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INTERNATIONAL COURT OPENS IN WASHINGTON

To Arbitrate Pecuniary Claims Between U. S. And Britain.

OVER 300 CASES ON FIRST LIST

Expect it will Require More than Year to Dispose of this List, by which Time More will be Ready.

Washington, May 13.—With Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, and John Bassett Moore, counsellor of the State Department, present to represent their respective governments, the international tribunal for the arbitration of outstanding pecuniary claims between the U. S. and Great Britain held its opening session here today. A number of guests were present.

Henri A. Fromageot, of France, president of the tribunal, made a brief address in which he spoke of the desirability of arbitration in settling questions of difference between nations and expressed the hope that all the deliberations of the new tribunal would lead to happy conclusions. Earlier in the day the members of the court—Mr. Fromagoot, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada, and Chandler P. Anderson, former counsellor of the state department, called and paid their respects to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

Efforts will be made to settle one case a day, so that the large number of cases which are on the schedule may be disposed of.

As there are more than three hundred cases on what is known as the "first schedule" cases which both governments have agreed shall be submitted to this judicial arbitration, it will take a year of working days to wipe the slate clean of the first list. By the time that is done, a "second schedule" probably will be ready, as negotiations are under way looking to having a large number of other claims settled in a similar way.

"We believe," said Mr. Anderson, "that the best way to prepare for the celebration of hundred years of peace is to wipe out all claims between the two governments."

MT. A. CAMPAIGN OPENS STRONG IN SACKVILLE

Yesterday's Collections Totaled $24,500—Lt. Gov. Wood Heads List With a $10,000 Contribution.

Special to The Standard.

Sackville, N. B., May 13.—The campaign in aid of Mount Allison University was opened here today, when energetic committees secured $24,500. Besides this amount $1,000 was received from western points, Herb Paisley, of Regina, donating $500. The outlook for securing $35,000, the amount to be tried for here is very encouraging, and the campaign will be continued on Wednesday and Thursday.

Of the amounts collected today Lt. Governor Wood headed the list with $10,000; B. C. Borden, donated $5,000; F. B. and J. W. S. Black, $5,000; Mrs. F W. W. Des Barres, $1,000, and J. W. Smith, $1,000. The remainder was made up of small subscriptions.

Cheering reports are coming from the campaign in Sydney, N. S., where it was announced today that John and James Burchell each donated $1,000.

SARDINE INDUSTRY IN MAINE NOT DOING VERY WELL JUST NOW

Special to The Standard.

Eastport, Me., May 13.—The sardine business along the eastern Maine coast is not in an especially flourishing condition just at present. The season opened the first of April, but the supply of herring has not, thus far, been up to the average, and not more than six or eight of the 50 or more canning plants on this side of the border are in full operation as yet.

The principal trouble, however, is due to the large stock of surplus sardines which is now on hand. These have been carried over from last year and the year before. The 1911 pack amounted to 2,700,000 cases in Maine, while the pack last year was 1,950,000 cases. There is a demand for only about 1,700,000 cases annually, and the surplus, which approximates from 600,000 to 700,000 cases, is at present in the hands of the packers and the middlemen. As a consequence market conditions are not favorable to active operations. In recent years speculative canning has ceased, largely, and a much higher quality of sardine is being packed both in Maine and in New Brunswick.

THE SENATE REFUSES TO GIVE DIVORCE

Close Vote on Report of Divorce Committee in Favor of Petition of Quebec Bank Manager.

Ottawa, May 13.—The application for divorce of Andrew Lorne Hamilton, bank manager of Quebec, after being favorably reported by the divorce committee, was thrown out by the Senate today after considerable discussion. The same action was taken on a similar application two years ago.

In moving approval of the Divorce Committee's report recommending divorce being granted Andrew Lorne Hamilton, bank manager at Quebec, Senator Kirchhoffer sketched the work of the committee. Two years ago the case was up and members were solicited to refuse the finding of the committee, and a majority had done so. Since then the Quebec courts had granted separation and had given custody of the children to the father. The committee on this occasion had heard a great deal of evidence of a painful character and had decided that divorce should be granted, and he hoped that in dealing with the finding the members of the Senate would consult their judgment only.

