

FIVE DROWNED

Family Party on Fishing Trip Near Omamee Upset From Canoe

WILL RUSH WORK ON THE NEW ROAD

Time Limit of Contract Set For 1914

Outlet For Grain People of Western Canada Utged Old Government to Build Hudson Bay Line—Prompt Action by the Borden Ministry

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—The government has let the contract for the last section of the Hudson Bay Railway and this new spot for the great western railway is to be completed by 1914. This is a step of the utmost importance to the people of Western Canada, who asked so often for the construction of a railway to Hudson Bay by the old government, and who, almost within a year of the accession of the Borden ministry, had the road partly constructed, and the remainder under contract. The last section extending from Split Lake to the bay is 165 miles long to Port Nelson, and 245 miles long to Fort Churchill. The last link to be built by J. D. McArthur at a price which is considered by the government to be a fair one.

NEW ZEALAND'S TRIAL TRIP

Preliminary Trip of Battle Cruiser Contributed by Dominion to Imperial Navy on Saturday

SUDDEN DEATH OF R. J. WILSON IN THE SISTER CITY

Was Among the Best Known Men in Halifax and Prominent in Educational and Fraternal Circles.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 29.—The death occurred very suddenly last evening of R. J. Wilson, one of the best known men in Halifax. Many years ago he was a teacher in the Halifax Grammar School. Thereafter, he became secretary of the Division Board of Nova Scotia and of the Board of Governors of Kings College, Windsor. He was interested in the Nova Scotia Historical Society, was a son of Temperance and a Free Mason. Mr. Wilson's family, but was born in Halifax 77 years ago.

BIG LUMBER MILL BURNS

Calhoun Lumber Company's Property in Gaspé Destroyed—New Brunswick Shareholders. Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 29.—There has been received of the destruction by fire of the Calhoun Lumber Company's big mill at Lanse Aux Loups, near Gaspé, Quebec, together with some six million feet of lumber. There are few particulars available, but the loss is understood to be total. The mill and lumber would be valued at \$145,000, only partly insured. Besides the rotary with a capacity of 60,000 feet per day, there were eight shingle machines with a capacity of 160,000 a day and a half cutting machine with a capacity of 45,000 a day. This was one of the largest mills on the Gaspé coast and what makes the loss more serious is the fact that several vessels are on the way there for cargoes. His Honor, Lieut. Governor Wood, of New Brunswick, is president of the company. Other large shareholders are John C. Calhoun, Henry P. Calhoun and T. B. Calhoun, well known New Brunswick lumbermen. It is likely the mill will be rebuilt. The three year old son of J. Wesley Smith, an employee of the Maritime Ry and Coy. Co., living at Saint-Basile, got hold of a box of Bland's pills on Saturday afternoon and ate several of them. These pills contained arsenic and though two doctors were in attendance death resulted a few hours later.

WATER POLLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED BY JOINT BOARD

International Commission to Meet in Ottawa Tuesday—Municipalities on the Great Lakes the Chief Offenders.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—An important meeting of the International Joint Commission is to be held in Ottawa on Tuesday. It is expected that both the Canadian and United States sections of the commission will be fully represented. The question to be taken up is that of the pollution of boundary waters, recently referred to the commission for consideration of the International Joint Commission. The intention of the commission is to deal with this problem not only on the Niagara and the Detroit, but also as it affects the conduct of municipalities along the Great Lakes, some of these cities and towns being regarded as among the greatest sinners in the nature of water pollution.

GETS NOMINATION OF CONSERVATIVES

George Neilly the Choice of Nominating Convention in Middlesex, Ontario—Five Names on Ballot.

London, Ont., Sept. 28.—George Neilly was the choice of the Middlesex Conservatives at their nominating convention this afternoon. There was a full attendance of delegates and five names went to ballot: George Neilly, Jas. Robson, B. H. Harding, John McFarlane and John Geary. Mr. Neilly won out on the first ballot. Hon. W. J. Hanna afterwards addressed the convention.

CHATHAM MAN DEAD IN SOMERVILLE

Special to The Standard. Boston, Mass., Sept. 29.—John Wyse of Chatham, N. B., died at his late home at 20 Quincy street, Somerville, Mass., yesterday, from heart failure. Death came very suddenly when Mr. Wyse was about the usual age for his good health. He was in business in Boston since coming here from New Brunswick and lived in Somerville. The body will be sent to Chatham for burial.

