NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Berlin Boy Burglars Blame Cheap Novels

NO LIQUOR BY POST

Welsh Rail Strike Throws Out 20,000 Miners.

The Toronto Epworth League is to enter politics.

Boys arrested in Berlin confessed to robberies, to which they said they were led by reading 5-cent novels.

Berlin citizens, led by the Mayor, will enter on a "milk strike" to bring down the price from 8 to 7 cents.

Henry Scratch, 74 years old, long a resident of Kingsville, Ont., was found dead on the road half a mile from his home.

Galvin Robinson, engineer on the Reid tug Diver, went insane while the boat was towing an oil barge up the River St. Clair.

Rev. Edward H. Murray, parish priest of Cobourg, was invested as domestic prelate, with title Monsignor, by the Bishop of Peterboro.

Delegate Gibbons of the Street Railway Union, stated that the Toronto Railway Company lost a million dollars a year through inadequate service.

The Hon. George William Spencer, Lyttelton, who was private secretary to Mr. Gladstone in 1892-94, died in London. Mr. Lyttelton was born in 1847.

The steamer Manitou of the Dominion Transportation Company was released by the tug Harrison from the sandbank on which she was aground west of Killarney.

Wallis J. Brooks, 50 years of age, a [illegible] at 56 Robinson street, Toronto, [illegible] found dead in his room. The gas was turned on full, and every pos[illegible] outlet was plugged.

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[illegible]Senecamack Victor II., the magnificent steer which won for Canada the championship of the International Live Stock Show at Chicago this week, will be brought to the Guelph Winter fair.

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[illegible] has en[illegible] to it of [illegible] Hydro-Electric Power Commission in eastern Ontario, and to recover a year's water-power rent, $1,560, from J. L. Sharkey.

So great has been the passage on the White Star liner Canada, a "Christmas ship," she had to leave no fewer than five hundred would-be voyagers behind when she sailed from Halifax for Liverpool.

Although no official decision will be given until the full text of regulations governing the parcels post has been published, it has practically been decided by the Post-office Department not to allow liquor to be carried by means of this new facility for transmission.

Nearly 20,000 miners in South Wales are idle through the spread of the Great Western Railway strike. The strike originated through the dismissal of an engine driver, and although it was not authorized by the union, the movement has developed very rapidly.

APPEAL TO HARDINGE

Hindus in Canada Ask Viceroy's Assistance.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 8.—The Hindu colony of Victoria has sent the following self-explanatory cablegram to Lord Hinge, Viceroy of India:

"The Hindustanis of the City of Victoria and of Vancouver Island, as a body, desire that in the matter of new regulations or modification of the old in the Canadian Immigration Act, that your Government protect our rights like you have done in the case of South Africa. Economic expediency in lieu of fundamental justice and fair play to Hindustanis, subjects of His Majesty vitally concerned in these regulations, will not tend to cement India more closely to the Empire at this time. To us there seems to be but one question—that is our status in Canada, and, hence, our status in the Empire. If the whole question is to be reopened on this basis you will find a solution that will commend itself to us and to our fellow-countrymen in India. The racial color bar which discriminates against us, puts a stigma on all the Hindustanis, and which needs to be removed."

PANKHURST IN EXETER JAIL.

Exeter, Eng., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant Suffragette leader, was lodged to-day in Exeter Jail. The police, who had arrested her on her arrival from New York, outwitted the women who had been watching. After they landed from the tug at a dock on the Tamar River, they started off in the direction of London, but afterward changed their route, and made direct for this city, and reached their destination without encountering any obstruction.

HEARN ART TREASURES.

New York, Dec. 8.—George A. Hearn the millionaire merchant, who died recently, did not leave his art treasures to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as had been predicted. On his will, filed for probate to-day, the collection goes to his widow, with the provision that it be sold on her death.

ALL-RED-LINE RY.

