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Valuable Records are Destroyed

Dominion Command Condemns Amalgamation Varicous Soldier Bodies

Terrible Floods Swept Over Colorado State Last Night; Thousands Lose Their Lives

PUEBLO, June 4.—The loss of life from the great flood which came rushing upon this city last night from the overflowing of the Arkansas and Fontaine Rivers, was this afternoon variously estimated at from fifteen hundred to three thousand persons. The property loss exceeded ten million dollars, according to estimates at this hour.

COLORADO HAS GREAT FLOODS

Casualties Result in Devastation of Thousands Acres result Cloudbursts.

DENVER, Colo., June 4.—Six persons are known to be dead, three towns have been inundated, thousands of acres of farms flooded, mines ruined and two dams threatened from flood pressure as a result of cloudbursts from hours of torrential rains in Eastern and Central Colorado last night. Dead cattle and buildings are seen to be floating all over the country. In the town of Pueblo alone, the property damaged passed the four million dollar mark.

Premier Oliver Back in Vancouver Today

Vancouver, June 3.—Premier Oliver arrives in Vancouver today on his return from a six weeks' combined business and holiday trip to Ottawa and New York. The holiday part was represented by a two-weeks' visit to his aged father, who is an active farmer and prospector in Alberta.

During his Ottawa visit the premier made an unsuccessful effort to have the Dominion government stop private importation of liquor into this province. The premier left Toronto Monday night via the C. N. R. for Vancouver.

Serious Charge Laid Against Committee House of Commons

OTTAWA, June 3.—A report from Judge Snyder charges the Editorial Committee of the House of Commons with responsibility for the destruction of valuable documents and records, some of them predating the Confederation of Canada. A further report on the destruction of machinery and materials is due and will shortly be brought in, it is expected.

The final supplementary estimates of \$370,149 have been tabled. The Civil Service Bill has been given its third reading. It is officially stated that Hon. S. F. Tolmie, minister of agriculture, is going to go to England with Premier Meighen to attend the Imperial Conference. British Columbia farmers are pressing the minister to go to represent them at the conference in connection with the Oriental question.

The House of Commons sat all last night endeavoring to reach a prorogation today. Voting Money Fast
OTTAWA, June 4.—After an all night session, the House of Commons adjourned at 5:30 this morning with the work of the session practically cleaned up but no definite announcement as to prorogation made. It was stated, however, in the

HOLMES MURDER TRIAL STARTED

Evidence of Wife of Accused and Log Scaler was Heard This Morning.

Two witnesses, Walter Barr, government log scaler, and Irene Holmes, wife of the accused, were heard in the Holmes murder trial which commenced this morning before Mr. Justice Gregory at the assize court sittings. The evidence of these two witnesses took up the time of the court this morning and adjournment was made at noon until 2:30 this afternoon when the continuation of the case was commenced.

Upon the opening of the case the crown prosecutor, W. E. Fisher, after stating that the case was the most serious that came under the criminal code, called the first witness for the crown, Walter Barr, provincial government log scaler of Thurston Harbor.

The witness described in one case and straightforward manner what he knew of the tragedy that took place on January 3. He, in company with W. Anderson, arrived at Cumsheewa Inlet to scale a boom of logs that were lying on the beach a stone's throw from the shacks occupied by the three people connected with the case. He was not able to scale the logs on account of them being covered with snow. Shortly after arriving he heard several gunshot reports and saw smoke issuing from one of the shacks, and a figure appear at the back of the building and enter. Holmes, the accused, almost immediately came out of the front entrance and called to him to come up as he wished to speak to him.

The witness left the boom and went up as requested, reaching Holmes, who was with his wife, in a few minutes. Holmes said, "I have shot Joe, he did me a dirty, mean trick." His recollection of the appearance of the husband and wife was that the former was quite cool but the latter terribly excited and on the verge of hysterics.

Entered Cabin.
Taking precaution against being mistaken by Booth, the deceased, for Holmes, the witness entered the cabin warily to see if he could do anything for the man who had been shot. He found him lying dead on his face with his hands doubled up underneath him on a bench wedged between a pile of wood and the cook stove. There were three separate wounds—on the right temple, the right side of his chest and the right forearm, he could not tell whether the deceased was standing or sitting when he was shot, but from his experience of seeing gunshot wounds at the front, he would say that they were received slightly from an angle.

There were four empty 42-gauge shotgun shells lying on the floor near the bed and a shotgun of the same calibre still warm standing in the gun rack. The deceased had been apparently changing his socks and boots as

ALLEGED BOMB WAGON DRIVER.



Giuseppe De Pilips and United States Marshal Louis G. Beekman arriving at Federal Building in Jersey City, where prisoner was formally charged with complicity in Wall Street explosion that cost thirty-nine lives.

Provincial War Veterans Convention is Now On in Fraser Valley Farm Town

CHILLIWACK, B. C., June 4.—Condemning the proposals to amalgamate the returned soldier bodies, David Loughnan, of Ottawa, representing the Dominion command, yesterday addressed the provincial convention of the Great War Veterans' Association which is meeting here.