The Senate divided, and the motion for divorce was refused by a vote of 20 to 24. Those who voted for divorce were:

Hon. Mr. Lougheed, Sir MacKenzie Bowell, Senators Ross, Middlesboro; Corby, Curry, McSweeney, Sir G. W. Ross, Ellis, McKeen, McLaren, Owens, Perry, Kerr, Derbyshire, Kirchoffer, Baird, Taylor, Mitchell, Daniel, Edwards—20.

Those who voted against divorce were:

Senators Poirier, Legris, Coffey, Prowse, Riley, Farrell, Talbot, Ratz, Domville, Jaffray, Gibson, Costigan, Douglas Montplaisir, Cloran, Lavergne, Fisett, Power, Davis, Belcourt, Beith, Deboucherville, Boierer, Dennis—24.

HOT DEBATE ON TARIFF IN U. S. SENATE

Leaders of Opposing Forces Deliver Broadsides of Oratory at Each Other—Bill Off Till Today.

Washington, May 13—Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, and Senator Penrose, leading the Republican fight to refer the Underwood bill with instructions for public hearings, delivered oratorical broadsides against each other in the Senate today in debate on the Penrose amendment, which will be resumed tomorrow.

Senator Penrose likened the secret caucus of the tariff bill to the "methods of the Spanish inquisition and brought laughter from both sides when he described the caucus and declared no one was present to witness the "murder of American industry."

Senator Simmons declared that if the Democratic proposal to eliminate hearings could be called reprehensible it was the first time the Democratic party had copied the methods of the Republicans and he argued at length why public hearings were not necessary averring they were not

Senator Bristow offered an amendment to the sugar schedule providing for graduated reductions for two three-year periods at the end of which time refined sugar would be taxed at $1.27½ per hundred pounds and "ninety-six" Cuban sugar at $0.972. When the Kansas senator had concluded an attack on the Democratic bill, Senator Lafollette proposed an amendment to the Penrose amendment. Senator Bacon then moved that the senate go into executive session. This was objected to but prevailed, 48 to 34. Senators Lafollette and Works voting with the Democrats. This forced further consideration of the tariff over until tomorrow.

WESTERN MEMBER HANDLES MR. PUGSLEY IN THE HOUSE

Arthur Meighen Pays His Respects to Ex-Minister.

HOUSE UPHOLDS DEPUTY SPEAKER

Attempt of Opposition to Create Sympathy and Political Capital by Attacking Mr. Blondin, is Decidedly Crushed.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 13.—The third reading of the Naval Bill will be reached on Thursday and completed on Monday. On Friday the House will go on with the budget debate.

Most of today's sitting was devoted to a formal attack by the opposition upon Deputy Speaker Blondin for sticking to the rules when Mr. Carroll, of South Cape Breton attempted to get in a new clause on Saturday morning after the Prime Minister had moved that the Naval Bill be reported.

The onslaught upon the Deputy Speaker was evidently a studied effort to justify and lend an appearance of sincerity to the farcical performance staged by Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Carvell and other Liberal members at the conclusion of the consideration of the bill in committee. At the bottom of it was a complaint that Mr. Borden had prevented Mr. Carroll from presenting a proposed new section.

Seemingly opportunities for the introduction of this amendment were allowed to go by in order that a pretext for a disorderly outburst might remain to the opposition after the new closure rule had been applied.

Speaking in the debate Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden pointed out that Mr. Carroll might have offered his proposed section before notice of closure was given, he might have presented it before 2 o'clock in the Friday sitting if his colleagues of the opposition had permitted a vote on a clause of the bill, he might still present it on the third reading.

The opposition made its attack upon Mr. Blondin by way of a formal resolution charging him with infringing the rules and violating the constitution by refusing Mr. Carroll permission to offer his proposed new section and by declining to put Mr. Pugsley's motion that the chairman leave the chair.

Apparently the majority in the house concurred in Mr. Borden's view that the deputy-speaker was to be congratulated rather than censured for his conduct while presiding over the committee, for the resolution was defeated by 98 votes to 54.

