NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Talk Fest at Paris Over the Harem Skirt.

A Three-Million Dock to be Built at Esquimault.

Moving Pictures Ticket Collector Gets Nine Months.

Lieut. S. B. West, U. S. A., of Fort Davis, Alaska, was frozen to death yesterday, five miles from Tishou.

The shoe factory of A. Mendelson & Sons, of Albany, was destroyed by fire to-day, entailing a loss of about $100,000.

Her Excellency the Countess Grey, is now the honorary president of the Ladies' Benevolent Institution, of Montreal.

An explosion in the Battle Creek food factory at London, Ont., damaged the roof of the building and scalded several employees.

The Management Committee of the Toronto Board of Education would delay the inquiry into charges against L. S. Levee.

According to to-day's Paris Figaro President Fallieres will visit both Albert, of Belgium, and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland in May.

In the by-election in Westbury, Wiltshire, Hon. Geoffrey Howard (Liberal) was elected with 5,073 votes. His Unionist oponent, G. L. Palmer, had 4,492.

Rev. Dr. J. McLaurin, for nearly forty years a missionary in India under the Baptist Board, is lying seriously ill at his residence, 193 Robert street, Toronto.

While going to work at Chatham, Kasper Schwenier, a cabinet maker, 62 years old, was seized with heart trouble and died while being taken to a doctor's office.

Strained relations between the Pittsburg Railway Co., and its employees caused by the discharge of shopmen, continue and no change is expected until next Monday.

The Nova Scotia Legislature was opened by Lieut.-Governor MacGregor, who was received with a salute from the Citadel and a guard of soldiers at the Government buildings.

Under the compulsory service law in Australia, 125,000 lads have registered for army training. Figures show response by the youths of the federation has been marvellous.

Judge Barron is still sitting at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, hearing evidence in the cases of the Grand Trunk strikers. So far he has considered those of the eastern division.

In Chile a railway train jumped the tracks on the bridge near the American Braden Copper Mines to-day, and plunged into the ravine below. Fifty persons were killed or wounded.

Dry goods and notions to the value of about $200 were seized as contraband by the Customs Department at Windsor, from two Syrian women who are believed to be peddling the stuff through out the country.

Official announcement is made at Victoria that the British Columbia Marine Railway Company will build a drydock to cost $3,000,000 at Lang's Cove, Esquimault. The dock will be 900 feet long and 100 feet wide.

A Constantinople newspaper reports that the Turkish steamer Hurriet filled with Moslem pilgrims was burned at sea. Not one of the passengers and crew escaped death. Official confirmation of the report is lacking.

A polemic is raging in Paris over the harem skirt from a hygienic point of view. Dr. Berg is of the opinion that it is very healthy, while Prof. Debove, of the Academy of Medicine, gravely asserts that it is contrary to anatomy.

Wesley Matthews, ticket collector at the Crystal Palace picture theatre, Toronto, was sentenced to nine months in the Central Prison by Judge Winchester. He pleaded guilty to the theft of $20 worth of admission tickets, which were resold by his companions.

A disease long affecting goldfish kept in a pond at Estue, Eng., has been established as sleeping sickness. Miss Robertson, who investigated the matter, has communicated to the Royal Society the discovery that leeches carry the disease to fish as mosquitoes do to animals.

Tugs sent after the derelict of the old French warship Richalieu, which after bumping on the rocks off the Scilly Islands yesterday, released herself and drifted toward the eastward lane of trans-Atlantic shipping, picked up the vagrant vessel off the Lizard to-day.

MEET IN GUELPH.

Convention of Retail Hardware Men Closed.

Peterboro despatch—The sixth annual convention of the Ontario Retail Hardware and Stove Dealers' Association was practically concluded so far as the business features were concerned by a session this afternoon. It was decided that the convention and exhibition will be held in Guelph next year. The following officers were elected on the report of the nominating committee: President, R. C. Chown, Belleville; first vice-president, M. S. Madole, Napanee; second vice-president, H. Occomore, Guelph; executive, W. F. McPherson, St. Thomas; Wm. Magladery, New Liskeard; W. W. Bennett, Gananoque; C. W. Conn, Tillsonburg; D. McNab, Orillia; secretary, Wharton Wrigley, Toronto; treasurer, John Casler, Toronto; auditors, S. M. Burt, J. W. Peacock, Toronto.

