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REID LETTER UNSANCTIONED

American Ambassador to Great Britain Gave No Authority for Publication of Private Communication.

New York, Jan. 13.—To the Editor of the New York Herald:

"I have never given authority to anybody to publish anything about the English general elections."

"WHITELAW REID."

The foregoing authoritative denial by Mr. Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to the Court of St. James, was forecast in the Herald's special cable despatches from London when it was stated that the attempt to embroil Mr. Reid in the British general elections fight would prove abortive.

On January 7 London newspapers printed "scare head" articles to the effect that Sir Charles Walpole, on behalf of Mr. Daniel MacMasters, the Unionist candidate for the Chertsey district of Surrey, had made use of a letter written by Mr. Reid that in effect supported the Liberal contention that the protective tariff was the cause of an army of unemployed and great poverty in the United States.

Press comment in London regarding the incident was to the effect that if the letter had been used without the auhority of Mr. Reid it was merely a local matter, while on the other hand if the American ambassador had authorized the use of the epistle, it constituted a breach of diplomatic etiquette and would be brought to the attention of Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Fallen Flat.

The special cable despatches, however, brought out the fact that efforts to implicate Mr. Reid had fallen flat, even though the Liberals had sought to make a second Sackville-West case out of the incident. It was pointed out that the letter in question was merely a courteous reply on the part of Mr. Reid to Mr. McMasters as to the actual conditions in the United States at the time the missive was written.

It was also stated, as Mr. Reid now confirms in his wireless despatch to the Herald, that the use of the letter was wholly unauthorized and carried with it a statement from Mr. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, that America was prosperous. Public sentiment generally was to the effect that Mr. Reid had been offended by the use made of the letter rather than having given offence.

The letter in question was written December 8, 1908. In it Mr. Reid said that on his return to the Embassy he had received Mr. McMaster's' communication stating that between three and four million men were out of work in the United States. Mr. Reid's letdone." z

ter stated that, in his own absence, his secretary had replied to the statement and substantially as I should have done."

Mr. Reid said the statement that three or four million men were out of work was a gross exaggeration. He had no figures then at hand at the Embassy, but declared his belief that figures would show a vastly improved condition at that date (December 8, 1908) over six months previous and that at the very worst period the figures were grossly incorrect.

Mr. Reid also stated that in his belief the suffering among the poor and the unemployed had been far less than generally estimated, because the prevailing rate of wages was so high that the careful and prudent workingman had been enabled to prepare himself to meet such an emergency.

ROCK ISLAND RAILWAY HAS NEW PRESIDENT

Change in Directorate of Road Coincident With Suspension of Speculators As a Result of Great Jump in Stock.

New York, Jan. 13.—Robert Walker, former counsel of the Rock Island Company, has been made president of the company to succeed Richard A. Jackson, resigned. Mr. Walker who is today on his way to Chicago to consult with the road's officials, will assume all of Mr. Jackson's duties including the chairmanship of the executive committee, the general counselship of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad and membership in the finance committee.

The elevation of Mr. Walker to the head of the Rock Island Company coincident with the suspension of two members of the stock exchange for their participation in the 40,000 share market order that sent Rock Island up thirty points in a jiffy, is taken to mean today that William H. Moore will in the future be in more active direction of Rock Island's affairs and that Daniel Reed will have his burdens in the company's management lightened. Former President Jackson has been a close friend of Mr. Reed. No statement has been forthcoming from Mr. Reed in connection with the report that he gave the 40,000 share Rock Island order.

It was further announced today that Mr. Walker would succeed Daniel G. Reed as chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company. Mr. Reed will remain a director of the company.

MONEY ON CALL AT 3 P. C.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Close: Prime mercantile paper, 4 1-2 to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, at 4.83.-80 to 4.83.90 for sixty ay bills and at 4.86.85 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83 1-8 to 4.83 5-8. Bar silver, 52 3-8. Mexican dollars, 44. Government bonds, easy; Railroad bonds, irregular.

Money on call, easier, 3 to 4 1-4 per cent; ruling rate, 4; last loan, 3; closing bid, 3; offered at 3.

TARIFF REFORM WINS CONVERTS

Austin Chamberlain Declares That Unionist Plank Holds the Field --- The Leaders Speak of Canadian Public.

London, aJn. 13.—Being informed of the unprecedented interest that Canadians, irrespective party ties, are taking in the British eectorial struggle, leaders on both sides send me the following messages to the Canadian public: "Kensington Palace—We hope the Old Country will play up for the commercial concert with the rest of the Empire. (Signed) Argyll."