The editor of the Veteran said that amalgamation was unnecessary and impracticable. He charged the United Veterans with originating the idea of amalgamation to take control of the Great War Veterans' Association.

The speaker asked the provincial convention to support the scheme for the expenditure of \$2,000,000 from the Canadian Expeditionary Forces' canteen fund. Of this the Great War Veterans would receive \$250,000 to carry on, \$750,000 should be set aside for the education of children of ex-service men and \$1,000,000 would be devoted to the relief of needy veterans according to his proposals.

REASON GIVEN FOR SUNSHINE

Sir Oliver Lodge Says There Will Be Plenty of It This Year.

LONDON, June 3.—The recent solar eruptions which caused brilliant auroras and disorganized the telegraphic services throughout the world may result in the earth receiving an increased amount of sunshine during the remainder of the year, says Sir Oliver Lodge, the noted scientist.

WINNIPEG OFFICER SHOOT THIEF DEAD

Arrested Two Men for Robbing Store—One Made Escape.

WINNIPEG, June 4.—An unknown man was shot and killed by Constable Hamlin when he attempted to get away after having been arrested together with another man for robbing a store. One pulled a gun on the officer and the latter fired killing him. The other man escaped with \$65.

Half Million More Are Thrown Out of Work Cotton Trade

LONDON, June 4.—The collapse of the cotton trade negotiations will throw half a million people out of employment in the north of the country today. Two million people are already receiving unemployment insurance in England at a cost of one million, eight hundred thousand pounds weekly.

The situation is gradually becoming worse and will be critical in a very short time if there is not a settlement of the coal strike very soon. There were probably never so many out of work in Great Britain as there are today.

ATTEMPT DELIVERY PRISONERS FAILED

Woman at Dublin Cricket Match Was Fired Upon and Killed.

BELFAST, June 4.—Republicans disguised as officers attempted to unlock a jail and deliver prisoners here. Their efforts were frustrated by the timely arrival of the police.

DUBLIN, June 4.—A crowd at a cricket match was fired upon and a woman spectator was killed. The residence of H. J. O'Connell, a Republican, in County Monaghan, was fired upon by the police.

FACTORY, used for making British munitions during the war and now used for storing purposes, was fired by Republicans but was saved by the prompt action of the police.

IG QUANTITY OPIUM WAS DISCOVERED IN BAGGAGE OF LAWYER

HAVANA, Cuba, June 4.—Eighty thousand dollars worth of opium was discovered in the baggage of a passenger aboard the Spanish steamer Alfonso XII on her last arrival at Havana. The contraband was secreted in four trunks and weighed over 1,000 pounds.

Jose Hervas Aldecoa, a lawyer, in whose trunks the drug was found, is out on bond after a hearing in which he asserted he did not know that the trunks he brought in his baggage as a favor to another contained opium.

AUSTRALIA DID NOT WANT IRISH REPORT

Threw It Out of the House of Representatives by a Decisive Vote.

LONDON, June 3.—The effort on the part of the extremists in the Australian House of Representatives to introduce a report from the United States commission on Ireland into the official records of that body was defeated yesterday, says a Melbourne despatch to the London Times. The vote was 36 to 9.

TELEGRAPH WIRES NEAR LIVERPOOL HAVE BEEN CUT

LIVERPOOL, June 4.—Telegraph wires in various districts of Liverpool have been cut. Similar acts of vandalism are reported at St. Helens and Wigan.

SLAUGHTER OF CHRISTIANS ON

Terrible Reports Reach Athens From Constantinople of Massacres.

LONDON, June 3.—The Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph says that it is reported from Constantinople that frightful massacres of Christians have occurred at Samsun and Trebizond on the Black Sea coast or Armenia. The streets are strewn with the bodies and heads of Greeks.

RICH SILVER STRIKE KENO

Winter Output Valued at More Than Half Million Dollars

DAWSON, June 4.—The new strike at Keno Hill shows the richest silver ore ever found in the Yukon. Many claims have been staked and many companies are filing. The value of the winter output at Keno exceeds half a million dollars.

CONFIRMATION THAT STEWART STRIKE OVER

Received by Provincial Labor Bureau in City.

Definite word has been received in the city by Provincial Government Employment Agent J. M. Campbell that the strike at the Premier mine is over and the men have returned to work. A vote was taken among the men to decide whether they accept the company's terms or not, resulting in favor of acceptance by a vote of 79 to 35.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO LEAVE IN TWO WEEKS

QUEBEC, June 3.—The Duke of Devonshire and his vice-regal household is expected to arrive here about the middle of June, and will spend a few days here previous to their departure for England.

Special Sailing s.s. "Prince George"
sails from Prince Rupert
Midnight, Sunday, June 5
Carrying Passengers and Freight
for Swanson Bay, Ocean Falls and Vancouver