LIQUOR CASE.

Collingwood Restaurant Proprietor Swore She Sold Local Option Beer.

Collingwood despatch—The first of the many liquor prosecutions entered against local people was taken up this afternoon before Police Magistrate Hogg, the case being in charge of Provincial License Inspector Ayearst, with Mr. W. A. Boyd, K. C., prosecuting. Mrs. Alice Crothers, proprietor of a restaurant, was charged with illegally selling liquor to John Fisher, a liquor detective.

Fisher swore that he had bought liquor in the restaurant, but others who were there at the time thought it was only "local option" beer. The Magistrate took the same view and dismissed the charge. Other cases will be taken up on Monday.

CORONATION HATS

United States Women to Wear That Kind This Summer.

Convention of National Association of Retail Milliners in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Because His Majesty King George of Britain is to be crowned three months hence, the prevailing theme in feminine headgear for 1911 will be "Coronation."

This pronunciamento comes from delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Retail Milliners. Some five thousand delegates are said to be in Chicago today. Among the Easter creations are: Empire bonnet, a close-fitting affair; a glorification of the hoods worn by aviators and automobile racers.

Helmet hat—A reduced size of designs usually given to large hats; resembled the hat of a London "bobby."

Louis XI turban—Draped hood in two styles: (a) soft for dress; (b) high and round, or less clinging material for the street.

Other styles include the classical Rembrandt and Louis XIV. shape, which is turned up behind and down in front; the Reynolds hat of 1870, with the side-front turned up; the Gainsborough and the Leghorn. For the outdoors girl, burlap will be used.

As to trimmings, it is asserted that ribbon and lace flowers have come to stay. The latter must be white. Among the flowers roses, buttercups, daisies, dandelions and sweet peas find favor. Coronation colors will predominate in the spring, but these probably will give way to individual needs as the season progresses.

TEACHERS' PAY.

Figures Given in Report of Minister of Education.

Toronto despatch: According to the report of the Minister of Education, issued to-day, school teachers throughout the Province are getting higher salaries than they did a year ago. In urban schools the average salary for male teachers is $1,009, and increase of $14 over 1909, and for female teachers $532, an increase of $16. In rural schools the average salary for male teachers has increased $22, being now $484. Female teachers in these schools are receiving $17 more, the average being $399. The total amount expended in Public Schools during 1910 was $17,321,239. This was on 5,913 schools, with a total school population of 401,268. The expenditure on separate schools was $820,184.80, a number of schools being 467, and the school population 55,034. There are 145 colegiates and high schools in the Province, with 820 teachers and 33,101 pupils. The total expenditure on them was $1,621,635. The growth of urban communities in the Province is well illustrated in the statistics of Frontenac of urban and rural schools. During the year covered by the report there was an increase of 6,078 pupils in urban schools, and a decrease of 2,997 in rural schools. Of the total enrolled, 47.55 per cent. of pupils are in urban schools, an increase for the year of 1.02 per cent. Forty years ago the urban schools supplied only about eighteen per cent. of primary school pupils in the Province. The cost per pupil in the public schools increased this year 17.52 to 17.84, as compared with this 32 per cent. increase in cost per pupil in high schools of $5.57, the cost now being $48.

KILLED IN BOSNIA.

Jas. McGarvey, Oil Operator, Murdered and Wife Badly Wounded.

Toronto despatch—In a cablegram received here yesterday it is stated that James McGarvey, one of the best known oil operators in Canada, was murdered and his wife, Julia, badly wounded yesterday at Grozny, Bosnia. No details were given.

McGarvey is 45 years old, and had been connected with the oil business in all parts of Canada and the United States. His brother, Albert McGarvey, is with him.

