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GOVERNMENT TO GO AFTER TRADE

Canada Will Make Effort for More Business with Australia and West Indies.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster May Go to Antipodes as Commissioner to Arrange Trade Agreement

Representatives of West Indian Colonies to Come to Ottawa on March 27 to Look Over Business.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Borden government before the election opposed reciprocity outside the Empire and advocated reciprocity within the Empire. It already has made solid progress towards reciprocity.

Mr. Pugsley brought up the subject and Mr. Foster talked some real business. The outstanding points numbered two: 1.—Representatives of most of the West Indian colonies, including British Guiana, will be in Ottawa on March 27th next to talk over trade relations with the Canadian government.

Mr. Foster hinted that he may go to Australia as commissioner to arrange a trade agreement with the Commonwealth. This hint follows a strong suggestion by Mr. Ames that the government open direct negotiations with Australia.

Mr. Pugsley brought the subject up upon a motion to go into supply, dealing especially with the question of the steamship service from the Atlantic ports. He recalled the fact that during the tenure of office of the Laurier government Pickford and Black had insisted on cutting down the St. John service to one sailing in 22 days, whereas the Halifax service is one service every 11 days.

Mr. Foster agreed that there was promise in the attempt to establish closer trade relations with Australia. He also agreed that "it would be better to sit down and frame a list of really serviceable exchanges between the two countries, leaving in what would be eventually advantageous."

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TWO DIE WHEN THE HANGMAN SPRINGS THE GALLOW'S TRAP

Secola, Ark., Jan. 26.—Two white men were hanged for murder this afternoon. One trap was sprung to choke the pair to death. John McIlvain was convicted of the murder of his employer, and Henry Coates was hanged because he was convicted of murdering Deputy Sheriff Ferguson last April when the officer tried to board the boat on which Coates conducted an alleged illicit liquor trade along the Arkansas bank of the Mississippi river.

FABRICATION IS CHARACTERIZED AS GROUNDFLESS

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The usual week end exodus of Quebec members today was made the basis of a story that the government's following of French Canadians were "on strike" as a means of forcing the cabinet to discontinue the harbor commissioners of Montreal. The story which had been daily published, was characterized by Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden tonight as "silly and without any foundation."

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT STILL HOLDS

Although Reichstag Elections Have Been Close it is Expected Government will Have Working Majority.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION PROPOSED FOR SESSION.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The parties in the Reichstag after a thorough checking of the original returns, stand as follows: Conservatives, 71; Centrists, 93; Poles, 18; Alsatians, 6; Guelphs, 5; National Liberals, 41, including two members of the peasant league and an independent National Liberal; Radicals, 42; Socialists, 110; Bavarian Peasant League, 2; Independent members from Lorraine, 2; Danes, 1 and Independent, ex-Minister of the Interior Count Von Posadowsky Wehener, 1.

The Radicals claim that two Bavarians and one member from Lorraine are pledged to vote with their party. The other member from Lorraine, the Dane and the Liberal Count Von Posadowsky Wehener probably will line up with the members of the right. Experienced politicians foresee the formation of an adequate working majority. This seems also certain when subjects are dealt with which the government, through its statements made in the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has indicated as imperative tasks for the new Reichstag.

These tasks include the strengthening of the army and navy and the financial provision for this increase of strength. They comprise also new social legislation and the continuance of the present tariff policy through the ratification of a series of commercial treaties. All the parties except the Socialists will be found behind the new army and navy bills when they are brought up for discussion. The critical question will be that of the new taxes but this will undoubtedly be solved even if the government has to impose the inheritance tax, the introduction of which occasioned Prince Von Buelow's fall, and this will have to be done against the opposition of the badly riddled Conservative ranks. The only serious disorder during the elections is reported from Schwetz, where a fight occurred last night between the Poles and the Germans. This resulted in a general riot and eventually the military were called out. Two students were seriously injured during the fight and many people were beaten.

IMPORTANT DEAL IS CONSUMMATED IN WOODSTOCK

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Jan. 26.—An important business deal was put through today. The Woodstock Woodworking Company, whose chief owners were Hon. W. P. Jones and J. T. Allen Dibblee, and which did a large business has been bought by another company with the following officers: F. R. Teed, president; E. W. Mair, vice-president; H. A. Seely, secretary-treasurer; W. S. Hutton, manager. The site of the old company whose buildings were destroyed by fire some months ago is owned by the new company. Large buildings with an up-to-date plant will be erected at once, either on the old site, or on a new site that the company has in view.