Mr. MacDonald, Pictou, in introducing his motion, said that Chairman Blondin had recognized the Prime Minister and had thus shut out the proposed amendment of Mr. Carroll of South Cape Breton. He also complained that the chairman had ignored the motion of Mr. Pugsley that he should leave the chair. He alleged that it had been understood that Mr. Carroll would be allowed to present his amendment, and charged Mr. Blondin with having broken faith with Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Borden with having taken advantage of a partisan ruling.

Pugsley Properly Handled.

Arthur Meighen, Portage La Prairie, was surprised that the guilty parties in Saturday's episode should wish to revert to the questions then raised. There had been no breach of faith. He went on to show that Mr. Pugsley was responsible for the motion of censure against Mr. Blondin, and asked, amid cheers, what grounds Mr. Pugsley had with the record he had to censure anybody. Mr. Pugsley's assertion that a false report had been made to the speaker, Mr. Meighen characterized as "scandalous."

This epithet caused a protest from the opposition and was ruled out of order by the Speaker. Therefore Mr. Meighen substituted the word "shameful." Once more objection was taken to the expression and Mr. Meighen used the word "outrageous" and apologized for its inefficiency to express the idea. He went on to say that if Mr. Pugsley had spoken to a judge as he had to the Deputy Speaker, he would be behind prison walls.

Mr. Pugsley protested that this language was not parliamentary.

To this Mr. Meighen retorted that Mr. Pugsley's idea of parliamentary decorum was to stick his fist in the face of the Speaker.

Col. J. A. Currie (North Simcoe), regretted that it had been necessary to change the rules. Almost from the beginning of the debate, however, Dr. Pugsley and others had declared their intention to obstruct the passage of the Naval Bill. For instance, on Friday night they had been determined to cause such a scene as would lead to their being carried out on stretchers.

Cries of "order" from the opposition rose at this point and Mr. Speaker ruled that the expression was unparliamentary.

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OCCUPATION OF SCUTARI BY THE POWERS

Will Take Place Today—End of Balkan Affair Expected to Follow Soon — Bulgarian Losses.

London, May 13.—An international naval force will occupy Scutari today and the Montenegrins will then begin the evacuation of the town.

Official figures of the Bulgarian losses in the war, published at Sofia yesterday, give the following estimate: Killed, 330 officers, 29,711 men; wounded, 950 officers, 52,550 men; missing 3,195.

A conference of the Austrian and Hungarian ministers will be held today to arrange for further demobilization now that Balkan peace is assured.

JACK JOHNSON FOUND GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS

Took Chicago Jury Just One Hour to Decide Case of Immoral Negro — Strong Charges Made.

Chicago, May 13—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight fighter, tonight was found guilty of violating the federal white slave law, in transporting Belle Schreiber from Pittsburg to Chicago in 1910. He was convicted on all seven counts in the indictment. The jury returned its verdict after an hour's consideration.

"If you should find this defendant not guilty, knowing as you do the evidence in the case," said Assistant District Attorney Harry Parkin, "I do not see how any of you can go home and look squarely into the faces of these you respect and admire."

Attorney Bachrach, for the defense, maintained that the general fecord and behavior of the negro was not to be considered by the jury.

"If he sent her money to come to Chicago for immoral purposes, he is guilty," he said.

"That is the only thing to be considered by the jury," he added.

Suit for $63.50 was filed against Johnson by an automobile company today, alleging that Johnson had failed to pay for goods he had purchased from them.

STATE DEPT. ASKED TO FIND GIRL'S RELATIVES

Family of Woman Who Committed Suicide in Italy Are Sought—She is Thought to Be from Canada.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 13.—The State Department here has been asked to search for the relatives of the young woman supposed to be from Canada, who committed suicide in Milan, Italy, a few days ago. The dead girl's name is given as Mabel Thompson, but nothing is known in Milan as to the town or city in Canada from which she came.

The British authorities in Milan have asked the Canadian High Commissioner in London to institute inquiries as to the whereabouts of the girl's relatives, and Lord Strathcona has cabled the request to the state department.

CONDITION OF THE DUCHESS IS MUCH IMPROVED

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 13.—Premier Borden, this evening, received a cable from London confirming reports of the improved progress made by H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught. The message stated that Her Royal Highness is making slow but steady progress toward convalescence.

BRITAIN TO ENTERTAIN U. S. FLEET

American Bluejackets to Visit Mediterranean Ports Next Year—What British Papers Say About It.

