

ENGLISH ARE ANGRY AT LORD HAMILTON

His Statement of No Compatriot Fit for Railway Manager Attacked.

THORNTON TO BE WELCOME

Newspapers Believe Infusion of American Ideas Will Do Much Good.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—The appointment of Henry W. Thornton of the Long Island Railroad as general manager of the Great Eastern Railway, or rather the circumstances which led to his selection are being canvassed as a matter of first class significance.

The morning papers again devote some columns of interviews and criticisms to the subject. No one objects to the choice of an American for the position. Many think it excellent and indeed there is pretty general agreement that in the words of the Daily Chronicle, "the interchange of ideas and methods between ourselves and America in railway matters must be an advantage."

The standard adds to this that "the management of English railways has plenty of room for such transatlantic methods as may apply to our very different conditions."

Lord Hamilton Attacked. The lamentations which were voiced in some quarters on Saturday have given place to an all round attack of Lord Claud Hamilton, the chairman of the board of directors of the Great Eastern Railway, who said in announcing the appointment that no capable man could be found in Great Britain. The attacks on Lord Claud Hamilton are made because it is asserted that he has mislaid the conditions here, and cases are cited where numbers of English business men have won high positions in America and elsewhere on their own merit.

A number of the most successful and most prominent railway men and others who are in the front in industrial and commercial affairs ridicule the statements made by Lord Claud Hamilton. They say pointedly that it was not the non-existence of English talent but his inability to find it that led to Mr. Thornton's appointment. In other places the English system is frankly attacked. Thus the Daily News and Leader says: "The obvious answer to Lord Claud Hamilton is that a system which has succeeded in destroying all initiative and originality in its staff in self-condemned. It is not the inefficiency of raw material from which we are suffering, but the lack of opportunity, lack of education and the sterilizing influence of tradition and property."

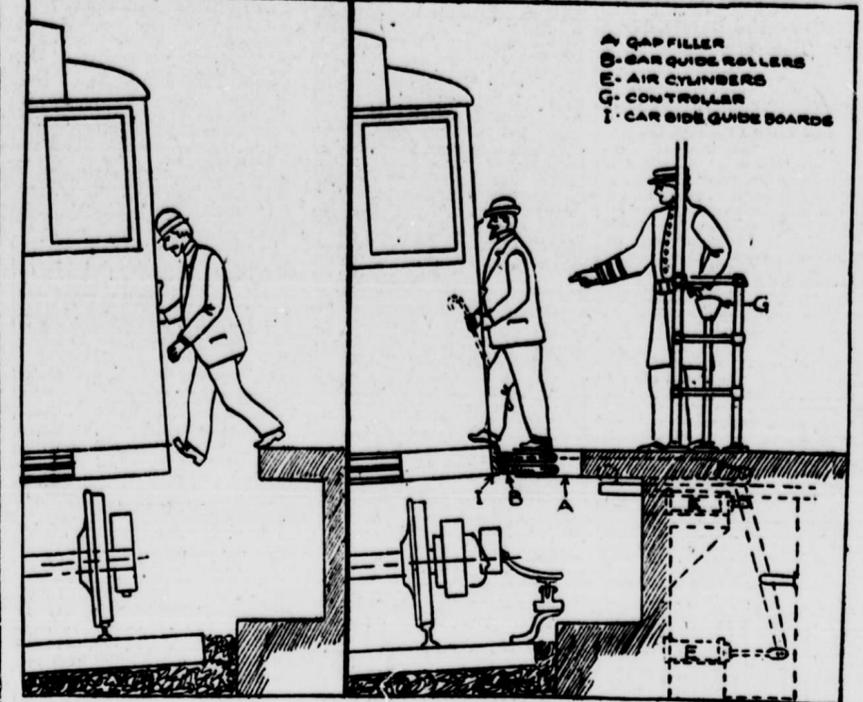
There is no better illustration of this than the case of railways, the control of which has fallen into the hands of the younger sons of the aristocracy. Members of boards of directors are regarded as the perquisite of "men of family" and the system thus becomes stultified. This calls for a drastic overhauling and if we are to have American managers there can be no better task for them to start with than to reform the appointment of directors."

