

LIBERALS STILL IN QUANDARY

Have Not Decided What To Do With Navy Bill
Rumor is Revived That Senate May Yet Kill the Government Naval Policy.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The Conservative caucus tomorrow morning will deal with the question of adjournment...

IMPROVING BANK ACT

Hon. W. T. White Gives Notice of Bill to Provide Compulsory Bank Inspection by Government Officials.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Hon. W. T. White, tonight gave notice of a resolution providing that the government auditor or auditors of a bank...

It is understood that the new act will contain provision for the compulsory audit of banks by competent and impartial auditors appointed by the shareholders at the annual general meeting.

MUST WAIT FOR THE APPROVAL BY THE CROWN

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Before the Canadian government can take the initiative in regard to celebration of the centenary of peace, as suggested by Saturday's despatch, the approval and action of the British government, as well as that of the United States must be waited for.

HOUSE WAS KEPT BUSY YESTERDAY

Members Put Through Big Batch of Routine Work.
LANDRY INCIDENT WAS RATHER LIVELY.
Carvell of Carleton Attempts to Talk Back and is Neatly Squelched by Hon. Mr. Hazen.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The House today besides obtaining answers to 20 or 40 questions, passed some 70 or 80 orders for papers.

The returns which the civil service thus will have the pleasure of preparing, as a result of this one day's work, may be expected to weigh several hundred pounds.

SAILORS FINED \$50 FOR ASSAULT

Steamer Essington Delayed at Parrboro by Trial of Captain, Engineer and Firemen On Assault Charges.

Special to The Standard. Parrboro, N. S., Dec. 9.—Captain Stevenson, second engineer Cliffe and firemen Farrar, Warner and Kennedy of the steamer Essington, were arrested on their arrival here yesterday on a warrant on the charge of assaulting and beating a Brazilian fireman named Gumaos or Gemes, a week ago.

Bail was secured and the trial took place today before Stipendiary Smith with the result that Captain Stevenson, second engineer Cliffe and firemen Farrar and Kennedy were fined \$100 each or three months in the county jail at Amherst.

NO WINNER FOR PRIZE OF \$40,000

Christiania, Dec. 9.—The Nobel peace prize will not be awarded this year. This is the first time since the establishment of the Nobel foundation, the first award of which was made in 1901, that the committee of the Norwegian parliament has found no person worthy of the award.

LABOR HAD LITTLE NEW TO SAY

Edward E. Phillips Witness in Dynamite Conspiracy Case Had Voted for McNamara for Union Office.

BRITAIN'S FORMAL PROTEST ON THE PANAMA CANAL BILL IS LODGED IN WASHINGTON

British Ambassador Presented It To Secretary of State Last Night
It Takes Formal Objection to Section which Exempts American Coastwise Shipping from Canal Tolls while Forcing all Other Nations to Pay.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Great Britain's formal note of protest against that section of the Panama Canal Act which exempts American coastwise shipping from paying of tolls for passing through the Panama Canal, was presented to the secretary of state, Philander C. Knox, tonight by the British Ambassador, James Bryce, who read the note word for word to the secretary at the latter's home.

Secretary Knox listened attentively to the reading of the note, and promised to take the matter under careful consideration which he felt would require some time.

RUSSIA WILL NOT TAKE ANY BACK WATER

Austria's Serious Military Preparations Have Not Changed Her Determination to Back Servia to Limit.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—Russia's attitude with respect to the Balkan situation has not been changed by the apparently serious military preparations of Austria, the imperial German chancellor's pointed speech in the Reichstag and the renewal of the triple alliance.

ST. JOHN VESSELS IN ROUGH WEATHER

The Lavola and the Lizzie D. Small Assisted by Life Savers Off Massachusetts Coast.

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 9.—A biting northeast gale which swept down on Cape Cod today disabled a number of coastwise vessels and gave the revenue cutter and life savers their first efficiency test of the season.

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ADVOCATES GOVERNMENT DREDGING

Laurier System of Awarding Contracts Scandalous.
THE PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT IS Tabled.
Commissioners Made Thorough Examination and Roundly Scored Numerous Abuses Practiced Under Laurier.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Severe condemnation of the system under which dredging contracts were awarded under the late government, is contained in a report of the public service commission tabled in the House.

WILL HAVE MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS

Outside Service Men in Civil Service as Well as All Temporary Employes Will Be Paid on December 21.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 9.—An order in council was passed today which will guarantee the hearts of several thousand members of the civil service.

NINE KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE

Cordova, Alaska, Dec. 9.—Nine men are believed to have been killed today when a snowslide on Copper Mountain carried away seven buildings.

TERRIBLE MASSACRE REPORTED

Hundreds of Unarmed Moslems Shot Down By Christians
Soloniki Scene of Barbarous Slaughter by Irregular Bulgarian Troops.

London, Dec. 10.—Detailed accounts have been wired to their respective governments by the German, French, English and Italian consuls of inhuman massacres of unarmed Moslems by the Balkan Christian soldiers in the environs of Saloniki says the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph who describes the horrors as the most appalling of any known to history.

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