London, May 13.—The Daily Telegraph devotes an article to the proposed visit of the American fleet to Mediterranean ports early next year. It says that British hopitality will be extended to the crews at Gibraltar and Malta and probably one Egyptian port.

The Telegraph points out that the American fleet will be by far the most powerful in the Mediterranean and says that the decision of the United States government to despatch a force of such commanding power indicates the importance attached to the task of showing the flag in the old world with a view to supporting American diplomacy.

In the opinion of the Telegraph the visit of the American ships will have the effect of inducing the British government to modify its present policy of continuous concentration of the naval power in home waters, which many officers consider injurious to the spirit and character of the service.

LOOKING FOR LEAK IN NAVY DEPARTMENT

Plans of Battleships Have Disappeared— Officials Claim they Are of Minor Importance.

Washington, May 13.—Special agents of the department of justice, officers of a nationally-known detective agency, and the local police have been called in by the navy department to investigate a "leak" through which during the last four months, several relatively unimportant plans of ships, and also minor documents have disappeared. Navy officials are inclined to minimize the importance of the losses.

The first losses were discovered shortly after the first of the year. Some minor structural plans, including those for electric installation of the Dreadnought Pennsylvania, now building, and other ships were among them. Documents not especially secret disappeared.

Navy officials say they are not so much concerned over the importance of what already has been lost, as they are to find the leak and prevent further losses. Each battleship has several sets of plans which are sometimes widely distributed among the bureaus and contractors. The general plan is never very much of a secret.

ONTARIO TOWN WAS SAVED FROM BAD FIRE

Warehouse where Large Quantity of Gasoline was Kept Took Fire—Prompt Work Averted Serious Blaze.

Leamington, Ont., May 13.—About noon today fire broke out in Mr. George W. Jackson's warehouse where sixty gallons of gasoline were stored, and for a short time the conditions were such that Leamington was threatened by the most disastrous fire since the town was totally wiped out in 1883. A high wind was blowing directly from the burning buildings into a corner of solid business houses, where had the fire got a start the whole northern portion would have been wiped out. Prompt work of the firemen kept the damage down to a few hundred dollars.

HAS SMALLPOX ON BOARD.

Quebec, May 13.—The Austro-American steamer Canada, from Trieste, which is due at the Quarantine Station tomorrow morning at two o'clock, has a case of smallpox on board. She has 2,400 passengers and may have to land all of them there.

SENATE AGREES TO THE LOAN TO QUEBEC HARBOR

General Approval of Plan to Increase Harbor Facilities.

WEST INDIAN BILL IS ALSO ADOPTED

Although Senator Cloran Fears we may get Inferior Quality of Limes and Senator Domville Criticizes Steamships

Ottawa, May 13.—In the senate today Senator Boyer enquired if the government had sent a representative to a meeting of meteorologists held in April last in Rome. He said the meeting was one at which the relations of weather observing and forecasting with agriculture were considered.

Mr. Lougheed stated that Canada had been represented at the meeting by Mr. Stupart, head of Canadian Meteorological Service.

Senator Chouquette was told by Hon. Mr. Lougheed that no decision had yet been reached as to the location of railway workshops in Quebec.

On the motion for the third reading of a bill amending the Dominion Police Act, Senator Watson moved that the bill be referred back to the committee to be amended so that the control of the police be entrusted to the governor-general-in-council instead of under a single minister as now proposed. He wanted a clause added making it an offence to personate a Dominion policeman.

At Hon. Mr. Lougheed's suggestion consideration of the bill was deferred that he might bring the matter to the attention of the government.

The West Indies Matter.

On motion for the third reading of the West India agreement bill Senator Domville criticized the proposed steamship service. He had no objection to the treaty agreement but he thought the government should be careful to see that adequate steamship service be secured.

Senator Cloran approved of the provision in the bill providing for free admission of limes and lime juices from the West Indies, but regretted that the government had seen fit to apply tariff charges against lime juice from other countries. This would give too much of a monopoly to the Islands, which might lead to Canada receiving an inferior quality of lime juice. The bill was given its third reading.

The Quebec Loan.

