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Construction Camp on Canadian Northern Scene of Accident.

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NEW BRIDGE ON RAINY LAKE

Accidental Discharge of One Blast Sets Off Remainder of Eight Holes Filled by Man in Charge.

FORT FRANCIS, Ont., Feb. 9.—Twelve men are known to have been killed and five were injured by a premature explosion of dynamite in a construction camp on the Canadian Northern railway, near Fort Francis this afternoon. Among the dead is John Casey, formerly of Lebanon, Pa. The others who lost their lives were Austrians and Bulgarians of whom little is known. A number of workers are unaccounted for and some of these may have been killed. The man in charge of the blasting operations had filled eight holes with dynamite. The accidental discharge of one set off the others and the fearful blast which followed blew down into a cut in which many men were working thousands of tons of rock and dirt, burying the workers alive.

Tang Shao Predicts Throne Abdication Within Ten Days

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 9.—Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Premier Yuan Shih Kai, today declared that he was confident that the abdication of the throne would be an accomplished fact before February 15.

There appears to be less confidence now than there hitherto has been that Yuan Shih Kai will be selected for the presidency of the republic. On the other hand, the name of General Li Yuan-Hong, the present vice president, is mentioned, and it is possible that he may be eventually selected.

The draft of the proposed Magna Charta of the new Chinese republic has been completed by Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the minister of justice in the republican cabinet, and now awaits the approval of the senate at Nanjing. The document provides for a presidential term of five years, but the senate probably will make the first term only one year.

It is thought that a compromise may be reached on the question of the future capital of China. President Sun Yat Sen, however, asserts positively that Nanjing will be selected, although he admits that an agreement may be made to keep Peking provisionally as the nominal capital.

ROW WITH BRIDGE COMPANY OVER BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The state engineer's office is just now the center of a fight being waged with one of the big bridge companies in Clay county. Engineer Price furnished the county with plans for three bridges, which have been constructed by the Western Bridge and Construction company. When it came to paying for them the county board balked because Engineer Price would not approve the work. On one of them, a beam bridge, the engineer called attention to the fact the beam was two feet short of the specifications called for, and in another place bolts instead of rivets were used. The engineer reported he would approve the bridge as sufficient for the purpose if certain changes were made, but that it was up to the commissioners and the contractor to agree how much should be deducted for the skimping of material.

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The Senate.

Not in session; meets Monday at 2 p. m. Commerce committee tented stenographer Sheridan's ability to record faraway conversations.

The House.

Meets at noon. Homestead, Pa., steel corporation plant conditions reported to Stanley committee. George B. Cortelyou testified before postoffice expenditures committee in certain fraud order case.

Texas May Object to Passage of Mexican Troops Through State

EL PASO, Feb. 9.—Some frightened El Pasoans have been protesting to Governor Colquhoun against the passage of Mexican federal troops through Texas from Eagle Pass to El Paso and then into Juarez, some fearing that it might result in a battle in Juarez. The governor has replied that he has not yet given the state department permission to pass the Mexicans through and is considering the matter.

Story of Formation of Secret Union of Shop Men is Denied

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9.—That labor leaders are secretly perfecting an organization of railroad shopmen that will include all roads operating west of the Mississippi river, as stated by a Chicago dispatch today, was denied here by J. H. Speltz, third vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

Albert Hinzman, vice president of the International Brotherhood of Shipmen, said he had known for some time that the plan had been discussed, but that he had not been officially notified of any action.

"A gigantic organization of all the unions would do more to prevent strikes on railroads than any other remedy," Mr. Hinzman said. "Whenever the railroad engineers who have a single organization west of the Mississippi river, and changes made in their contract the delegates confer with delegates from the managers' association. A strike would mean all the engineers in the west would walk out, thereby tying up all of the railroads."

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Albert L. Parks, Pioneer Theatrical Manager, Dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Albert L. Parks, more than fifty years a theatrical manager and writer, is dead of a complication of diseases at his home here. He was 85 years old. Mr. Parks entered the life of the stage in 1839 as manager of the Nelsonaters burlesque company.

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United States Gunboat Petrel Sends Force Ashore to Protect American Concessions.

HONDURAS TRIES TO GET WHARF

Decree Directed Valentine Company to Turn Over Property.

AGENT ASKED FOR MORE TIME

This Was Refused and He Appealed to American Consul.

