

## CONVICTED NANAIMO RIOTER HAS BEEN ACQUITTED

### HOPES OF ENDING GREAT DUBLIN STRIKE---THREE AUSTRIANS BADLY HURT IN EXPLOSION

#### REBELS NOW READY TO MARCH UPON THE CAPITAL OF MEXICO

GENERAL VILLA SAYS HE WILL HAVE A FORCE OF TWENTY THOUSAND MEN WITH HIM—WILL FIRST TAKE FEDERAL STRONGHOLD OF ZACATECAS

Juarez, Dec. 9.—Assuming military control over a large area of Northern Mexico through the defeat and the flight of the federal troops, General Villa, the rebel leader, today formally occupied Chihuahua City, the state capital, evacuated by General Mercado eight days ago.

A new era is beginning in Northern Mexico by the peaceful occupation by the rebels of the territory abandoned by Huerta's federal troops. Thousands more rebels are joining General Villa and with a strong force he entered the state capital. He will establish what will be the temporary military headquarters of the Constitutional party. General Villa is restoring the telegraph and the railroad, where it was interrupted by burned bridges.

Having entered Chihuahua with the tattered Mexican flags which they are carrying as symbolical of their demands for a restoration of constitutional government, the rebels will have Zacatecas as the nearest federal stronghold on the south. It is toward that city that Villa insists he will march.

The flight of General Salvador Mercado, the federal governor and commander-in-chief, with all his officers and troops, after sending a peace commission to Villa, whose answer he did not wait to receive, made possible the rebel occupancy of the city without a fight.

Villa intends to direct his main army toward Mexico City. "I will have 20,000 men surrounding Mexico City about Christmas time," said Villa.

#### PARLIAMENT WILL BEGIN ITS LABORS JANUARY FIFTEENTH

REDISTRIBUTION BILL IS EXPECTED TO PROVE THE MOST CONSPICUOUS MEASURE—NO WORD YET REGARDING NAVAL DEFENCE

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Parliament will assemble on Thursday, Jan. 15, in accord with a decision reached at the cabinet meeting Thursday afternoon at which Premier Borden presided. The fixing of January 15th as the date for the opening will give the government a period of six weeks in which to prepare the sessional programme, which promises to be a fairly heavy one.

Whether there will be legislation dealing with the naval defense has not been announced, but the probabilities are that the question will be discussed.

The redistribution bill made necessary by the last decennial census and which will greatly increase the representation of the west, may prove to be the most conspicuous measure of the session.

Bills to consolidate and revise the Railway Act, to amend the

Companies' Act and the Civil Act, will be introduced. The latter will probably make provision for a system of superannuation for the inside service and will bring into effect a number of recommendations made by Sir Geo. Murray in his report to the government.

The Highways Act, which has twice fallen by the wayside because of Senate amendments, will again be introduced, as will a bill to amend the Merchants Shipping Act and a bill to regulate the control of explosives.

It is expected that many days of the session will be taken up with the consideration of the tariff and the high cost of living. The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne will probably occupy the attention of parliament for the first week as Sir Wilfrid Laurier is calling for the abolition of the tariff on food products.

#### GOVERNMENT LOAN FOR FOUR MILLION

Treasury Bills and Payments on Grand Trunk Pacific Bonds to Be Met.

At the Department of Finance it was explained that the Dominion Government loan now being placed in London is for \$4,000,000, subscriptions being payable in four monthly instalments, as is usually the case with Dominion flotations. Out of the proceeds will be paid \$1,000,000 of treasury bills maturing in February and \$1,000,000 in March.

The balance will partially recoup the Government for expenditure in purchasing Grand Trunk Pacific bonds, guaranteed by the Government as a result of "complementing" agreement. The funds thus recouped become available for capital or other expenditures of the Government.

Of the proceeds of the last issue of \$3,000,000, made in September last, \$1,700,000 was required to pay off a loan contracted in 1878 for a like amount, and a currency loan contracted in 1883 for \$1,400,000, payable November 1.

The issue now being made has been underwritten at 97, and will be offered for public subscription immediately.

Fresh eastern oysters. Palace Cafe. 284tf

The Venture is southbound tomorrow.

#### GREAT FLOODS IN STATE OF TEXAS

Thousands Are Still Marooned Waiting the Dropping of the Water.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 9.—The flood refugees in this state are in a terrible condition. Help is being sent to them from parts of the United States. The number of dead will reach one hundred and fifty. There are several thousand still marooned by reason of high water. These are safe for the time-being, however.