British Capital Behind New Transcontinental.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—The Montreal Star to-day says: The All-Red-Line Railway has entered an application with the Government for permission to build a transcontinental line from Cape St. Charles on the Atlantic coast to the head of Dean's Channel on the Pacific. The announcement of the building of this new railway across Canada has been kept quiet by the British capitalists who are backing the scheme. The first knowledge of the actual incorporation was received in Montreal this afternoon. What capital the new scheme has, and who are the backers, is not definitely known. J. K. Downsley, solicitor, of Prescott, Ont., is named as the company's legal agent.

The line of the All-Red route, which is part of a scheme to circle the earth with a transportation line in the British Empire, is much farther north than any of the other sea-to-sea Canadian routes.

JOHN KRAFCHENKO

Ex-Convict, Believed to be Banker's Murderer.

Dyck, Auto Liveryman, Now Under Arrest.

Winnipeg despatch—The police search for the murderer of Bank Manager Arnold of Plum Coulee is centred to-night in Winnipeg, although twenty Provincial police and many specials are still scouring the country south of here. The police have known since last night just the man they are looking for, as they are convinced that the robber and murderer is John Krafchenko, an ex-convict, who has done time for robberies here and at Regina, and who left Winnipeg only a short time ago. Only a month ago he complained bitterly through the press that he was suspected of every robbery that occurred in the country, and declared that he was "living straight." He was well acquainted in the Plum Coulee district, and several people of the village declare that they saw him in the town during the morning of the murder.

William Dyck, the liveryman who drove the auto in which the murderer and his companion escaped, is under arrest, and was brought to Winnipeg this afternoon. The stories he tells are said by the police to be very contradictory. The police state that all the descriptions they have of the men who committed the murder tally exactly with what they know of Krafchenko.

The body of Arnold, accompanied by his wife, passed through Winnipeg this afternoon for Brandon, where interment will take place.

The exact amount of cash taken from the bank is said now to have been $8,400. The Bank of Montreal will offer a reward for the capture of the murderer, but the amount has not yet been announced.

At Plum Coulee this afternoon the inquest was opened, and after some witnesses were heard, was adjourned until Monday next, when Dyck, the liveryman, will be taken down to give his evidence.

THE BOOK ROOM

Methodists Will Build on Original Toronto Site.

Toronto despatch—It was decided yesterday by the Book and Publishing Committee of the Methodist Church that the new Book Room building would be erected on the Beverly House site, Queen and John streets, as originally intended. The decision was reached only after a somewhat lengthy and acrimonious discussion, which necessitated several sittings of the whole committee in addition to numerous sessions of a representative sub-committee. Briefly, the finding is that no better or more suitable site could be secured, that the price paid for the property was not excessive, and that the vendors had not used their official positions to promote the sale. It is regretted, however, that their identity was not disclosed to the committee in the first place, so that all possibility of a misunderstanding might have been avoided.

PAISH ADVISES CAUTION.

Toronto despatch—"Take in sail, like good sea captains, when a breeze is coming," was the advice offered to Canadian business men in the present financial situation by Sir George Paish, editor of the London Statist, in his address to the Canadian Club at luncheon at McConkey's restaurant yesterday. Sir George was confident of the ability of the Dominion to meet its obligations, and to continue its development. But he believed that the time was at hand when the influx of capital into the country would be temporarily diminished. Therefore he warned the traders of the Dominion to exercise caution in carrying on their business and in increasing their stocks.

EARTHQUAKE IN PERU.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 8.—Another very serious earthquake occurred to-day in the vicinity of Chalhuanca, capital of the Province of Aymareas, in the department of Apurimac, southern Peru. About a month ago a series of earthquakes destroyed scores of villages in this mountainous section and resulted in the loss of more than 200 lives. No details of to-day's disturbances have been received, but it is believed that a volcanic eruption has occurred or is imminent.

STOLE PRINCE'S SHIRT.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Karl Englehardt, a plumber, was fined 50 marks ($12.50) to-day for stealing a shirt from Prince Siwismund of Hohenzollern, a second cousin of the Kaiser. The Prince changed his shirt after dinner in Berlin, and sent it to his home by a servant. The servant was robbed on a suburban train. The shirt has been recovered.

CRISIS NOW IN GERMAN HOUSE

The Heavy Non-Confidence Vote Against the Chancellor.