The only surviving ex-Liberal, who like the rest of the peers, is precluded from further participation in the fight now that writs for the new Parliament are issued, sends the following characteristic message: "Dalmeny Park—Thanks. Have already said all I wish, I think. (Signed) Rosebery."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the leading platform parliamentary protagonist of tariff reform, says: "Highbury, Bermingham—Tariff reform holds the field, makes converts daily. (Signed) Austen Chamberlain."

From the present Chancellor comes the following: "Treasury Chamber—Mr. Lloyd-George fears it would not be quite suitable for him to send a telegram to the Canadian press at the present moment on the political situation in this country."

Lloyd-George's fiercest opponent, who himself is certain of a high place in the next Unionist ministry, says: "Liverpool—I am glad that enormous progress has been made in tariff reform, including colonial preference, since 1906. I believe either the Unionist will win or the Radicals will return with an impotent and short-lived majority. (Signed) F. E. Smith."

From the Opposition camp comes the following: "Glasgow—Very sorry, no time. (Signed) Churchill."

Natural Evolution.

Professor Hewins, who is described as the organizing brain of the tariff reform party, and in whose support in fighting Yorkshire, the free trade citadel, Balfour goes to Bradford on Saturday, says: "England is not on the eve of a revolution. Make that clear. What is going on is a perfectly natural evolution of the British policy. What we see is, firstly a demonstration of the inapplicability of the present fiscal system to ordinary needs of the community, secondly the growing realization of this fact by the electorate, thirdly, a formulation on traditional British lines of a policy to meet these conditions. Having muddled their plain business, the ministers want to make matters worse by pulling the British constitution to pieces. With tariff reform and in no other way can England provide the necessary revenue to secure naval supremacy, pay for old age pensions, reform the poor law and other essential measures of social reform. (Signed) W. A. S. Hewins."

The chief proprietor of the Times, Daily Mail and many other London and provincial journals says: "Elmwood Thanet—Regrettable that many Canadians do not realize that the election turns mainly on the questions of tariff or free trade, and large or small navy. Liberalism and Conservatism don't mean the same things in Britain and Canada. The election is arousing comparatively little interest here and will result in many unexpected defeats for the government. British Canadians send thousands of pounds weekly to relatives in England, yet the free trade party represents Canada as overrun by paupers and are publishing figures to the effect that unemployment is worse with you than with us. A British tariff and imperial preference are, in my opinion, certain within twelve months. (Signed) Northcliffe."

Three Liberties.

The foremost journalistic ally of the Lloyd-George section of the cabinet, who was editor of the Chronicle, and is now editor of the Nation, sends the following: "Nation Office. The Lords claim three essential British liberties, namely control of taxation, power of dissolving parliament, and power to make and unmake governments. If they succeed the constitution ceases to exist. The Protectionist party have changed the issues. They would now shut British ports to colonial goods, merely offering the colonist a lower tariff than the foreigner. The Tory policy has three aims, protection, militarysim, conscription, and can have but one result, war with Germany. (Signed) H. W. MASSINGHAM."

From the proprietor of the Standard Express, vice-chairman of the tariff commission, and owner of other London and provincial pournals, comes the following: "Freshham election will doubtless result in victory for imperial unity and tariff reform. The chief result will be a much closer understanding with the great domitions, a revival confidence in the future of the Empire, which will lead to a gratifying revival of business prosperity." (Signed) C. ARTHUR PEARSON.

Two of the foremost Canadians in the fight say "East St. Pancras expect 200 majority, East St. Pancras fear the Liberals will lose about six seats in London through the neglect of the constituencies by the last members. Believe the Liberals' return with about the same strength as in late house. (Signed) JOSEPH MARTIN."

Chertsey Division. Unionists winning day by day. They will have a handsome majority. (Signed) DONALD MACMASTER.

Martin polls on the seventeenth, MacMaster on the twenty-sixth.

WARM PATCHES OF AIR FOUND ABOVE EARTH

Washington, Jan. 13.—Chief Willis L. Moore, of the United States Weather Bureau, who is head of the National Geographic Society, as well has advised the house committee on agriculture that during the past summer months "we found warm patches of air above the earth."

