.59 a. m. The moon will be full on Saturday Dec. 13th at 11 a. m. The length of today will be eight hours and forty-two minutes.

FIRE IN NEW GLASGOW, N. S.

NEW GLASGOW, December 10.—Fire broke out in the Jackson block, Provost street, yesterday morning about six-thirty o'clock, and after fierce fighting on the part of the fire department, it was finally under control about an hour later. The fire on the twentieth century Club on the second floor, the cause being attributed to a hot coal from an open grate, which evidently in some way communicated the fire with the surrounding work. Giffen proprietor, was badly damaged by water, and although in the same building, the fire did not get into, nor did it reach that portion on the ground floor occupied by a Chinese restaurant, although it too was badly damaged by fire, and plunged into darkness owing to the cutting of the feed wires. At twelve o'clock the "all out" was sounded, and the firemen went home weary from their arduous battle. The damage will conservatively estimated, reach \$1,000, while several hundred dollars damage was done to stock by water, which has not yet been computed.

CARNEGIE IS FACING "POVERTY."

NEW YORK, December 10.—One of Andrew Carnegie's friends has given out the following list of Mr. Carnegie's principal benefactions: Carnegie Corporation of New York \$125,000,000. Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, \$10,000,000. Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, \$16,725,000. Carnegie Institution, Washington, \$22,000,000. Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, \$22,000,000. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, \$10,000,000. Carnegie Hero Fund Commission and Funds to Libraries (estimated), \$60,000,000. Total, \$365,725,000. To this may possibly be added \$100,000,000 miscellaneous endowments. This would bring the grand total of Mr. Carnegie's philanthropies up to the staggering sum of \$465,725,000. Mr. Carnegie's friends believe his passion for philanthropy brings his fortune down to within striking distance of \$25,000,000. Mr. Carnegie faces the prospect of "poverty." His intimate friends report his health was never better.

SAYS METEORITES GAVE EARTH LIFE

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Professor Banca, the famous paleontologist, has advanced what he terms a new theory of the origin of life. He does not accept the theory of spontaneous generation as a scientific solution, nor the biblical explanation, which presupposes a miracle, but declares that life is as old as lifeless matters of which the stars and planets are composed. Life, Professor Banca holds, has been "vaccinated into the earth by life germs from other planets through meteorites." The scientist maintains that the hypothesis is strongly supported by indications of the existence of life in all the planets.

SCHOONER IS ABANDONED

DIGBY, Dec. 11.—The Fishery schooner Britannia was abandoned in the Bay yesterday, her crew having given way. The crew of six were taken off and landed here. A search is on now for the Britannia.

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