#### FORMER MINISTER OF FINANCE LIKELY TO BE CANDIDATE FOR COMMONS.

It is Said He Will Test Montreal Seat if Vacancy Occurs.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—It is reported here that Hon. W. S. Fielding, who was minister of finance in the Laurier Government, is likely to run for the St. Lawrence Division in Montreal, which is to be vacated by Robert Bickerdike, the Liberal member.

Mr. Fielding is one of the stalwarts of the Liberal party and the opposition would gladly welcome him back again to the House.

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#### Opening of Grand Trunk Pacific Hotel at Winnipeg Today



OF A SIMILAR CHATEAU DESIGN TO THAT CHOSEN FOR PRINCE RUPERT HOTEL

(Special to the Daily News)

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The Fort Garry, the new Grand Trunk Pacific Hotel, was thrown open to the public this morning and is being visited by many people. The more formal opening will be this evening, when a ball will be given by the Winnipeg branch of the Victorian order of Nurses. This promises to be one of the most brilliant social functions

that has ever taken place in Western Canada.

The hotel stands adjacent to the ruins of that historic monument "Old Fort Garry," memorable in the early history of Canada's new western metropolis. It is a magnificent edifice, one of the world's finest hotels, embodying in its construction the most advanced, scientific and architectural ideals. Located in the very heart of Canada's greatest of western cities, to which all

lines of traffic converge, it is readily accessible to the railroads and electric car lines and the leading theatres, the great stores and a "stones throw" from the new terminal station of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The Fort Garry is built of the finest of Canadian granite and bluff limestone, in the style of the old French chateau of Normandy and Touraine, and rears its stately height to fourteen storeys.

#### DUBLIN STRIKERS ARE GOING BACK TO WORK

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 10.—The National Labor Conference by a big majority last evening adopted a for a settlement of the Dublin strike on the lines that were almost successful last week. This means the rejection of Jim Larkin's proposal for a national sympathetic strike. Larkin spoke at the meeting, but provoked violent hostility.

Dublin, Dec. 10.—All the transport workers here have agreed to go back to work, according to a statement issued by the companies yesterday.

#### PREMATURE EXPLOSION

Three Austrians Fatally Injured by Touching Off Blast.

(Special to The Daily News)

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Three Austrians were seriously hurt and their lives are despaired of because of an explosion today on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, near Caulfields, a short distance from Point Atkinson. They were drilling to a missed hole and the dynamite in the hole exploded. They were carried on stretchers to a launch and brought to the city hospital. One man lost an eye and had both legs broken. The other is fearfully mangled and may not live.

#### STOPPED WORK AT BELLA COOLA

(Special to The Daily News.)

The Bella Coola Courier announces that necessary bridge work in the valley of timber arrived for the has been shut down, owing to the appropriations being curtailed. Later 84,000 feet of timber arrived for the work and cannot be used until another season.

No doubt the local McBride organ will contend that Bella Coola ought to be satisfied with the good intentions of the government as expressed in having this stock of timber convenient in case Bella Coola runs short of firewood this winter.

#### Fall Assizes Open Today.

The Fall assize court met at 10 o'clock this morning. Justice Murphy on the bench. There are seven criminal cases to be tried and five civil.

The following were sworn in as grand jury: James D. Allen, F. G. Dawson, A. G. Forster, C. H. Handasyde, John H. Hilditch, Warren Kissick, Peter McLachlan, Malcolm McLeod, W. A. Noble, Martin O'Reilly, Joel adjournment they brought in a true bill against Taylor for theft. Pillsbury, C. B. Robertson, James H. Thompson.

J. H. Hilditch was appointed foreman. Just before the noon

#### Latest Despatches

(Special to The Daily News)

Paris—King and Queen of Spain given great reception on arrival here last night.

Los Angeles—Bud Anderson knocked out Frank Barrieau in tenth round.

Mexico City—Congress nullifies presidential elections and fixes new elections for next July.

Paris—Mrs. Pankhurst arrives to visit her daughter Cristobel. Expects to speak in London Monday.

Edmonton—Mayor Short defeated for second term of mayor by W. J. McNamara by 270 majority.

Paris—Representatives Huerta government trying to raise money here from Paris-London group of bankers.

Denver—Bodies of fifty dead unburied because undertakers not able to reach cemeteries through deep snow.

Ottawa—Resolution passed urging treaty between Canada and United States for international protection migratory birds passed by American Fish and Game Protective Association.

#### Ladies Athletic Club

A number of ladies in the city have formed the Prince Rupert Ladies' Athletic Association, for the practice of calisthenics and basketball.

The Men's Own have kindly tendered the use of their gymnasium one night a week, and the Association meets there every Tuesday night at 7.30 p.m. One hour is devoted to calisthenics and one hour to basketball.