Wants More Americans. The News and Leader contends that "it would not be a cause for alarm if the appointment of Mr. Thornton proved to be the beginning of a real infusion of American genius into our business and public life. We have virtues as well as vices of long history. The hand of the feudal past is heavy upon us. American genius is free of this atrophy of the past and faces the problems of modern life with the freshness and initiative which are unknown here."

Mr. Bellamy, president of the National Union of Railwaymen, told those present at a meeting at Preston that Lord Claud Hamilton's statement that he had been unable to find an Englishman capable of filling the position amused him. Bellamy added: "If he begins to Americanize his railway he will find that he will have to Americanize the wages and conditions of the employees."

TURKEY AND GREECE AT ODDS. Powers' Decision on Aegean Islands Falls to Satisfy Them. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—The decision of the Powers as to the ownership of the islands in the Aegean Sea, which has been claimed by Greece and Turkey, has been communicated to these two countries. Both are dissatisfied and a settlement of the question does not seem to be near.

"WATCH YOUR STEP" CRY MAY SOON BE STILLED. SUBWAY GAP FILLING DEVICE IS PERFECTED



THE INTERBOROUGH "GAP FILLING DEVICE"

Diagram to left illustrates opening existing between the edge of a platform and a centre door of car, which space is required to be automatically covered over to safeguard passengers. Diagram to right shows an elevated view of a track, car and station platform and the special platform device filling the gap between the station platform and car, thus enabling passengers to embark or disembark safely. The station platform operator is also shown at the controlling device.

The Interborough Rapid Transit Company has developed and perfected a mechanical gap filling device at subway stations. The operation of which will make obsolete the familiar "Watch your step!" of the station guards in warning passengers not to drop through dangerous openings between car doors and the edges of platforms on curves.

The company is installing the device for trial at the most dangerous point of the Fourteenth street express station. It will soon be in operation. The operation of the "gap filler" as described by Interborough engineers is as follows: "When ten car trains are in service the device operator takes his stand at a point where the forward end of a train stops

and before the train comes to a stop he moves his controller handle to the operating point. This action energizes electrical magnets that admit air to the air cylinders. "The operation of these cylinders projects a grated segment of the station platform to match up or suit each side door wherever a gap obtains, thus filling the gap between the cars and station platform before the train comes to a stop. The grated segment of the platform is maintained in a level place so that when it is moved to its outward position it in no wise affects the natural movement of passengers."

"This gap filling segment remains in the outward position until the train has proceeded a distance of some seven or eight feet, when through the action of the moving train and an automatic reversal of the electro-pneumatic cylinder action the grated segment recedes under the station platform."

The gaps between station platforms and car doors are due in many cases to the subway tracks paralleling overhead curved streets, in addition to the use of what is known as island passenger stations. Edges of platforms are obliged to correspond with the curves of tracks in order to provide clearance and the curves are of two kinds, concave and convex. On concave cars the ends of cars just clear the platforms, but the centres of cars are at a considerable distance from the platform edges. Where the curves are convex the centres of cars are nearest the platform and the gaps then exist at the end doors of subway cars.

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HUERTA MEN WIN IN MEXICAN ELECTIONS

"Unanimous" Victory Claimed for Governors of Campeche and Yucatan.

FEDERALS NEAR VICTORIA

Army Recaptures Town of Gonzales. Recently Taken by the Rebels.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—The second constitutional elections since Gen. Huerta became President took place in two States today. They resulted in the unanimous election as Governors of these States of men who had been appointed Military Governors by the provisional President. In Campeche Manuel Rivera was elected and in Yucatan Gen. Prisciliano Cortes won. Both men have excellent qualifications and both are friendly to Americans.

There was fighting yesterday near Cuernavaca. The rebels attacked the town of Chapultepec, where the light and power station for Cuernavaca is located. Federal troops drove the rebels off. Gov. Ruelas of Aguascalientes says that the railroad line between San Luis Potosi and Aguascalientes is clear and that railroad service will be resumed to-morrow.