"We have found," said Prof. Moore, "as a result of sending up balloons, and our observations are verified abroad, one of the most wonderful things in meterology. All our physicists have found the temperature gradually decreases with elevation until in outer space there is no temperature. We sent up balloons from Omaha and Indianapolis above the storm stratum which is six miles deep rising and falling with the seasons. Above there is an entirely different atmosphere floating upon the storm element like oil on water with an easterly velocity of only half the low air. From the storm stratum up through there is a slight rise in temperature. We call it an equally heated stratum, the isothermal. In this constant air ocean there are no storm eddies, in it the minutest rays of light are absorbed. We are living in a thin skin of air illuminated and all the rest between us and the sun is darkness."

THIS PROMOTION SYSTEM FAILS

Promotion by Selection scheme in Operation Now in British Army Declared To Be a Failure.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The theory of selection, whether for promotion or retirement, in the military-naval personnel, is working out in the English army, says the Army and Navy Register, just as most conservative observers predicted. If selection or other process with entire justice to individuals and due consideration of service interests, it would be ideal, and it is this faith in the fair and beneficial operation of the system which has made ardent advocates of the selective process.

Absolute Fairness.

The selection board of the British army, recommended some years ago by the Esher committee, was designed to secure that selection, to fill higher appointments open to officers of the army, which should be a matter of absolute fairness, having regard solely to the individual merits of the officers, whose cases came up for consideration. The selection board was composed of eight officers, whose united experience and fairness were without question, but the board has not been permitted to exercise its full functions. Its proceedings have been restricted, such as in the case of officers promoted from major general to lieutenant general, when the board merely supplies the names of qualified officers and the secretary of state for war, with the advice of the army council makes his selection from the list, the idea being that many of the members of the board being of lieutenant general's rank could not recommend one of their own body for an important position. In other particulars the selection has met with criticism, one instance being that of a distinguished cavalry officer, who was provided for in a command in the Far East, "where not only no cavalry is stationed, but if mounted troops were available, a broad river would have to be negotiated each time they were taken out for exercise." It has been observed by the British service papers that "too large a proportion of the lucky ones, at least on the home establishment, appear to have, or have had, a close connection with headquarters, and it is but natural to attribute their rise as in some degree owing to the influence of partiality and affection."

Not Encouraging.

The British military view is quoted as favoring a return to the system by which a commander-in-chief, assisted by a board, shall decide the fate of an officer of tried ability and that in that direction only will it be possible to restore the confidence of the army. Under the present system a very large number of the most important staff appointments fall to officers, not because they are the best men available for the particular position, but because they happen to be personally known to the member of the army council in whose gift the appointments lie. It is not encouraging that the patronage of the greater portion of army appointments should be focussed in a few individuals to the exclusion of the selection board, which was created to put an end to favoritism in the army. Altogether, the situation is anything but one which promises an improvement of military discipline in the British service.

J. W. M'CREADY HEADS TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Succeeds Mr. C. Fred Chestnut as President of Fredericton Organization --- New York Wants Exhibit.

Fredericton, Jan. 13.—The reconstructed Fredericton Tourist Association appointed at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday evening, held its organization meeting last evening at the Barker House. All the members, F. B. Edgecombe, J. W. McCready, A. R. Slipp, M. P. P.; T. V. Monahan and A. A. Shute were present. The officers elected were: Honorary president, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Surveyor General; honorary vice president, C. Fred Chestnut; president J. W. McCready; treasurer, Fred B. Edgecombe; secretary, A. A. Shute. The secretary was instructed to convey to C. Fred Chestnut appreciation of the earnest and effective work done by him during the 14 years of his successful management of the association's affairs.

Capt. F. A. H. Dressel, of New York, appeared before the association with W. Harry Allen, acting on behalf of the Guides' Association, and asked the assistance and support of the Tourist Association in getting an exhibit from New Brunswick for this year's New York sportsman's show. Capt. Dressel strongly favors New Brunswick having an exhibit of live game at this year's show, as it would prove the greatest kind of an attraction. The show, he said, will open on March 2nd and continue for 9 days. Today Guide W. Harry Allen is making the preliminary arrangements for the exhibit of wild game and is advertising for specimens of lynx, mink, marten and bear cubs. Arrangements will later be made with the surveyor general for securing game animals for the exhibit.