Bosnia is one of the two provinces of Turkey that were annexed by Austria two years ago.

KILLED IN FIGHT.

Seattle, Washington, Feb. 27—Patrolman J. T. Davis 33 years old, was killed; John Ford, a young highwayman, was probably fatally wounded, and Alexander Neet, another highwayman, was wounded and captured in a revolver fight between two policemen and the two robbers last night. Ford and Neet are in the city hospital under guard.

WANT PEACE, BUT FEAR WAR

U. S. Peace Commission Discussed in Imperial Parliament.

Statements by British, French and German Ministers.

Germany Increasing Her Army by Ten Thousand Soldiers.

London, Feb. 27.—The American suggestion for the appointment of a British Peace Commission to act with similar commissions of other countries in the furtherance of the principle of arbitration and international accord has been brought to the front in a letter written by Sir Edward Grey, in reply to an inquiry on the subject from Mr. Duncan Vernon Pirie, M.P., a member of the Council of the Interparliamentary Union. The British Foreign Secretary said Ambassador Whitelaw Reid conferred with him in December, when he informed him that this Government had the deepest interest in the plan for an international agreement, and for this purpose would be prepared to enter upon a frank and full exchange of views with the United States Government on the subject, and to lend support to any well-considered and practical proposition that might be put forward by the American Government.

Sir Edward added that the British Government would welcome the joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, and would look forward with sympathetic interest to the conclusions arrived at by the proposed commission. If the latter were able to formulate a plan on definite lines, the same would receive most friendly considedation by the British Government.

MILITARISM IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Feb. 27—The Reichstag to-day passed the second reading of the five-year military bill, which is designed to strengthen the army gradually by more than 10,000 soldiers. There was no opposition to the bill, except on the part of the Socialists.

General Von Heering, Prussian Minister of War, said the question had been under careful consideration for many years. The greatest progress Germany has made in the last forty years, he asserted, was largely due to universal military service.

Herr Basserman, the National Liberal leader, said that ideal universal peace could not be realized in the near future. France continued arming, Britain showed a tendency to increase her army and introduce universal military service, and the United States was developing in an imperialist direction and was, he declared, adding a big navy to her commercial fleet.

Various other speakers referred sympathetically to disarmament. Herr Speck, Clerical, said that the ideas of disarmament and international arbitration must not be regarded as Utopian.

Dr. Otto Weimer, Progressive, demanded that the Reichstag seriously discuss the problem of disarmament, and Herr Korfanty, a Polish representative, said that Germany should have accepted England's disarmament overtures, and not have rejected them with a wave of the hand.

FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER MOVES

Paris, Feb. 27—The peace advocates in the Chamber of Deputies returned to the charge to-day. On January 16 the Chamber sent to the Committee on Foreign Affairs the resolution of the Socialist leader, M. Jaures, inviting France to join the movement, begun by the United States, to make treaties of arbitration with all foreign countries. This resolution was opposed by M. Pichon, the Foreign Minister. The Socialist Deputy, M. Sembat, to-day submitted a motion inviting the Government to open pourparlers with the powers, particularly Great Britain and Germany, with a view to the simultaneous limitation of armaments, and in the meantime suspend the construction of warships advocated by the Minister of Marine on February 21.

Mr. Pichon opposed this as futile. He declared that the time was not ripe for such action, and that a step of this kind would seriously endanger the defences of France. The question had been thrice sheived at The Hague. President Taft, he continued, a great advocate of arbitration, had declared that the American navy must be developed. Germany similarly held strong defences as the greatest guarantee of peace at present. The motion was rejected by 352 to 159.

Eventually the Government accepted a motion inviting co-operation with the other powers with the object of securing discussion at The Hague of the question of simultaneous disarmament. This was adopted by 447 votes to 56.

CUPID IN INDIANA.

Bill Requiring a Health Certificate With Every Marriage License.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 27—The weighty question of whether marriage should be ruled by romance alone or whether science also should be considered was debated to-day in the House of Representatives.