GOVERNMENT STOPS TRAINS

Freights Carrying Bananas to Harbor Sidetracked and Vessels Waiting for Cargo—Foreign Consuls Protest.

PUERTO CORTEZ, Honduras, Feb. 7.—(Delayed in Transit)—There has been a clash between United States and Honduran authorities over enforcement of a government decree directing representatives of W. S. Valentine to surrender to government authorities the railroad, wharf and other properties held under lease by the Valentine syndicate. Seventy-five marines from the United States gunboat Petrel landed and seized the wharf and railroad. Honduran troops were then ordered to stop all trains. The governor has filed a protest.

The population here was greatly incensed at the landing of the marines. Acting on the authority of congress which declared the Valentine contracts cancelled, President Bonilla ordered that civil proceedings be brought against W. S. Valentine of New York, ordered delivery to the government of the railroad and wharf and demanded an accounting for alleged damages sustained by the government.

Agent Appeals to Consul. The decree was served on A. G. Greely, local manager of the Valentine syndicate, who asked time to communicate with Mr. Valentine. This request was refused. Greely appealed to the American consul, who asked the co-operation of the commander of the gunboat Petrel, now in the harbor.

The commander of the Petrel requested that the enforcement of the decree be delayed twenty-four hours until the American consul could communicate with the state department. The governor also refused this request and demanded that the railroad and wharf be turned over to him by 8 o'clock this morning. The commander of the Petrel then landed seventy-five marines and placed them on the wharf and at the railroad office.

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The British, Italian, Mexican, Danish and Norwegian consuls were summoned and through them the governor protested to the American consul and the Petrel's commander against the landing of marines. President Bonilla was informed of the turn of events and he ordered that detachments of armed troops be immediately placed at El Guano, one mile south, and Changuu, a twenty-eight mile south of Puerto Cortez, with instructions to stop all trains. When this order was given a number of banana trains were under its enforcement meant that several ships in the harbor would not be able to get cargo.

Hawley's Favorite Nephew Will Get Share of Big Estate

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Frederick Crandall, a McManus, came over to New York today from Blackwell island and learned for the first time that her husband was an heir to the late Edwin Hawley and a prospective millionaire.

Insanity Will Be Defense of Sneed

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 9.—When the trial of J. B. Sneed, accused of the murder of Captain A. G. Boyce, was resumed here today, the defense began with testimony aimed to show that Sneed thought his wife insane when she sloped with Captain Boyce's son.

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The Up-to-Date Burglar



From the Minneapolis Journal.

J. R. LEHMER DIES SUDDENLY

Passes Away While Preparing to Attend Mother's Funeral.

HAS BEEN AILING SOME TIME

Death of His Aged Mother Proves to Be Harder Blow Than He Can Bear—Lived in Omaha for Fifty-Five Years.

While preparing to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lehmer, about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, J. R. Lehmer, aged 53 years, was suddenly stricken with heart failure at his home, 329 Harney street and died a few minutes later.

Mr. Lehmer had been ill for some time and the death of his mother Wednesday afternoon affected him and he was very weak when he began to get ready for the funeral. He was in his room alone when he was stricken and fell to the floor just as his wife entered the door. He died before medical attention could be given him.

Joseph R. Lehmer came to Omaha at the age of 7 years. He was born in Pennsylvania and was brought to Omaha by his parents. All his schooling was in Omaha and he has been in the electrical business in this city for a number of years. He was a brother of Frank Lehmer, who died about a year ago. He is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lehmer died Wednesday afternoon at the age of 94 years. Her funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

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HASTINGS GIRL HAS ESCAPE

Attempt to Kidnap Marguerite Lay Made by Stranger.

CLUE IN THE WILLIAMS CASE

Possibility Same Man May Be Implicated in Both Epitodes—Hall Sheriff Busy Hunting Down Suspects.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—It is supposed the murderer of Goldie Williams was in Hastings yesterday afternoon and attempted to kidnap Marguerite Lay, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lay. The little girl was returning from school at 4 o'clock when a middle-aged man, driving a bay team with white feet, drove up and asked her to get in the buggy and he would give her a ride. She accepted and he then said he would take her out to the lake, where she could go skating, but she informed him that she could not skate.

In the meantime he was driving in the opposite direction from the lake. The girl became suspicious and demanded to be released and tried to attract attention by her outcries, but as they were in the outskirts of the city no relief came. Finally she grabbed the life and stopped the team, but the man still held her. A struggle followed and the girl struck him hard in the face as she jumped to the ground and ran for home. She describes the man as below medium height, not fat, mustache just started and wearing a dark suit and a striped cap.