The Governor of Nuevo Leon reports that a Federal command has advanced toward Victoria, capital of the State of Tamaulipas and has already taken the town of Gonzales, previously captured by the rebels. This official says that the Federals are advancing in fan shaped columns with the purpose of sweeping the entire region clean of rebels.

Reports have been received from the Governor of Sinaloa, who says that Carranza has now established his provisional capital in the town of Culiacan. With Carranza is Manuel Bonilla, a member of Madero's Cabinet, who at the instance of Gen. Huerta was permitted by the United States to leave the country after promising that he would not join the rebels when he arrived in Mexico. Gen. Alvaro Obregon is at Culiacan with a large force having placed himself under Gen. Angeles, who is at Mazatlan, and with whom he will cooperate in an attack on that port.

MUNITIONS OF WAR SEIZED.

U. S. Troops Find Rifles and Dynamite Near Yucatan. El Paso, Feb. 15.—Captures of rifles, ammunition and dynamite continue to be made along the international border between El Paso following the raid last week when about thirty men succeeded in crossing the river and the exodus of others was prevented by the United States troops seizing a number of horses and throwing guards along the river.

United States soldiers recovered today fifteen rifles, 3,000 cartridges, a dynamite exploding machine, much dynamite fuse, a quantity of dynamite and about fifty condemned United States army cartridge boxes. The haul, along the river near Yucatan, which is twelve miles east of El Paso and from which point the expedition was planned last week.

Rebel soldiers on the Mexican side found 40,000 rounds of ammunition, forty rifles, two cases of dynamite and a quantity of copper wire opposite Yucatan today. Villa believes they were probably slipped across by Federals planning another expedition to destroy the railroad below Juarez. No men were found and no captures were made.

Villa announced today that he will remain in Juarez while waiting for four more ships to arrive, the others being shipped here from New York by express in addition to the cartridges and rifles ordered from Francis Bannerman. Despatches from Chihuahua say that part of his troops remain there, but few of the rebels have the right to leave. Thursday night for the south, has continued on beyond Chihuahua city.

Rebels in Chihuahua announced today that their advance guard had driven in another band of Federals near Torreon and had secured a strategic position for the attack on the town as a result of the fighting. They claimed to have captured fifty Federals.

FLETCHER AT VERA CRUZ.

Battleships of American Squadron Soon to Be Relieved. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. VERA CRUZ, Feb. 15.—Rear Admiral Fletcher and his squadron of battleships, the Rhode Island, Georgia and Virginia, returned here this morning from Tampico. Naval attaché at Berlin, who is in Tampico after the departure of Gen. Luis Salbador, Constitutional Governor of the State of Tamaulipas, who had been camping in the outskirts of the port with a force of rebel troops. Caballero has returned to Victoria, his State capital, and it is believed that the attack on Tampico has been definitely abandoned.

The United States battleships Delaware, Florida and Utah, which are on their way to this port from Cuba, are expected here shortly to relieve the other American warships here.

RIOT IN JAPANESE DIET.

Members of Opposition Try to Destroy Ballots on Tax Vote. TOKYO, Feb. 15.—There were riotous scenes on the floor of the Diet last night when the obstructive members of the Opposition used every effort to block the determination of the government to pass the bill for a business tax, to which the masses of the people object. The House was a scene of disorder for several hours and did not adjourn until after midnight. The members of the Opposition destroyed the ballot boxes in order to prevent the adoption of the bill, which was not passed. The people are still enraged at the government over the naval graft scandal and some members of the Cabinet have been attacked on the streets. Kei Hara, the Minister of the Interior, had a narrow escape from injury on Saturday night. While he was on his way to the House two men leaped into his automobile and endeavored to assault him. They were seized by several detectives, who were in attendance on the Minister.

RACING AT AUTEUIL BRINGS OUT FASHIONS

Army of American Buyers Disappointed as Little Remarkable is Displayed.