Those who would "bestow on Cupid a physician's kit of tools and put an M. D. to his name," as Representative Coble, of Dubois, who is a physician, expressed it, won.

The bill introduced by Representative Bedgood, of Lafayette, to require all male applicants for a marriage license in Indiana to present to the county clerk a certificate of health from a physician, passed by a vote of 51 to 33, sixteen members of the house either being absent or dodging a vote.

REV. DR. SHEARER

Wants Police to Have Authority to Raid Disorderly Houses.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Some strengthening of the Criminal Code was suggested to Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning by Rev. Dr. Shearer. He asked that the Government should amend the act in order to give city police the same authority to raid disorderly houses that they have to raid gambling houses. At present a disorderly house can only be raided on the authority of a warrant authorizing search for liquor, which it has been charged is on unlicensed sale at such a place. He asked for another amendment to put an end to the acceptance of straw bail. Dr. Shearer declares that at present the surety of persons of no account is accepted for the reappearance of offenders.

JAPAN TREATY

Japan to Continue the Limitation of Jap Emigration.

Twelve Years' Tariff Agreement With the United States.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The new Japanese treaty, the text of which was published here to-day, and which is now pending before the Senate, comprises eighteen articles. Most of these cover subjects already treated in the existing convention, though in many instances the language of the articles is changed to make the provisions conform to modern conditions. Perhaps the most important feature of the document, which, while not part of the treaty, is attached to it in connection with the correspondence, is the following declaration:

"In proceeding this day to the signature of the treaty of commerce and navigation between Japan and the United States, the undersigned, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, duly authorized by his Government, has the power to declare that the Imperial Japanese Government are fully prepared to maintain with equal effectiveness the limitation and control which they have for the past three years exercised in regulation of the emigration of laborers to the United States. (Signed) Y. Yushida. Feb. 21, 1911."

It is provided that this treaty shall supersede the treaty of 1894 when it becomes operative on July 17, 1911, and that it shall remain in force twelve years. At the end of twelve years the treaty also continues operative unless six months' notice to the contrary is given. Ratification must be exchanged in Tokio not later than three months from the present date (an important provision in connection with its consideration before Congress).

A protocol continues existing tariff relations pending the conclusion of the special tariff arrangements referred to in the treaty.

THE TEMPLARS

Will Endeavor to Have Temperance Candidates Nominated.

Toronto despatch—The Grand Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance, at the closing session yesterday, determined upon a course of action by which it hopes to find relief from present restrictions upon temperance reform. It was embodied in a suplementary report, brought down by the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, urging that the members attend the preliminaries and conventions throughout the province and use their influence towards the selection of candidates for Municipal Councils and the Legislature who have the cause of temperance reform at heart.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand Councior, Rev. W. P. Fletcher, Drayton; Grand Vice-Councilor, Mrs. E. Parkhill, Hamilton; Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. R. Nobles, Toronto; Grand Secretary, Mr. W. M. McMillan, Hamilton; Grand Medical Referee, Dr. W. Crawford, Hamilton; Grand Herald, Mr. George Hurst, Toronto; Grand Trustee, for three years, Mr. Jas. Hughes, Toronto; additional representatives on Grand Executive, Messrs. A. B. Spencer, Collingwood; Benj. Jonnson, Hamilton, and T. H. Kay, Listowel; Grand Deputy Herald, Mrs. Warren, Hespeler; Grand Guard, Mr. Robert Holtom, Drew; Grand Sentinel, Mr. S. A. Coupland, Port Hope.

RATE DECISION

Caused Sharp Decline in Railway Stocks in New York Market.

New York, Feb. 27.—The stock market to-day reflected its opinion of the Inter-state Commerce decision against increased freight rates by heavy sales of stock at sharp declines in price from 2 to 4 points from the close of last night. Selling began early in the London market, where heavy declines were recorded presaging a weak opening on the local exchange.

The security value of some of the western railroad stocks showed average losses of three points more than yesterday. St. Paul was down 4 1-2, Union Pacific dropped 4 1-2, while Atchison sold at 102 1-2, a decline of 4 1-2 points.