THE ZABORN AFFAIR

Ends in Trouble for Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Berlin, Dec. 8. — The Reichstag adopted by an overwhelming majority a vote of lack of confidence in the Imperial Chancellor and the Government this afternoon as an expression by Parliament of its disapproval of the Government's support of the military against the civil authorities in Alsace-Lorraine. The vote was 293 to 54.

For the second time in five years Donaueschingen, where the Kaiser is hunting foxes, will be the scene of an important conference affecting the future of the German Empire. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, left for Donaueschingen this evening. Count von Wedel, the Viceroy of Alsace-Lorraine, and Lieut.-General von Deimling, commander of the troops there, were ordered by the Kaiser to report to him at Donaueschingen, and are hurrying thither.

It is a peculiar coincidence that when the effects of the Daily Telegraph interview with the Kaiser were shaking the throne in 1908, the Kaiser also went to visit his friend, Prince von Fuerstenberg, whose estates are at Donaueschingen.

MAY INSIST ON RESIGNING.

It is believed in Parliamentary circles to-night that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg will insist on resigning if the Kaiser fails to support the Chancellor's attitude in the Reichstag. The same result is looked for if the Kaiser supports the military authorities in Alsace against the civil authorities.

While it is the opinion of many persons in authoritative circles that yesterday's and to-day's events in the Reichstag make the downfall of the Imperial Chancellor inevitable in any event, it is stated on the authority of persons in close touch with the Government that as the Imperial Chancellor is responsible only to the Kaiser he will remain at his post if the Emperor requests him to do so.

UNPOPULAR FOR TWO YEARS.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg has been extremely unpopular for two years. There is no doubt that all parties, including even the Conservatives who voted for him to-day, desire his downfall. This is the feeling even in high military and Government circles, where he is regarded as being too weak in foreign policy and afraid to tell the Kaiser the truth about internal affairs.

The Chancellor, who was not in serious mood in the Reichstag yesterday, spoke passionately and angrily to-day in defending himself. He admitted that the country is passing through a grave crisis as a result of the clash between the military and civil elements.

Had an attempt been made to bow to the popular outburst and the declaration been made that the Kaiser strongly disapproved the attitude of the military element at Zaborn it might have averted to-day's vote of censure. The debate was lifeless, and it was evident that the outburst would have exhausted itself without delay. One of the German leaders said this evening:

"It is characteristic of Germans in politics to make a noise, protest, howl themselves out, feel relieved that they have done their duty, and then sit back contented. It rarely goes any further."

The Socialists are elated that the other parties for the first time voted with them solidly, with the exception of the Conservatives.

ENGINEER INSANE

And Tugboat Crew Have an Exciting Time.

Sarnia, Des.—Late yesterday Galvin Robinson, engineer on the Reid tug Diver, went insane and caused much excitement on board the craft until he was taken from the boat when she arrived at this port. When the boat was at the lower end of the river bringing up an oil barge the man went violently insane, believing that some one was chasing him to kill him. He kept running about the boat and there was great fear that he would jump overboard. The captain and the crew managed to get him into the hold, where he was fastened. Robinson, who is well over six fet in height, and very powerful, soon escaped from this, and was on deck for the second time. He was then placed in the pilot house with the captain. The tug in the meanwhile had been running her self and there was a narrow escape from being grounded on the river bank. The engines were taken over by the fireman, and when the boat reached here the man was taken to the local police station. He will recover, it is thought.

FINN'S APPARENT SUICIDE.

Belleville despatch —A Finlander by the name of Frank Lonnelt, employed in the Canadian Sulphur mine near Queensborough until about two weeks ago, left a note at his boarding house this morning, bidding good-bye and asking that his people in Finland be written to. The note was found about noon. A searching party was sent out, and he was found in a field near the mine dead with his right hand and one side of his head blown off by dynamite. A knife and a piece of unburnt fuse was found by the body. It would appear to me a case of suicide. An inquest will be held.

M. FELIX RIBOT

May Form a Composite Ministry for France.