THE BUSTLE IS PROMINENT

Cape of Bright Yellow Attracts Attention—Hats Resemble Pill Boxes. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Feb. 15.—The racing season opened at Auteuil this afternoon, when the innumerable army of American buyers now here for the spring trade shows was increased by an influx from London. These had come over especially for the day and attended the racing in the desire to see what Dame Fashion has in store for the coming season. They must have been disappointed, for with the exception of a dozen dressmakers' models, who displayed the designs of prominent makers, no one wore anything especially noticeable, the dull, threatening weather making furs acceptable and the display of spring garments premature.

The rumor that certain houses intended to revive the crinoline fashion of 1860 proved to be unfounded and any attempt to launch such a display had to be postponed on account of the weather. Unaggressive, but unmistakable, bustles were, however, considerably in evidence. The chief novelty seen this afternoon was a big circular cape of satin or cloth. The gown which attracted the most attention was a brilliant plaid silk trimmed in bunchy ruffles over a bustle. The cape was of the yellow cavalry style with a big black satin collar.

If the weather was too cool for the wearing of spring dresses it was not for the milliners, for the display of spring hats was never more chic. The wearing of them, however, was never more trying for the wearers. Some of the hats resembled pill boxes. They were jauntily perched on the head and waterproof ribbon gave an olecloth effect. These ribbons were used in the decoration of hard, shiny straw hats. Another favorite was a Watteau shepherdess hat. Vivid colors, especially green, were the rule. Scotch plaid appeared on the hats and the costumes of royal blue, mustard and grass green always showed tartan belts and sashes. The bustle bunched developed a new, or rather revived an old, walk, that of walking with the body bent forward, giving a distinctly hunched effect. White organdie collars, sometimes wired in order to stand out, were another noticeable feature.

PARNELL LOST AS A BABY.

His Mother Shut Him in a Drawer, Then Forgot Him. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—John L. Parnell, who is writing reminiscences of his brother, the late Charles Stewart Parnell, tells how their mother lost the famous Irish leader when he was a baby. She was nursing him when an unexpected visitor was announced. She hastily stowed the infant into a drawer, which she shut hurriedly and then greeted her visitor. When the latter left the mother was utterly unable to recall where she had put the baby who, after she had made a long and frantic search, was

CARMANIA CUTS QUEENSTOWN.

Two Other Liners Able to Enter Harbor, but Quarantine Refused.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Cunard liner Carmania left fifty-one passengers and 1,117 bags of mail at Queenstown, which port she did not attempt to enter. She arrived at midday in the roughest kind of weather and anchored two miles off the harbor. A tender with the passengers and mail waited inside the port ready to embark them on the steamer, but after two hours and a half the captain of the Carmania sent a wireless message saying that she did not intend to enter, and then sailed for New York. The indignation at Queenstown over the failure of the Carmania to enter the harbor was increased by the fact that the White Star liner Arabic, which arrived just ahead of the Carmania, steamed straight into the harbor, embarked her passengers and then sailed for New York. The Carmania, which arrived after dark, entered the harbor, notwithstanding the fact that a big sea was running. The passengers were to have sailed on the Carmania will have to wait until February 19 for a steamer for New York.

CZAR DECLARES WAR ON DRUNKENNESS IN EMPIRE

Government Revenue From Alcohol \$500,000,000 a Year. a Big Increase. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Daily Telegraph's political expert, who is at St. Petersburg, calls attention to the importance of the Czar's receipt to the Minister of Finance, M. Bark, in which the latter is directed to find other sources of revenue than alcohol.

The writer says the Czar was moved to take this action by the spectacle of the material squalor and moral degradation caused by drunkenness which he has seen while travelling through the provinces. The Czar's impressions were deepened by statistics which were presented to him by Count Sergius Witte, who, although the creator of the Government monopoly in alcohol, inveighed before the Council of the Empire, of which he is a member, against the spread of intemperance, which he ascribed to abuses of the system.

The statistics showed that when Count Witte left the Finance Ministry the Government's receipts from the sale of vodka were \$250,000,000 a year. They are now \$500,000,000. The Count contended that no Christian State ought to depend for its existence on the drunkenness of its subjects. The Czar adopted this view and enjoined upon M. Bark, the new Finance Minister, that he must reorganize the entire system and find other sources of revenue, as drunkenness must be extirpated.