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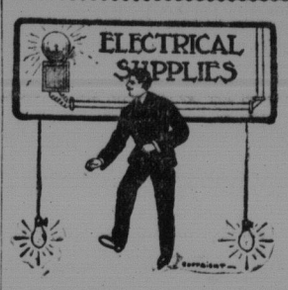

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TROUBLE AHEAD IN FILLING BUTLER'S SHOES

Deputy Ministership of Railways and Canals a Difficult Office to Fill---Sydney and the Appointment.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Mr. M. J. Butler, who has been appointed general manager of the Iron and Steel Company, will continue to act as Deputy Minister of the Department of Railways and Canals for at least a month. In the meantime, Hon. Mr. Graham will give his first attention to the question of the appointment of a successor to this important post. It is realized that only a man of the finest engineering capacity can successfully fill Mr. Butler's shoes. In order to meet the difficult situation arising out of Mr. Butler's resignation and to keep the work in connection with the engineering branch and management of the I. C. R. well in hand, it is proposed to move to Ottawa, Mr. Weller, the superintendent of the Wellant Canal, and an engineer of great capacity. This will give the minister an opportunity to fully consider the important question of a successor. It is said he is to receive a salary of $25,000 in his new position.

Approved at Sydney.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 13.—The appointment of M. J. Butler as general manager of the Dominion Steel and Coal Company is regarded with much approval in Cape Breton. It is particularly satisfactory to the leading officials of the two companies.

General Manager Duggan of the Coal Company being interviewed expressed his unqualified approval of the appointment. He had known Mr. Butler for many years and he recognized him emphatically qualified to fill the position.

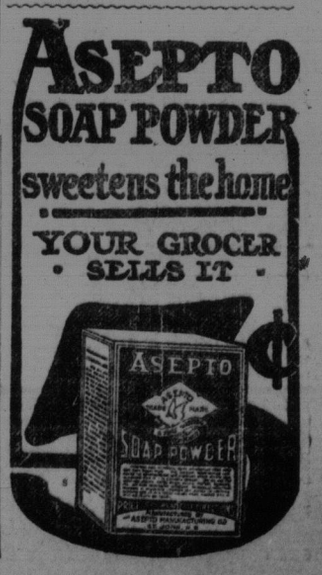
Mr. W. C. Mitchell, superintendent of the Steel Company, in answer to a query, was enthusiastic about the new appointment. He regarded Mr. Butler as the very best selection that could have been made.

Mr. Dick, general sales agent of the Coal Company, and Mr. McNaughton, general sales agent of the Steel Company, both of whom have had considerable experience with Mr. Butler, are emphatic in their opinion respecting the splendid ability that he will bring to the discharge of his office.

In the same way spoke D. H. McDougall, who is slated, it is understood for the position of superintendent of the Dominion Coal Company. Another gratifying feature of the appointment by Mr. Plummer is that Mr. Duggan is not to sever his connection with the coal company. It fell to the lot of Mr. Duggan to administer the affairs of the Coal Company during the most trying period in its history. Under his management the company expanded and developed until today it is probably the best equipped coal mining property in the world.

TO MODIFY FRENCH CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Paris, Jan. 13.—At a meeting of the cabinet yesterday M. Barthou, Minister of Justice, submitted to President Fallieres for approval a bill to be introduced in Chamber looking to the modification of proceedings in the French criminal trials. The principle points of the new bill are the suppression of the interrogatory by the presiding judge and the suppression of indictment "acted accusation," which is to be replaced by an exposé of subject by accusation by the public prosecutor. The proposed expose revives Article 315 of the Code of Criminal Instruction, which has fallen into disuse. The bills modifies the ordinance of the code relating to the evidence of witnesses. Finally under the new regulations the court will be empowered to decide what course shall be adopted when an accused person who lacks funds for his or her defence shall demand the summoning of witnesses.



News of a Day

Badly Burned.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Lillie Moore 71 years of age, was so badly burned by the explosion of a lamp in her house last evening that she cannot recover. All the upper part of her body and her arms and face are terribly burned. Mrs. Moore was alone in the house when the accident happened and was not found until her son, a lad of 14, came home from work.

Damage By Explosion.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 13.—Tuscon's floral store on Oulette Avenue, was completely wrecked yesterday by an explosion, thought to have been of natural gas. The explosion followed the striking of a match. The contents of the store were blown out into the street and the large plate glass windows were reduced to small pieces. Bennett Bulay passing the store at the time, was badly cut while the proprietor Tuscon was considerably singed, as were two young woman clerks.

Accident at Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 13.—Geo. Armstrong a carpenter employed by the Ontario Power Company was fatally injured when a sixty ton crane capsized in the pipe line pit which is in course of construction near Table Rock, about noon yesterday, dying of scalds and shock at the general hospital a few hours later. Paul Somerville, engineer of the crane, was badly shocked, besides sustaining several severe bruises about the body, but will recover.