Paris, Dec. 8. — The Ministerial crisis is a step nearer settlement to-night. President Poincare, after lengthy consultations to-day with M. Guillaux, leader of the Radicals; Emil Aimond, President of the Finance Committee of the Senate, and others, principally on the situation, requested ex-Premier Felix Ribot to undertake the task of forming a composite Ministry acceptable to all groups of Republicans.

M. Ribot at first declined, pleading ill-health, but finally consented to consider the matter and give his answer to-morrow, after he had consulted with his friends. Parliamentary circles, however, doubt that he will accept. In the event that he definitely declines, it is probable that H. Doumergue, ex-Minister of Commerce, will be asked, as he is generally considered the most capable of forming the required type of Cabinet.

100 YEARS' PEACE

American Committee Settles on Its Plans.

And Cables Greetings to British Board.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—The American Committee having in charge the preparation of a programme for the celebration next year of one hundred years of peace among English-speaking peoples concluded its work here to-day after full discussion of the features, which are to be of world-wide interest. The erecting of an international monument around which Great Britain and the United States will pledge themselves to keep internal peace was urged in a resolution adopted unanimously by the conference. The church, civic organization, patriotic societies, schools, the nation and individuals were requested to co-operate in the proper observance of the centennial.

The following message, written by Oscar S. Straus, of New York, was cabled to the British Committee:

"The American Committee for the celebration of the one hundred years of peace among the English-speaking peoples, now assembled at a national conference in Richmond, send greetings to their colleagues, the British Committee, and beg the Duke of Teck to convey to them and to the committees of the Anglo-American Exhibition the assurance of our fullest co-operation in fittingly celebrating an event which shall at the same time betoken undying peace between our two nations and be a hopeful harbinger for the peace of the world."

The conference closed to-night with a banquet, at which was read an appeal to the American people, signed by Secretary of State Bryan and many prominent citizens of the country, asking whole-hearted participation in the proposed celebration.

HOUSING PROBLEM

Conference at Cincinnati Will Hear Taft.

Cincinnati, Dec. 8.—When the delegates to the National Housing Conference assembled this morning there was no fixed programme before them, but three questions were up for discussion that proved very interesting and allowed many of the delegates to express their views in five minute talks. The questions were "What is the Housing Problem," "How Can we Keep our City a City of Homes"? and "How Shall we Enforce our Housing Laws"?

Later, at a luncheon Walter A. Draper, President of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Hunt, and others, were to lead in an informal discussion of "The Government and the Housing Problem."

At the afternoon session Dr. Charles Hastings, medical health officer of Toronto, Ont., was to deliver an address on "Health Department Organization and Housing." This subject was to be discussed by George B. Young, Chicago; Frank Wright, New Haven, Conn.; Robert E. Todd, Detroit, Mich., and Miss Mildred Chadsey, Cleveland.

To-night the conference will conclude with a banquet at the Business Men's Club, at which the principal speaker will be former President W. H. Taft.

CAR ROBBERY

Alleged Against G. T. R. Engineer in Detroit.

Detroit, Dec. 8.—Hugh Lamb, a railroad engineer, 29 years old, who says he lives in Montreal, was arrested here to-night on a charge of grand larceny.

Lamb was employed by the Grand Trunk for nine years as an engineer and always had the confidence of his employers until several months ago, when he was suspected of being a member of a gang of thieves, who broke into the freight cars at Montreal and stole merchandise valued at between $3,000 and $4,000.

The Montreal police say they searched Lamb's house in Montreal and recovered silverware valued at several hundred dollars, which they believe was stolen from freight cars. Lamb has been living in Detroit with relatives for several weeks under an assumed name. Detective Parker and Shepherd located the home of his relatives this evening and arrested Lamb on description furnished them by the Montreal police. He is said to have admitted his part in the theft and signed papers waiving extradition.

IN HORSES, TOO

Canada Did Well at Chicago Show.

Is Leading States in Awards Thus Far.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—This was another day of keen competition between the United States and Canada for honors at the International Live Stock Exhibition. As a whole, the Dominion has outshone her neighbor in the awards thus far made. Yesterday Canadian horses and sheep carried off the majority of the honors, and to-day's competition was mainly in the horse department. In the sheep department, where Ontario is well represented, the Dominion does not have such keen competition.