Industrials were also afefcted, it being contended by floor traders that the railroads would not be very heavy purchasers of material. The steel common sold off 3 1-2 points. Amalgamated Copper was off 2 1-8.

Bears took advantage of the situation and forced declines wherever weak spots were found. There were evidences of support and a fair volume of short coverings. Reading was one of the weakest stocks.

THE CHURCH.

Presbyterians Propose Federal Union of All Protestant Bodies.

Instead of a Union of the Presbyterian and Other Churches.

Toronto despatch: The union of the Methodist Congregational and Presbyterian Churches on the basis at present proposed did not find favor at the meeting of representative ministers and laymen of the Presbyterian churches of Toronto and other centres held in St. Andrew's Church school room yesterday to discuss the problem. A federal union embracing all Protestant bodies, each branch to preserve its identity and autonomy was advised instead.

The argument urged against the organic union of the three churches named was its limitations. It was pointed out that by means of a federation of all the Protestant Churches greater results could be obtained towards the solution of the social problems in the large cities and the prevention of overlapping in the home and foreign mission fields than could be obtained through the union of merely three denominations.

There was about 50 in attendance at the meeting. Rev. D. McLeod, of Barrie, presided, and Rev. A. H. Macgillivray, of Weston, acted as secretary. The local clergy were well represented and among those from out-of-town points were Principal McKay, of Vancouver, Rev. Dr. Smith, of St. Catharines, and Rev. R. G. Macbeth, of Paris.

After considerable discussion a strong organization was effected, to be known as "The Presbyterian Association for the Federal Union of the Churches." A tenative statement was adopted as an indication of the direction the movement would take. The election of officers was deferred until an adjourned meeting to be held in St. Andrew's school room next Thursday afternoon at 1.30.

In the statement it is set forth that because of history, traditions, sentiments and convicions, which had become a part of their nature, the time has not arrived when the various evangelical branches of the Protestant Church could give up their name and identity without much needless injury. It is held that a federal union, where each body would preserve its autonomy and be allowed to carry on its work in a way best suited to its genius and outlook, would be feasible and valuable.

A general council, having advisory oversight of the work within the Dominion of Canada, upon which the various churches may agree to co-operate, made up of representatives, lay and clerical, from the different branches entering into the federation, is recommended.

AGAINST RAILWAYS

Interstate Commerce Commission Allows No Rate Increase.

Washington, Feb. 27—The Interstate Commerce Commission has unanimously decided against the railroads in the important increased freight rate cases that have been pending for several months. The decision of the commission is sweeping beyond all anticipation, even by the shippers. It declines to allow a single increase by the 600 or more railroads in the East and Middle West. It throws aside as unsubstantiated the contention of the railroads that they must have increased revenues to meet the increased cost of equipment and operation, and by its decision cuts off between $50,000,000 and $60,000,000 a year in revenue which the railroads had expected to realize from the proposed increases.

The commission orders the carriers to cancel the proposed increases by March 10, and notifies them that in the event of failure an order will be entered continuing the present rates for two years, this preventing the carriers from making any changes in that period. The railroads may now appeal to the newly-created Commerce Court, and it is the opinion of many of their lawyers that this step will be taken.

While the decisions handed down apply only to the railroads in official classification territory and in the territory between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, they indirectly affect practically every railroad in the United States.

GREAT OFFER.

Christian Herald Will Duplicate All Gifts to Chinese.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The American National Red Cross to-day announced that the Christian Herald, of New York, which has contributed ten thousand sacks of flour for the relief of famine sufferers in China, now has offered to duplicate all gifts made by any other contributor, sack for sack.

"It will therefore result," says the Red Cross, "that those giving money with which to procure food will by the act of such gift duplicate their own contribution."

CAUGHT HIM.

Boston, Feb. 27.—The police received a cablegram to-day from the U. S. Consulate at Rio Janeiro announcing the arrest of Robert E. Davie, the missing Boston broker, who is charged with embezzlement of upwards of $500,000 in money and securities from a large number of persons.