The Daily Telegraph's writer points out that M. Bark faces a most difficult proposition. He is relatively young and untried in his present post and must rely on the advice of the Financial Committee, of which Count Witte is president but nine of whose most experienced members, including Premier Kokovtsov, have just resigned. The writer takes a discouraging view of the prospects of success of the Czar's plans. German Crown Prince Has Numps. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Crown Prince Frederick William is suffering from an attack

SNOW BLANKET OVER U. S. WILL AID CROPS

Proves as Profitable as Early Spring Rains, Say Weather Bureau Experts.

ANOTHER STORM EXPECTED

States Growing Winter Wheat Are Chief Beneficiaries of Recent Falls.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The recent general snowstorm in the course of the last three days, which has covered the United States from Montana to Maine and from the Canadian border well into the Carolinas and Tennessee with a blanket varying in depth from six inches to a foot or more, will materially benefit the crops of winter wheat, according to the Weather Bureau experts in Washington.

Across the northern interior States, from New England to the Rockies, there has been an average amount of snow from the opening of the winter until now. The greatest beneficiaries among the winter wheat growing States will be Maryland, the Virginias and Kentucky.

The weather bureau expects more snow in the lake region and in New York and New England during the first part of the coming week. A continuance of reasonable weather in the middle Atlantic States and the Gulf States, from the Mississippi River, it is expected, will further benefit the snow covered farms.

Explains Great Benefit. Dr. Lyman J. Briggs of the biophysical division of investigations of the bureau of plants industry said of the recent snowstorm: "Heavy snows are always of great benefit to the Western section of the great plains region. Eastern Wyoming, eastern Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and the Dakotas under ordinary circumstances have the best crops in seasons after a heavy winter snowfall. "The reason for this is that the content of moisture deposited deep into the ground through long continued presence of deep snow gives vegetation a better start in the spring. It is the equivalent of more abundant spring rains, which are less and less certain the further west we go. It can be noticed readily how much better the young green wheat and later develops in places where snow has long lain in deep drifts.

More and heavier snows in the Rocky Mountains of course spell a better water supply for the irrigated regions. In the rapidly decreasing areas devoted to grazing, particularly winter grazing, snow is not such a desideratum, but as the grazing young green wheat and later develops in places where snow has long lain in deep drifts.

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PLAN TO BEAUTIFY ATHENS.

Englishman Commissioned by King Constantine for Work. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—Thomas Mawson, lecturer on landscape designing at Liverpool University, has been commissioned to design plans for the extension, remodeling and beautification of Athens. Mr. Mawson has for some time been planning and extending the royal gardens at Athens and his work has greatly pleased the King and Queen of Greece, who have recommended that the authorities entrust him with the work of beautifying the city.

Mr. Mawson's plans are to be based on the necessities of the present and prospective rapid growth of Athens. They will include a great railway station, new law courts and other official buildings, hotels and avenues, including a boulevard from Athens to the Piraeus, water works and a new housing scheme which has been made necessary by the clearing of the slums around the base of the Acropolis.

BAGDAD RAILWAY FOR GERMANY

Lines to Black Sea Under Joint Administration of Powers. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Feb. 15.—The negotiations between France and Germany in regard to the Bagdad Railway have resulted in an arrangement which is satisfactory to both countries. The Bagdad Railway now becomes a German organization. The lines uniting the Bagdad Railway with the Black Sea will be under the joint administration of France, Germany, Turkey and Russia. England is not mentioned.

JAPANESE OPPOSE OIL GRANT.

Angry Because American Company Obtained Big Contract. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—A Pekin despatch to the Times says the Japanese are reported to regard with particular disfavor a clause in the contract between the Standard Oil Company and the Chinese Government for oil concessions by which the American company is empowered to construct railroads in the eastern portion of the province of Pechili for the development of oil fields.

BERTILLO'S 53 OUNCE BRAIN.