In the judging of Clydesdales to-day the American entries had the better of the argument over their rivals from Saskatchewan.

The Western horses have, however, a phenomenal record of wins to their credit. Twenty horses were shown, and their are twenty prizes to carry home. In only one class did they show and not get in the money. The exact number and character of the wins is as follows:—Three first prizes, six second prizes, three third prices, two fourth prizes, three fifth prizes, two sixth prizes and one seventh prize.

Canadian exhibitors took down the majority of the ribbons in the sheep department to-day, the Dominion nominations carrying off the championships in the breeding Lincoln classes and Uncle Sam's representatives taking the premier prizes in the classes for breeding Oxfords.

H. M. Lee, of Highgate, Ont., was the fortunate Lincoln exhibitor. He scored both champion ram and ewe, and took firsts in four of the seven classes shown. F. B. Goswell also of Highgate, scored a second in this class. There were no Canadian exhibitors in the Rambouillet classes, and Ohio and Wyoming carried off the honors. John Kelly, of Shakespeare, Ont., and A. and W. Whitelaw, of Guelph, are the only contestants in the Leicester classes, which will be judged to-morrow. J. Lloyd Jones, of Burford, Ont., was the only Canadian exhibitor in the Southdown sheep classes. Mr. Jones had plenty of competition, and secured two second prizes and one third. Charles Leet & Sons took the major part of the honors in this class.

The entry of Graham Bros., of Claremont, Ont., in Clydesdale horse division, took second prize in Class B futurity for yearling stallions and fillies. The Graham Bros. had as competitors in this class nearly all the breeders in Saskatchewan.

Competing against entries from Indiana, Illinois and many other states in the central West, the Shorthorn cattle owned by J. A. Watt, of Elora, Ont., took four prizes in that division.

The cattle car lot exhibits were sold to-day. The champion cattle sold for $13.25 per cwt., and the reserve champion car lot, which were two-year-olds, at $11.80. The Aberdeen-Angus Society sold 52 head at an average of $274 each, nearly $100 over the average of last year.

The highest priced bull brought $2,005. He is only a calf yet. J. D. McGregor bought a couple of very handsome females for his herd.

U. S. CABINET WOMEN

Join Great Egg Boycott in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 8. — Eggs are to be banished from the tables in the home of nearly all the Cabinet Ministers whose wives have pledged their support to the egg boycott campaign, which is being waged to reduce the price. One of the first to give her approval and join the movement was Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, wife of the Secretary of State.

"Any subject that touches the home touches the heart of every woman, whoever she is," is what Mrs. Bryan told Mrs. Ellis Logan, a leader in the boycott movement here, when she called upon Mrs. Bryan to obtain her support. Mrs. Bryan assured Mrs. Logan that she was in thorough accord with the movement.

Following Mrs. Bryan's lead, nearly all the other Cabinet wives have joined the effort to bring lower egg prices. Pledges have been obtained from Mrs. Lindley M. Garrison, wife of the Secretary of War; Mrs. Albert S. Burleson, wife of the postmaster-general, and Mrs. William B. Wilson, wife of the Secretary of Labor.

A monster petition is being prepared, with which Congress is to be stormed by Mrs. Logan and her co-workers. It is expected that by next Monday night more than 25,000 names will have been signed to the document. Mrs. Logan declares that already fifteen thousand Washington housewives have joined the movement. It is planned, the club women say, to impress Congress with the need for legislation that will bring about lower food prices.

'GETTE FIREBUGS BUSY.

Glasgow, Scotland, Dec. 8.—Fire today destroyed Kelly House, one of the finest mansions at Wemyss Bay, a favorite outlying suburb of Glasgow. The fire was apparently the work of an "arson squad" of militant suffragettes, as a considerable quantity of suffrage literature was found on the premises.

IDENTIFICATION BY VEINS.

Rome, Dec. 8.—Prof. Tamassia, of the University of Padue, advocates that adoption of an identification system, the basis of which is the photographing of the veins of the hands.

He says the merest novice can detect variations, while long training is necessary to distinguish differences in finger prints.