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He spoke of Germany and British naval rivalry, taking the view that while naval power is necessary to the existence of Great Britain, it was a luxury for Germany. Referring to prospective naval increases in the two countries, he said there was no need for excitement or panic. Great Britain had the situation well in hand and there was no chance whatever of it being overtaken in naval strength.

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TWO TRUE BILLS ARE BROUGHT IN

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TAKE UP POLICE BOARD PROBE

Enquire Into Meeting Between Saloon Keepers and Board Members.

MAHONEY CALLED TO STAND

Street Railway Officials to Tell of Alleged Jury Bribing.

JURY ASKS ABOUT GAMBLING

Newspaper Men Are Called Upon to Tell What They Know of the Violations of Eight O'clock Closing Law.

Testimony brought out at yesterday's sittings of the Douglas county grand jury resulted in a decision of the inquisitorial body to recall Fire and Police Commissioner Charles J. Karbach and to call Police Court Clerk John J. Mahoney to testify regarding an alleged meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners with Omaha saloon keepers to discuss license matters prior to the board's hearings on applications for licenses.

After briefly considering evidence so far given in the street railway jury bribery case the grand jury decided to go deeper into this matter and to call employees and officials of the company to the stand.

Judge Sutton has requested the newspapers not to publish names of subpoenaed witnesses until they have presented themselves for examination by the grand jury. The request was made at the instance of the grand jury.

Frank Skruppa, Joe Hoffman and John Sambo, saloonkeepers, were examined by the grand jury yesterday afternoon. Their names have been connected with the rumors of a "shakedown" of liquor dealers seeking licenses. Fred A. Carey and F. Eugene Ackerman, reporters for the Daily News, also were examined. Carey's examination was lengthy. He testified that he recalled the testimony dealt mainly by violations of the 8 o'clock closing law and laws against gambling.

The grand jury adjourned until this morning. This noon it probably will adjourn until Monday morning.

Indictments—the first fruits of the deliberations of the present Douglas county grand jury—were returned by the grand jury before Judge A. L. Sutton in district court shortly after 3 yesterday afternoon. Two indictments were handed to Robert Smith, clerk of the district court, by John W. Ogiger, foreman of the grand jury, after the clerk had called the roll.

One of the indictments was against George Williams, who already is charged with breaking and entering. The name of the other indicted person is being withheld pending arrest. The charge is said to be of some common salony.

At 10 yesterday morning the grand jury sent word to Judge Sutton that it desired to report some indictments. The judge sent word that he would receive the grand jury's report at noon. When the jurors had assembled before Judge Sutton at noon, Clerk Smith called the roll. Grand Jurors A. D. Snelbo was sent. It was discovered that he had not understood that the grand jury was to report at noon and had gone to his office. Judge Sutton said he could not receive indictments when all the jurors were not present and instructed Foreman Ogiger to return with all grand jurors at 1 o'clock.

Further probing of matters in connection with licensing of saloon keepers by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners occupied the grand jury all morning. A Rabinowitz of the Her Grand pharmacy, A. M. Easterling and C. Mason Youler, reporters for the Bee, Miles Greenland and Kenneth E. Cameron, reporters for the World-Herald; T. W. McCullough, managing editor of The Bee, and Fred A. Carey, a reporter for the Daily News, had been examined when the grand jury adjourned at noon.

John Sambo, Frank Skruppa and Joe Hoffman, who had been subpoenaed for 10 o'clock, had waited outside the grand jury room all morning, were told to return at 2 o'clock.

Karbach to Stand. Charles J. Karbach, a member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, told the grand jury what he knows about the rumors regarding liquor license examinations regarding the board's expenditures for supplies for the police and fire departments. It was the first testimony of this nature given the grand jury. He resumed his testimony at the beginning of the afternoon sitting and remained on the stand until nearly 3 o'clock.

Karbach was followed on the witness stand by Arthur Pugh, editor of the Mediator, who was in the jury room about a half hour. Both Karbach and Pugh refused to discuss their testimony. Attorney Thomas W. Blackburn, who has taken a leading part in gathering evidence in the matter of the street railway company jury bribery charges, was the next and last witness of the afternoon. The grand jury adjourned until this morning after having devoted an hour to Blackburn's examination.

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