ULSTERITES PLEDGED TO FIGHT TO THE BITTER END

Hundreds of Thousands Sign Solemn Covenant to Resist Measure, Saturday

Unionists and Orangemen Held Monster Demonstration Culminating in Subscription to the Agreement—Sir Edward Carson the First to Sign—Police and Constabulary in Readiness, But No Rioting of Serious Nature Occurred

Belfast, Ireland, Sept. 28.—As the crowning proof of their determination never to submit to the domination of an Irish parliament, thousands of Ulster Unionists, Orangemen, devoted today to signing the covenant of resistance to Home Rule. But, notwithstanding the anxiety and dread as to what might happen, Ulster Day passed off without any serious disturbances. In expectation of rioting, a large force of troops were quartered in the city, but their services were not needed. Only one demonstration of factional feeling occurred, which threatened for a brief space to become serious. After a football match between Protestant and Catholic teams at Celtic Park, as the crowd were returning home, several green flags were waved. The appearance of these emblems of nationalism started a riot, but the police quickly stopped the conflict before anybody was badly hurt.

Religious services preceded the signing of the covenant and services of a similar nature were held in many of the churches. The meeting took place in the open air, and the arrangements which had been made whereby the signing of the covenant was to be a solemn religious obligation exercised a restraining influence on the hordes of rioters. The humorous view taken of the ceremony by the Nationalists tended to diminish the feelings of anger, throughout the day was decidedly martial.

The air resounded with the tramp of well-drilled civilians going and coming from the city hall where the covenant was signed. Men in bands of all descriptions played patriotic airs. From noon until late tonight the signatures were attached at the rate of five hundred per minute and a half, a large number of desks having been arranged for the convenience of the public and to facilitate the work.

Sir Edward Carson, who has announced his willingness to stand at the forefront of the battle until victory is won—however fought out—was the dominant figure of the day. After a dinner given in honor of the occasion he received a congratulatory address from the English Protestant associations. Then accompanied by the members of the Ulster committee and the English Unionist members of the House of Commons who have been prominent in this campaign, he started for the Donegal quay to take the steamer for Liverpool, where he will attend a big anti-Home Rule demonstration Monday.

From the Ulster Club to the quay, Sir Edward and his party were escorted by a torchlight procession through immense throngs cheering enthusiastically. As the steamer made its way down the Lough every entrance on the shore was illuminated by beacon fires. Prior to embarking Sir Edward Carson said that he didn't know under what circumstances he would return to Belfast. If it were to be for peace he preferred it, but if it were to be fight he would not shrink. Enemies in Difficulties. "We have taken a step today," he added, "which has put our enemies in such difficulty that tonight they are asking what on earth they are doing to do. Our enemies had better make up their minds on one thing, namely, not to interfere with Belfast."

SIGN PLEDGE

Unionists of Ulster Will Refuse Obedience to Any Irish Parliament

WIRMAN FALLS TO HIS DEATH

J. L. Langstaff Killed When Biplane Drops—Mechanic, With Him, Seriously Injured—But Will Recover.

Hempstead, N. Y., Sept. 29.—John L. Langstaff, a former English army officer, was killed this evening while flying in a Farman biplane with his mechanic, Pierre Chavallier. Several feet in the air a wire connecting the control of the biplane became jammed and the machine instantly overturned, striking the ground with such force that it was hurled two feet. Langstaff fractured his skull and received serious internal injuries from which he died a short time later. Chavallier is seriously but not mortally injured. He will probably lose his left eye. Langstaff held a pilot's license from the Royal Aero Club of England. He had been flying as a scout with the Imperial army in Mexico until recently. He had planned to take up a passenger and was tuning up the machine. Langstaff was 35 years of age.

ORDINATION AT THE CATHEDRAL IN FREDERICTON

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Sept. 28.—There was a very large congregation at the Cathedral today when His Lordship Bishop Richardson, assisted by Edmund Halliwell, a curate at the Cathedral, was ordained a priest. Wm. S. Ayling, lay reader from New Denmark, and Henry Waterston, of Liverpool, England, were ordination.

The city was bedecked from end to end with Union Jacks and military flags were worn by men in their coats and by the women upon their dresses. The scene around Ulster Hall, where Sir Edward Carson proceeded to sign the covenant was a remarkable one. The approach to the hall was guarded by a body guard of men wearing sashes and armlets and carrying wooden staves. Other men were posted about the grounds of the hall much as though they expected an attack from the Nationalists, who, however, this far stood by as much pleased with the semi-military display as the men themselves. In the centre of the marble pillared vestibule of the hall stood a table covered with crimson and draped with the Union Jack, while in the corridors were long lines of wooden desks where copies of the covenant had been placed for signature.

Unbounded enthusiasm was shown when following Sir Edward Carson, Lord Londonderry, the moderator of the Irish dioceses and ministers of various denominations intermingled with Unionists; members of parliament and signed. Many women signed a declaration associating themselves with the men of Ulster in "uncompromising opposition to the Home Rule bill."