Another ladies basketball team is being formed in the city and it is hoped in the near future the two teams will be able to give a series of exhibition games.

Any ladies interested in athletics or basketball are cordially invited to be present at the Men's Own Gymnasium on Tuesday evening.

#### WILL WILLIAM MANSON, M.P.P., BE MAYORALTY CANDIDATE?

RUMORED THAT EX-MAYOR WILL STAND—MR. MANSON NOT PREPARED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT

"Well, I hear Wm. Manson is going to run for mayor," said a prominent Conservative to the Daily News this morning. The rumor has been on the street for some time. It is said that an element of the Conservative party does not like this non-political city council. They want party rule and insist on Wm. Manson standing for the mayoralty.

The Daily News called up the member and asked if it was true he would be a candidate for mayor.

"They have been after me for two months to run, but I have made no decision in the matter."

"Then you have no announcement to make?"

"No, nothing to say just now." Those who know Mr. Manson realize that this reticence means that there is every probability of his accepting a nomination. He simply wants to gum-shoe the trail a bit until the boys work him up to the right temperature of enthusiasm.

Unless something unforeseen turns up Wm. Manson will be a candidate.

#### PRESBYTERIAN LITERARY CLUB

##### OPENED SEASON LAST EVENING

First Meeting Held in the Church Hall Last Evening—Weather Bad and Attendance Small

The opening of the Presbyterian Literary Society for the winter took place last night. This will be the fourth winter of its existence, and the series of lectures and debates which it has provided have been of the very first order. The first president of the Society was Mr. H. F. McRae, during the winter of 1911, and the old Hall on Centre Street was crowded at every meeting of the Society. Then in 1912, under the presidency of Mr. F. A. Ellis, many will remember the famous encounter on Government by Commission, between ex-Alderman Lynch and ex-Editor J. S. Cowper. Another famous debate was on Woman Suffrage, when quite unexpectedly a real, life suffragette appeared on the scene, and held the floor for most of the evening.

Besides, there have been lectures on subjects of the most diverse nature. Capt. Fred Stork can fill a hall of any dimensions when he begins to reminisce on his trip to the coronation.

Judge Young gave an intensely interesting address on Criminology. Ex-Ald. Mobley is a fascinating speaker on the personal side of pioneering. For a well-balanced judgment on current problems — from Home Rule to British Landlordism — the club looks to G. R. Naden who was elected as its president last year.

The President for this year is

Mr. D. Crerar, a young Scot who has a good deal of grey matter and natural humor beneath his mantle of native humility.

The weather did its worst again for the meeting last evening and consequently the attendance was not as large as the program deserved. Even the presence of Mayor Pattullo in the chair and of the Rev. F. W. Kerr as chief speaker failed to fill the hall. However those present enjoyed themselves. They enjoyed the singing of Mr. Davey and the playing of Miss Irwin, and the Misses Stephen, who were encouraged, and they are not likely to forget either the insight that Mr. Kerr gave them into the student and peasant life of rural Germany, or his account of Germany's sudden and peaceful rise into its present position as a world power.

#### Churchill to Hunt Boar

(Special to The Daily News)

London, Dec. 6.—Rt. Hon. W. Churchill crosses over to Germany before Christmas to get boar-shooting with the Kaiser. This will be the first time he has planned to be absent from the Blenheim family circle at Christmas time since the days of the South African war.

Daily News "ads." get results.

#### GORDON ACQUITTED ALTHOUGH UNDER NINE MONTHS' SENTENCE

WAS CONVICTED OF ASSAULT UPON CONSTABLE DURING NANAIMO RIOTS, BUT ORDERED NEW TRIAL BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(Special to The Daily News.)

New Westminster, Dec. 10.—When the court opened yesterday it was stated that a telegram had been received from the minister of justice at Ottawa ordering a new trial for Richard Gordon, who was serving a nine months' sentence imposed upon him by Justice Clement for alleged assault upon a police constable at Cumberland during the strike riots.

Since Gordon was convicted it transpired that a man named McAllister had confessed that it was he and not Gordon who had struck the constable.

Gordon was brought over from the jail to the special assizes and after the affidavits were read and the communication from the minister of justice, he was de-

clared honorably acquitted. He was also acquitted on a charge of having, with others, assaulted Jack Thompson, a strike-breaker.

#### PARCELS POST DELAYED

Postmaster-General Says It Will Come Some Time in January.

(Special to The Daily News)

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Hon. Louis Philippe Pelletier, postmaster-general, said yesterday that the difficulty with the railways in connection with the parcels post had been settled, and that the service would be inaugurated "some time" during January.

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#### THE EVENT OF THE SEASON WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

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