On motion for the third reading of the Quebec Harbor Commissioners loan bill Senator Choquette referred to a remark by Senator Power on past labor troubles hindering business at Quebec. Senator Choquette stated that there were no labor difficulties there now. He congratulated the government upon its decision to make financial advances to Quebec and commended the administration of the port by a small commission.

Senator Power said he was glad to hear that the labor troubles at Quebec were ended.

Senator Casgrain advised the construction of a floating dock instead of a graving dock.

Senator Chouquette replied that only a day or two ago at Montreal a marine man told him that the floating dock was useless at Montreal, and should at once be towed down to Quebec, where it would be made use of. The motion for third reading was adopted.

The following bills were given third reading:

To incorporate the Vancouver Harbor Commissioners.

To amend the Ottawa Mint Act.

Respecting a patent of Maurice Delvigne.

Respecting a patent of the Commercial Acetylene Co., of New York.

Respecting the Board of Management of the Church and Manse building fund of the Presbyterian church in Canada, for Manitoba and the northwest, and to change its name to "The Church and Manse Board."

PASSED LARGE ICEBERGS OFF GRAND BANKS

Str. General Gordon Reports Sighting Thirty-three of them—Come Through Floes Without Mishap.

St. John's, Nfld., May 13.—Thirty-three large icebergs together with pan ice and many smaller fragments of the bergs, were passed within a radius of five miles on the Grand Banks by the steamer General Gordon, which arrived here to day from Cadiz. The steamer came through the ice without accident.

DEGREES FOR CITY MEN AT ST. F. XAVIER

Commencement Exercises Yesterday Afternoon Largely Attended—Winners of the Degrees, Medals and Prizes.

Special to The Standard.

Antigonish, N. S., May 13.—The commencement exercises of the University of St. Francis Xavier College took place in the College Hall here this afternoon beginning at 2.30 p. m. The hall was well filled, friends of the students being present from all points in Canada.

His Lordship Bishop Morrison, as Chancellor of the University, presided. The life and works of Frederick Ozaham, formed the subject of an essay in three parts, each part being taken by a member of the graduating class. The essays were splendid examples of discriminating and scholarly analysis of the subject with which they dealt and reflected great credit upon their authors.

After the distributing of prizes and medals and the conferring of degrees, W. F. Lane, M.A., delivered an address on "The Future of Canada," which was remarkable not less for its grasp of a difficult problem than for the ease and lucidity with which it was delivered.

Eloquent addresses were then made by Dr. Fraser of Toronto and His Lordship Bishop Morrison.

Dr. Fraser paid a high tribute to the place of the Celt in the history of civilization and recalled the great work of his Catholic ancestors in Scotland in spreading the light of religion and civilization throughout Europe. Dr. Fraser also made a strong appeal for the study of Celtic literature in Canadian universities.

His Lordship Bishop Morrison briefly reviewed the exercises of the afternoon, and while congratulating the graduates on the evidence of serious study and scholarship which they had shown in their several addresses, reminded them of their duty and responsibilities after leaving college.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached at the cathedral at the close of the exercises by Rev. Dr. Thompson, and was followed by solemn

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CHINA GETS FIRST ADVANCE ON LOAN

Representatives of Five Power Group Paid $1,200,000 to Chinese Government at Peking Yesterday.

Peking, May 14—The first advance of $1,200,000 was paid today to the Chinese government by representatives of the five-power group of financiers, with whom China recently negotiated a loan of $125,000,000.

London, May 14—The Times announces that the Chinese loan will be issued in Europe next week at five per cent. The issue price will be ninety.

WHAT THE WAR COST RUSSIA IN TRADE.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—The budget commission of the Duma estimates that the Balkan war has entailed upon Russian trade financial losses amounting to nearly sixty million dollars.

CANADIAN CLUB OF NEW YORK HELD AN ENJOYABLE REUNION

New York, May 13.—Officers were elected by the members of the Canadian Club at their meeting at the Waldorf Astoria this evening. Kennard Thomson was re-elected president; Medley Scovil and J. Emery McLean were elected vice-presidents; Edwin B. Beacham was elected as secretary and H. F. Ballantyne as treasurer, while Andrew F. Johnson, Robert N. Craven and W. M. Dignam were made trustees for the ensuing year.

A pleasant evening's entertainment was provided after the business meeting