A GREAT BLOW.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—"The decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission allowing no increase in the freight rates will be a great blow to the railroads. I do not see how some of them will get along," declared George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, when he was informed of the findings of the commission.

BRITAIN WINS.

Escaped Indian Student Out of Frances Control.

The Hague, Feb. 27.—The Permanent Court of Arbitration to-day decided that Greater Britain was not bound to surrender Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, the Indian law student, to the French Government.

Savarakar escaped to French soil when the vessel upon which he was being returned to India for trial following his arrest in London, stopped in the harbor of Marseilles. He was arrested by the police and turned over to the British detectives. The matter of the rights of asylum for a political refugee was raised and the question of whether the prisoner should be returned to the French Government submitted to The Hague tribunal.

CONSPIRACY CASE

Matthew Wilson Ready For Trial, But Crown Not Ready.

Another Echo of the Farmers Bank Failure.

Toronto despatch: The case against Matthew Wilson, K.C., of Chatham, and W. S. Morden, assistant manager of the Trusts & Guarantee Co., charged with conspiracy with W. R. Travers to obtain undue and unfair preference over the other creditors of the Farmers Bank, was called at the end of the morning police court, and, as was expected, was not gone into to-day.

Mr. Wilson was ready to go into the case and before the case was called, said: "I want to go on to-day and get through with the matter."

But it so happened that the Crown and W. N. Tilley, who is appearing for Mr. Morden, were not ready to go on with the case and wanted an adjournment. The case was then left over for a week and on next Friday it will be agreed upon what day to hold the investigation.

The two defendants pleaded not guilty when the charge was read over.

There was another charge against Mr. Morden. He was arraigned on the charge of hypothecation of the bank's notes together with J. R. Stratton and J. J. Warren. Finally both cases were left over until next Friday, when a day for proceeding will be agreed upon.

FARMERS BANK.

Government Sees No Reason for Commission—No Relief for Shareholders

Ottawa despatch: According to a reply given in the Commons to-day by Hon. Mr. Fielding, to a question by Mr. David Henderson, there will be no Royal Commission appointed to investigate the affairs of the Farmers Bank, and the Government does not think it will be wise public policy to relieve the shareholders from double liability. "The Government," said Mr. Fielding, "have no reason to doubt that the exercise of the powers given to the liquidators, and the proceedings now engaging the attention of the Courts in Justice in Toronto, will lead to a full investigation into the disclosure of all the affairs of the bank. Should anything arise later to indicate that the investigation is insufficient, the question as to appointing a Royal Commission can be further considered. The Government deeply regrets that a number of people, who are not well able to bear the loss, are likely to suffer from the failure of the bank, but, in the judgment of the Government, it would not be wise to exempt them from the provisions of the banking act."

ARMY ESTIMATES.

Less Money This Year—Scarcity of of Candidates at Sandhurst.

London, Feb. 27.—The army estimates for 1911-12 issued by War Secretary Haldane to-day show a total of $138,450,000. This is $350,000 less than the estimates for the preceding year. In an accompanying memorandum the Secretary points out that there is a disquieting shortage of qualified candidates at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst and suggests that special inducements will be necessary in order to fill the commissioned ranks.

The sum of $565,000 is provided for the aeronautic branch of the army. Five aeroplanes and three dirigible balloons are now available and these will be supplemented as soon as trials can be made to determine their practicability.

HOUSE ON FIRE.

Minister in Moncton Police Court on Incendiary Charge.

Moncton, N.B., despatch: Rev. Z. B. Grass, Reformed Baptist minister, was arraigned in the Police Court yesterday afternoon charged with setting fire to his residence last Sunday. It appears from the evidence that he was left alone in his house on Sunday evening, the other members of the household going to the Central Methodist Church, where the accused appeared later. The fire was discovered in the attic, where kindlings, partly burned paper and a torch were found. Mr. Grass has not had any settled pastorate of late.