Heavier Than the Average, Despite His Long Suffering. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Feb. 15.—The report of the doctors who made an autopsy of the brain of the late M. Bertillon, the inventor of the criminal identification system, says that organ weighs 53 ounces, against the usual average of 47 ounces. This fact, the report says, is all the more remarkable as the brain of the late criminologist had been exhausted by prolonged suffering from anemia.

SARGENT PORTRAIT PURCHASED.

Picture of Countess of Warwick for Worcester Museum. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—John S. Sargent's portrait group of the Countess of Warwick and her son has been bought for the Worcester, Mass., museum. It was painted by the American artist in 1905.

SOCIALISTS' CHILDREN IN FETE.

Three Thousand Join in First Sunday School Celebration. The first celebration by the children of the Socialist Sunday schools established some time ago under the auspices of the New York local of the Socialist party, took place yesterday in Finnish Hall, Madison avenue and 125th street. It lasted all day.

NEW SIZE "STANDARD" OUT.

London Newspaper Remodelled and Pages Are Much Smaller. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 15.—The first number of the remodelled Standard appeared this morning. The paper is 21 by 17 1/2 inches. The news is as far as possible in classified in separate sections. It is noteworthy that the size now is nearly what it was when the Standard was established in 1827.

CUBA'S MESSAGE TO SPAIN.

President Menocal Cables King Alfonso at Club Dedication. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. HAVANA, Feb. 15.—At the dedication of the new Spanish Club Building to-day President Menocal raised the Spanish flag and sent a congratulatory message to King Alfonso at the club's dedication.

FRIGHT KILLS WOMAN AT BATH BEACH FIRE

Row of Nine Houses Destroyed by Flames—Police Suspect Arson. Mrs. Bertha Rosenbaum, 59 years old, was so frightened by a fire that destroyed her home, at 3661 Seventeenth avenue, Bath Beach, last night, that she died in the arms of a doctor after she had been carried to safety by her son.

The fire wrecked a whole row of wooden houses, from 3533 to 3665 Seventeenth avenue, between Benson avenue and Eighty-sixth street. Because both families in 3661, where the blaze started, were out at the time the police regard it as suspicious, and Detective Howard Ryan is investigating. From No. 3661 the fire spread north and south, burning through the wooden walls with great rapidity. Policeman M. J. Gordon and John McDonald rescued from 3662 Seventeenth avenue the families of Frank Goldburger on the first floor and of Herman Rosenbaum on the second. Leopold Rosenbaum of 820 Bay Twenty-first street was visiting there. He carried his mother to the home of Mrs. D. Schwab at 3724 Seventeenth avenue. Just as Dr. Jacob Sarnoff of 319 Eighty-fifth street lifted her up she died.

WAS "ANGEL" ON STOLEN \$900.

Grocery Clerk's Stage Ambition Lands Him in Cell. William Winniki, 18 years old, confessed to the police of the Bedford avenue station, Williamsburg, last night that he stole \$900 from Mrs. Kate Jablowski of 34 Grand street on the night of September 21, financed a theatrical company because he wanted to become an actor and returned to Williamsburg yesterday after the company had been stranded in Albany.

According to the story the police say he told them, he worked as a clerk for Mrs. Jablowski, who has a grocery store in Grand street, although he was never intended by nature to be a grocery store clerk. The stage called him, he said. After Mrs. Jablowski went to bed on September 21 Winniki climbed up a rear fire escape and got into a room where she kept her money. He got \$900, her earnings of three years, which she was waiting to see grow into a \$1,000 so she could return to Poland. No clue of Winniki's whereabouts was found until he returned to Williamsburg yesterday and was recognized by Detective Dabwing.

Winniki changed his name to Vanecki. He met a man in New York who had a show called "The Days of Forty-nine." They joined forces, Winniki furnishing the money, and took a theatrical company on the road, playing Albany before going to Montreal and other places in Canada. The company returned to Albany and was stranded there Friday night. The promoter disappeared a few days before and others dropped out one by one, until Winniki was left alone and without a cent of his stolen \$900 left.

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