24 ARE IN FL[illegible]

And $2,000,000 Damage Done in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 8.—The Texas flood center shifted southward to-night toward the Gulf, entering from Hearne to Bryan, where the flood crest of Brazos River continued to do great damage. This caused some loss of life. At the same time the general floods situation improved when rains began to cease after three days' continuance [illegible] over most of the State, and the situation in North and West Texas began to lift slowly. Before relief came the floods had overgrazed five large river basins from the head waters of the Sabine, in northeast Texas, to the San Antonio River, in the southwest.

The total number of dead as a result of the floods stood early to-night at 24. Estimates of property damage range between one and two million [illegible] with Waco and San Antonio the [illegible] sufferers among the cities. The San Antonio loss was a quarter of a million. Waco's damage was expected to be great.

As the water receded pilfering began in Waco, and militia was put on duty to guard property in deserted houses and stores.

BLOW TO BOAT MEN

Great Lake Owners Who Insure Themselves.

Get 50 P. C. Assessment Over Recent Storm.

Cleveland, Dec. 8.—Vesselmen were hit pretty hard by the big gale that swept the lake last month, as many owners carry all or part of their own insurance. Most of the big American freighters that were lost in November were in the Great Lakes Protective Association, which carries 25 per cent. of its subscribers' insurance. At a meeting of the advisory committee of the association a statement of the attorney, in fact, was presented, showing that on account of the losses sustained by the association during the severe gale of Nov. 9, the initial contribution was not going to prove sufficient to pay all losses. A resolution was adopted authorizing and directing the attorney to call for an extra assessment from all subscribers, amounting to 50 per cent. of the initial contribution. The assessment will amount to about $[illegible]000. Notices of the action taken by the advisory committee were sent to members of the association to-day.

The loss on insurance [illegible] lost and wrecked [illegible] $3,000,000. The [illegible] which were driven ashore in the big storm, were released, but they were badly damaged. The wrecking and repair bills will be very heavy. The Nottingham and Hartwell are at Toledo, and the Hutchinson is at Lorain. The boats were not insured with the regular companies.

An effort will be made to float the steamers Turret Chief and L. C. Waldie, ashore on Lake Superior this year. Captain Alex. Gunning, wrecking master for the Great Lakes Towing Company, is working on the stranded boats, but no word has been received from him for several days. The underwriters will try to get the steamer I. W. Nicholas, ashore at North Point, Lake Huron. The wrecker Reid is working on her.

SPAIN IN MOROCCO

Gen. Weyler's Appointment Evidences Serious

New York, Dec. 8.—A cable from Madrid to the Tribune says:

It is officially announced that General Valeriano Weyler, former military Governor of Cuba, will be appointed Spanish resident in Morocco, to succeed General Marina. The fact that General Weyler, who is considered by the public as an evidence that the situation there is more serious than the Government will admit.

Furthermore, General Weyler does not belong to the Conservative party now in power, and it is believed that only the absolute necessity for the presence there of a strong man and an able soldier has compelled the Government to appoint him.

One of the problems which are giving no little concern to the Government concerns the large number of Spanish Jews who were expelled from Spain more than three hundred years ago, and who now, under the Spanish protectorate in Morocco, have asked for protection as Spanish subjects. The Catholic party objects very strongly to this, deeming that it will result in a race struggle that it is necessary to avoid.

STARS ARE COOLI[illegible]

Universe Will End in Darkness and Frigidity.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 8.—In a lecture Wednesday on "The Heat Action of Stars," Prof. Henry N. Russell, of the Department of Astronomy at Princeton, declared that upon their creation the stars become hot, but are gradually cooling, and that the ultimate end of the universe, therefore, is absolute frigidity in the blackness of interstellar night.

"The stars existed first as rarefied, comparatively non-luminous gases," said Prof. Russell. "They gradually contracted, at the same time heating enormously, and when they had reached a semi-liquid, semi-gaseous state began gradually to cool off. This process means a gradual waste of energy in the form of heat radiation. Eventually the whole system will be run down.

"The ultimate end of the universe, though although inconceivably far off, is absolute frigidity in the blackness of interstellar night."