Each man who signed was given a souvenir of the occasion in the form of a miniature copy of the covenant and his signature was also attached. In the course of the day, Sir Edward Carson received many messages conveyed by despatch riders and signalling corps, from all parts of the province of Ulster, informing him of the progress that was being made. A message from the Lord Primate was received and publicly read. It said: "May God give you strength and wisdom to guide aright Ireland's faithful sons in trying to save our beloved national land from degradation, disaster, religious strife and civil war."

Canoe Overturned By Hooked Fish

FAMILY WIPED OUT Wm. McCaffery of Toronto, with Wife, Mother and Two Children the Victims—Bodies Recovered After Lengthy Search

Toronto, Sept. 29.—William McCaffery, No. 16 South Drive, Toronto, sales manager of the Canadian General Electric Company, was drowned with his mother, wife and two children at Omamee, Ont., Sept. 29.—Five persons, a family party, were drowned yesterday afternoon in the Pigeon River, near Omamee, when their canoe was overturned by the pull of a 14-pound mackinnow on a trolling line held by William McCaffery, assistant supply manager of the Canadian General Electric Company, Toronto. The dead are: William McCaffery, aged 38, 18 South Drive. Laura Seager McCaffery, aged 38, his wife. Mrs. Mary McCaffery, Omamee, his mother. Grace Maxine McCaffery, aged 12, his daughter. Howard Seager McCaffery, aged 8, his son. Mr. McCaffery, a son of Charles McCaffery of this town, came here with his family on Friday to spend a short holiday. With his wife, mother and two children, he started down the Pigeon River yesterday morning on a fishing expedition. The weather was fine and though rain came on towards evening there was nothing in the nature of a squall. No member of the party was seen alive after the canoe passed down the river. When the party did not return towards evening, Mrs. McCaffery, father and the drowned man, became alarmed and organized a search party. Seven miles down the river the canoe was discovered floating bottom up. The search party, which commenced on Sunday morning, by which time four bodies had been recovered. The bodies of the mother and son—had been recovered. The body of the little girl was not found until 10 o'clock this morning. Clutched in the hand of Mr. McCaffery, when his body was found, was the end of a trolling line. On the hook was a live mackinnow, weighing 14 pounds. Mr. McCaffery's watch had stopped at 2:35 o'clock. McCaffery was an experienced canoeist and an expert swimmer. Maxine, the little girl, had taken lessons in swimming. It is not known whether the other members of the party could swim or not. An investigation was made by the local coroner this morning. He decided that the facts were so manifest as to render an inquest unnecessary.

BLAME FOR ATTACK ON AMMUNITION COLUMN

Eight Turkish Soldiers Killed Together With Two Boaters—Servian Minister Enters Protest With Porte. Constantinople, Sept. 28.—According to the official account of the attack on the ammunition column on the shores of Lake Scutari, September 23, the attacking party was not composed of Malissori tribesmen, but Montenegrins. Eight Turkish soldiers and two boatmen were killed and 15 were taken prisoners. The Porte has made an energetic protest to the Montenegrin government. The Servian minister, Dr. Nemadovitch, has addressed an inquiry to the Porte respecting the stoppage of Servian ammunition after permission had been given for its passage through Turkish lines. The foreign minister replied that the consignment was unchanged and that Servia desired friendly relations with Turkey. The Turkish Foreign Minister then asked for a written statement embodying these assurances. The Servian minister has referred the matter to Belgrade and is awaiting instructions.

CAPE BRETON FAIR EXCELLED HOPES OF THE PROMOTERS

Thirty-Six Thousand People Passed Turnstiles at Exhibition—Fine Weather Helped the Attendance. Sydney, Sept. 29.—The Cape Breton Island exhibition came to a close on Saturday. Fine weather prevailed all through and the fair was successful beyond the hopes of the commission. More than 26,000 people paid admission to the grounds in the four and a half days the exhibition was on.

HON. MR. BORDEN HAD DISTINGUISHED COMPANY AT LUNCH

Prominent Britishers Included Sir George Murray and General Schreiber—Canada Also Well Represented. Ottawa, Sept. 28.—Guests of the prime minister, Right Hon. B. L. Borden, at luncheon yesterday were Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance; Sir Geo. Murray, who had just arrived from England to review and report upon the Dominion civil service for the Canadian government; Dr. Murphy of Toronto, P. E. I.; Hon. Charles Dalton, member of the Prince Edward Island government; Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion entomologist; General McDonald, Colonel John Schreiber, C. M. G., and Major John Herron, C.M. P.

SHIPBUILDING PLANT BURNS

Detroit, Sept. 28.—Fire of unknown origin almost wholly destroyed the Wyandotte plant of the Detroit Shipbuilding Company. Officers of the concern say the loss just arrived from England to review and report upon the Dominion civil service for the Canadian government; Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion entomologist; General McDonald, Colonel John Schreiber, C. M. G., and Major John Herron, C.M. P.