George Buck, better known as "Sonny" Buck, died at his home here this morning after an illness of three weeks from cancer of the stomach, aged 62 years. He was born and spent all his life here where he was held in high esteem. He was an Adventist in religion. The funeral will be held on Sunday. He is survived by a widow, who tenderly cared for him during his illness, one brother, John Buck, of Crouseville, Maine; four sons, Fred, George, Frank and William Buck, two daughters, Mrs. Vansassel, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Tony Decota, of Island Falls, Maine. All the relatives arrived here tonight.

SHARP ENCOUNTER ON RAILWAY LINE NEAR TIEN TSI

Shanghai, Jan. 26.—Sharp fighting has occurred on the railroad from Tien Tsin to Fukow. The Imperial troops, under the command of Chang Hsuan, who was formerly commander at Nanking, came into contact with the rebels 76 miles south of Su Chow in the province of Kiang Su, where Chang Hsuan has his headquarters. The result of battle is not yet known.

NO SIGN OF TERMINATION OF STRIKE



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING THE RIOTS NEAR THE MILLS AT LAWRENCE, MASS. WHAT ONE LONE RIOTER GOT AT THE HANDS OF FOUR HUSKY MILITIAMEN, USED AS GUARDS BY THE MILL OWNERS.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 25.—There being very little going on in relation to the strike today, this city has been filled with rumors of all sorts. Joseph J. Ector, the chairman of the strike committee, has been full of mysterious activity, and has been in notably high spirits. He was called on the telephone from Boston and held a conversation that lasted three-quarters of an hour.

Earlier in the day he said to reporters: "We may do something to force the other side, and if they compel us to make one move they will be sorry."

WILL PROBE ACCOUNTS OF N.T. RAILWAY

Borden Government will Name Capable Non-partisan Commission to Investigate Transcontinental.

IMPORTANT STEP BY MR. COCHRANE.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Borden government will turn the searchlight on the whole of the long series of transactions involved in the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway. Pending an official announcement it is not possible to state definitely the terms upon which the investigation is to be conducted, but that the probing will be deep and the examination thorough and far-reaching there is no doubt.

The Standard understands that the work will be placed in the hands of two men, a railway expert and a legal expert; the two men likely to be selected being F. P. Gutelius, of Montreal, now general superintendent of the C. P. R., and George Lynch-Staunton, K. C., of Hamilton, one of the best known members of the Ontario bar. Mr. Staunton already has a reputation as an investigator, and Mr. Gutelius occupies a leading place in the railway world of Canada, having served the C. P. R. efficiently for many years in all parts of the Dominion.

The appointment of these two men will mark the second important step taken in connection with the Transcontinental Railway under the administration of Hon. Frank Cochrane. The investigators will be given powers wide enough to enable them to go as far as may be in search of the truth about the Transcontinental and the work of the Parent Commission. Mr. Cochrane has been at pains to obtain for this work the services of men whose ability is undoubted and whose report, when it is presented, will be of real value.

Where the Hodgins charges, the Lumsden resignation and the complaints of the Grand Trunk Pacific officers failed to result in settling the doubt in the public mind as to the honesty of the methods employed in the construction of the railway, the Gutelius-Staunton inquiry is expected to succeed. The investigation will necessarily occupy considerable time.

AMHERST CENTRAL SHOE COMPANY INCORPORATED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Amherst Central Shoe Company, Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital of \$100,000 and head office in Regina. This is a subsidiary company, designed to serve as a distributing company for the Amherst Company for western Canada. The incorporators are P. C. Black, C. S. Sutherland, T. N. Campbell and E. N. Rhodes, M. P., all of Amherst, and Sherman Rogers of Halifax.

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DUKE WAS DELIGHTED WITH HIS TRIP TO THE STATES

Gives Interview to Press Dealing with Pleasure Afforded Him By Cordial Reception—Canada Has Nothing but Friendship for Neighbors—Impressed with Business-like Appearance of Troops Which Formed Escort.

New York, Jan. 26.—As he boarded his private car at the Grand Central Station tonight for return to Ottawa, after five days' entertainment in the United States, the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, and uncle to King George V., turned to Ambassador Reid, who has been his host here and said: "We were very much impressed with the hospitality of your people. We were treated royally by the press and public. The Duchess and myself are very grateful to the people of New York, and we shall look forward with great pleasure to another visit. Our visit this time seems to have been too short."