York Loan to Pay Up.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—The National Trust Company, liquidators of the defunct York Loan Company's affairs, is preparing to send out seven hundred to a thousand checks on April 1 to those shareholders whose books were not returned in time for payment of the first dividend of twenty-five per cent on Nov. 1 last. There are still over nine thousand books out and unless they are sent to the head office within the next few weeks their owners will not figure in the April 1 payment. Cases of deceased creditors will be taken up shortly.

Oblivion for the "23."

Montreal, Jan. 13.—Legal action is to be taken at once for the disqualification of the famous group of twenty-three aldermen who voted the civic budget of 1910 on the ground that it is illegal. The matter has been placed in the hands of lawyers and writs will be issued in a few days. The action is being taken at the instance of a citizen whose name has not yet been divulged. It is claimed that while trying their best to make the budget legal in every respect there are several instances where loopholes were left for legal attack.

Deportation Enforced.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—Provincial authorities are enforcing strictly the law against allowing undesirables to enter Ontario, and no less than 35 such persons have been deported from places along the Niagara border during the past few weeks. In the view of the attorney general it is much easier to prevent crime than to detect it.

Engineer Suicided.

Port Colborne, Ont., Jan. 13.—O. R. Phillips, chief engineer of the steamer Strathcona, wintering here, committed suicide on board the boat yesterday by shooting. Phillips was an Old Country man about 40 years old, with no relatives as far as is known in this country. No cause is known for his act.

Return of Sir Thomas.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who left about a month ago for England, partly on a pleasure trip and partly on business, will return to Canada on Feb. 1, according to advices received at the railway's headquarters today.

Attempted Suicide.

Quebec, Jan. 13.—Joseph Musse, aged seventy years, a well known batteau man on the St. Lawrence, attempted suicide at his home in Cap Blanc yesterday by cutting his throat in three places with a razor. When found by neighbors the old man was lying in a pool of blood in an unconscious condition. Me may die. It is said domestic troubles were the cause of his act.

Completion of Bridge.

Fredericton, Jan. 13.—The Dominion Bridge Company have commenced active work on the erection of the four new steel spans which will complete the Fredericton-St. Mary's highway bridge. The first shipments of the steel have arrived from Montreal. Superintendent McMahon will have about 50 men on the work. The contract calls for the four spans to be ready for traffic by April 1st.

Boston Y. M. C. A. Burned.

Boston, Jan. 13.—The Boston Y. M. C. A. building at the corner of Boylston and Berkley streets in the Back Bay district, was destroyed by fire early today. The loss will exceed $200,000. A fireman was injured but not seriously.

LOCAL

Accident To Col. Tucker.

Col. Tucker, ex-M.P., is confined to the house owing to a painful accident which occurred on Tuesday evening. As he was leaving his sleigh to enter his house on Chipman Hill he fell and dislocated his hip. He is doing as well as could be expected.

The Late Dr. James Hannay.

Evidence of the general regret expressed at the death of Dr. James Hannay, and of the esteem and good will in which he was regarded was shown in the following telegram received on Wednesday by Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond, from Dr. A. G. Doughty, Dominion Archivist at Ottawa: "All the members of staff deply regret the death of Dr. Hannay. Shall advise members of Royal Society. Please represent society at the funeral."

A Slight Fire.

About 7.15 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm from box 52 brought out the firemen for a fire at No. 2 City Road in a house occupied by Mrs. Eliza Walker, widow of Dr. A. B. Walker, and by Mr. Barrett Berman and family. The fire was in the Walker flat and in the chimney between the floors. The team of water and the chemical extinguished it. Some damage was done by cutting and by water

Gift To Public Library.

The Free Public Library has received a handsome gift of valuable books from Mr. Charles Dalton, F. R. G. S., London, England, sent by him, through Mr. Thomas H. Bullock, Mayor. There are twelve volumes, which are admirably printed and beautifully bound. The books are as follows:—Life and Times of Gen. Sir Edward Cecil, Viscount Wimbledon, cloth, 2 vols., published in 1885; English Army Lists and Commission Registers 1661-1714, in six large volumes, half calf, annotated and fully indexed, 1892-1906; List of Half-pay Officers, 1714 (privately printed 1900).; Irish Army Lists, 1661-1685 (privately printed 1907).; The Scots' Army, Illustrated, 1661-1685 (1909).; The Waterloo Roll Call (second edition 1904).

Gold King Mines.

The latest report from the new Gold King mines states that 60 or 70 stamps have been running successfully and the property is showing good results. The gross receipts for December were $40,000 and the expenses $29,000. Now that the improvements and repairs are completed the management expect to soon have a cash balance on hand.