The Duke's party, including the Duchess and the Princess Patricia, Lieut.-Col. Lovther, Captain Rivers Bulkeley, Miss Pelly, Lady in waiting, and eight servants, with thirty trunks and sixty hand bags, arrived at the train gates at fifteen minutes before schedule time and before the police detailed to guard their departure had arrived.

A large crowd had gathered near their train, but it was quite respectful and the station guards had little difficulty in controlling it. Repeated cheers were given to the royal visitors and the Duke each time raised his hat in acknowledgment. Just as the train whistled for departure the Duchess and her daughter, the Princess "Pat" each embraced Mrs. Reid and all the members of the party waved their hands as the train drew out at 7.40 p.m. A remarkable interview is published here this afternoon as having been given to the press today by the Duke of Connaught. The interview is more remarkable for its form than its substance. It was handed out to a small army of reporters from the steps of Ambassador Reid's home shortly after His Royal Highness' return to Washington, by Lt. Col. Lovther, military aide de camp to the Duke. The interview follows verbatim: "H. R. H. much pleased with visit to Washington and his reception by Mr. Taft, speaking at the embassy after dinner in response to Mr. Knox' toast of the King, he replied as per attached notes: "Observed that at his last visit he attended the inspection of a battery of artillery on the ground where the embassy now stands. "He was impressed with the work manlike appearance of the cavalry escort."

MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF CARTIER IS TO BE ERECTED

Quebec, Jan. 26.—Sir Lomer Gouin announced to a delegation this morning that the provincial government will grant the sum of ten thousand dollars towards the erection of a monument to the memory of Sir George Atienne Cartier.

TO SEE IF COUNTRY HAS RECEIVED FULL VALUE FOR MONEY

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—An investigation of the entire construction work of the National Transcontinental Railway has been decided upon by the Dominion government and announcement will shortly be made of the appointment of F. P. Gutelius, of Montreal, general superintendent of the C. P. R., to carry it out. The inquiry is intended to cover such points as the quality of work done and the question of whether the country has got full value for the money it has expended on the great undertaking.

MAIN OBJECTION IS REMOVED NOW

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FAVORS NATIONAL HIGHWAY, ST. JOHN TO PRINCE RUPERT

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—H. Maxwell Clark of Vancouver, travelling representative of the Canada Highway Association which is urging the construction of a national highway from St. John, N. B., to Prince Rupert, B. C., had an interview on the subject with Mayor Hopewell today.

"The idea is to have a nationally owned road which will bind all the provinces of the Dominion," said Mr. Clark. "The railways do not do this as they are not owned by the people. One of the greatest advantages of such a road would be that it would serve as an object lesson to municipalities when building their own roads. It would mean that the farmers in the east and west would build fine roads to correspond with the national highway."

MILLS TO RUN FULL TIME FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS SHUT DOWN

Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 26.—The 1,400 operatives at the Millville mill of the Woonsocket Rubber Company at Millville, Mass., and the six hundred at the Alice mill, of the same company in this city, were given encouraging news today when notices were posted at both plants that following the two weeks shut down, which begins tomorrow night, full time will be resumed and the plants will not be closed again during the year. The mills, which are controlled by the United States Rubber Company, have been running on a five day schedule.

POLICE PREVENT CRUCIFIXION OF A NEW 'SAVIOR'

Lodz, Russian Poland, Jan. 26.—The timely arrival of the police to today just prevented a band of fanatic women from crucifying a man whom they had adopted as their "savior."

QUEBEC GROWING OUT OF OLD COAT; WANTS NEW ONE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The Province of Quebec through the government of Sir Lomer Gouin, has entered the field as an applicant for wider boundaries. The request of the Quebec government is practically identical with the one made to the Laurier government when a general readjustment of boundaries was under consideration some years ago. It was determined at the time by resolution of the House that any territorial addition to the Province of Quebec should not affect the unit of parliamentary representation as determined under the British North America Act. What Quebec asked for, and apparently is still anxious to obtain, is an extension to include practically the whole of the northeastern peninsula of Canada. The proposal is that the entire district of Ungava, comprising all that territory lying between Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait, together with the strip of eastern coastline now belonging in Newfoundland should be included. The only conditions suggested by the Province are that the claims of the Indian inhabitants be adjusted by the province and that the extension be without effect upon the unit of representation. The application has not yet been considered by the government.