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THE WEATHER. Strong southerly and westerly winds, some local showers, but mostly fair today and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1907.

LUSITANIA IS STILL QUEEN OF THE SEAS

Giant Cunarder Clips Over an Hour from Her Record

The Fastest Time Ever Known Across the Atlantic; the Fastest Day's Run and the Fastest Hourly Average Are All Her Records Now.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The marvelous record established less than a month ago by the giant turbine Cunarder Lusitania, when she cut several hours from the passage time across the Atlantic, already has been broken. But the Lusitania still retains the title of Queen of the Seas, as it was herself that established the new low record, and incidentally she added several new records to her credit. These include the best single days run—618 knots, made on November 6, at an average of more than 600 knots for every full day, and an average hourly speed of 24.23 knots for the full 27.81 miles. The best previous record for the westward passage across the ocean was made by the Lusitania on her last voyage, when she covered the distance in four days, nineteen hours and fifty two minutes.

The voyage ended today over the same course was completed in four days eighteen hours and forty minutes, thus clipping one hour and twelve minutes from the previous low mark. And this was done in the face of conditions too favorable. From the start the weather was stormy and on the last two days, when the big steamer was on the home stretch, there was the greatest burst of speed that has ever been expected. She drove straight into the teeth of a strong wind, high confusing seas and occasional sharp squalls. The days runs were 21, 606, 616, 618, 610, and 2 3/4 knots. In the Lusitania's best runs were steamed 112,000 miles in gold, more than a quarter of the immense total of which has been engaged abroad by American bankers since the present movement began. This gold will be transferred from the steamer to the consignees and then added to the country's available circulation of currency.

J. R. Peterson came in on today's Boston train.

HON. H. A. McKEOWN BY ACCLAMATION

As Generally Expected There Was No Opposition to the Return of the New Attorney General--He Issues a Statement.

Hon. H. A. McKeown is the city nominee for the county seat in the local legislature, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Riddick. Sheriff R. R. Ritchie held court this morning for receiving nominations and up to 1:30 o'clock only the one name had been submitted. According to law the court was held open until 2 o'clock, and then, as there were no other nominees, Hon. Mr. McKeown was declared elected by acclamation. The attorney-general's papers were presented by Heber S. Keith, who acted as his agent. Among the names signed to the papers were the following: John W. Long, Lancaster; Edie L. Belding, Mt. Allison; Charles Harter, James Leady, J. J. Hennessy, J. A. Hooley, W. E. Barnhill, Fairville; Robt. Connolly, Grand River; F. M. Cochran, W. E. Skillen, C. Fred Black, H. E. Gilmer, St. Martins; Jeremiah Donovan, Goldbrook; John McGuire, Martin Dehan, Golden Grove; John E. Moore and others.

At 2 o'clock no other nominations had been received and Mr. McKeown was declared elected. He issued a statement in which he referred to the debt of the province which is shown in the auditor general's report to total \$4,841,719.19 which is the total debt of the country. It is fair to the present government. He should remember that when the present administration assumed power they found a debt of \$1,141,290, in fact there was \$2,700,429 more than the amount mentioned but the excess was paid off by Mr. Blair's government out of current revenue. Dedicating then the last named sum from the present indebtedness we find the remainder to be \$3,700,429.19. It must also be borne in mind that the old government had legislated to assist railways, promising subsidies, which railways were built and subsidies came into power.

The amount of the claim made by these railways to subsidize legislated for by the preceding government amounts to \$1,000,000. This in all fairness should be deducted from the total of the debt which amounts to \$2,700,429.19 to determine how much of the debt the present government is responsible for. After deducting \$1,000,000 from the total of \$3,700,429.19 this amount we find a balance of \$2,700,429.19 for which amount and for which amount only this government can be held justly responsible. In other words, nearly two millions and one half were legacies of debt incurred and imposed upon the province by the preceding gov-

BLACK HAND SOCIETY AT WORK AGAIN

The Latest Field of Their Operations Is the Canadian Soo Where They Tried to Force Money from Three Residents.

SAULIE STE MARIE, Ont. Nov. 8.—(Special)—The entire community is excited over particulars of attempts of a black hand society, which became public yesterday. Some two weeks ago Captain Letcher, a wealthy Englishman residing here, received letters from Medicine Hat demanding sums of money which were to be placed in a certain place on his porch after 11 o'clock on Wednesday night last. The provincial department sent secret service men to investigate. These learned that Messrs. John McKay, a well-to-do lawyer, and John Dunsmuir, a merchant, also had received letters demanding the payment of money on pain of death and destruction of their property. On Wednesday night Captain Letcher's house was watched, and a dummy parcel placed in the spot mentioned. At 6:30 yesterday morning no person had appeared and the detectives departed. At daybreak Captain Letcher found the parcel gone. Payment in each instance was to be made on Wednesday night, but none of those interested regarded the demands.

F. W. Davidson

The death of F. W. Davidson occurred at his home in Sussex at twelve o'clock today after a lingering illness from cancer of the stomach. Deceased who was 52 years of age, was formerly a farmer, at Portage but has spent the last few years as a merchant. He is survived by eight children, three boys and five girls among them, Henry of St. John, the youngest of the family. The others are residing at home. In May of this year, Mr. Davidson went to Montreal, where he was engaged in business for him. The funeral will be held on Monday at two o'clock.

R. G. Haley was a passenger to the city on the Montreal train today.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS OFFER TO FIGHT IN RANKS OF UNITED STATES ARMY

LIBAU, COURLAND, Russia, Nov. 8.—The police yesterday searched the houses of several agents of the line of Russian steamers running from Libau to New York, resulting in the seizure of a number of false passports and the arrest of the agents and many emigrants, who were intended to embark for the United States. Considerable traffic is reported to have existed in passports which were sold with steamer tickets to New York.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 8.—The talk of the possibility of a war between the United States and Japan, which, through the intervention of Russia, is being offered to the United States army in case of hostilities. A report is also circulated in military circles that the American army in the Philippines needs instructors, especially for the artillery, and that the Russian officers of service apply daily at the embassy for commissions in the United States army.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 8.—Cholera is everywhere on the decrease in Russia owing to the influence of the cold weather and the danger this year is regarded as being over. It is considered certain, however, that cholera will break out again in increased intensity next spring, and a conference has been called to meet in St. Petersburg to discuss plans to be taken in order to check the spread of the disease along the great water routes in the interior of Russia. It has been taken seriously in Russia, and has been taken seriously by the American government.

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It Follows the Lead of the Bank of England.

Advance Announced Today Was Expected in London So It Had Little Effect on the Market--Press Comment on the Situation.

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany was raised today from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 per cent. LONDON, Nov. 8.—The increase in the discount rate of the Imperial Bank of Germany has been expected here, so beyond consols declined 1/8, it had little effect on the Stock Exchange, where trading opened comparatively quiet after yesterday's flurry. Americans were offered early, but they subsequently steadied to well above parity. Considerable quantities of gold from Paris arrived in London today.

More Gold From Europe

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The White Star Line's Lusitania which got in yesterday from Southampton, brought her quota of gold for the relief of the financial institutions on this side of the Atlantic. She had in her store room \$1,600,000 in gold coin and bars for New York and Canadian banks. LONDON, Nov. 8.—The newspapers this morning give much attention to the rapid advance in the discount rate of the Bank of England. They reflect also some anxiety regarding the serious handicap thus placed on British trade and enterprise, but they recognize that the directors of the bank had no other course open to them. Several financial writers interpret the advance as an indication that the position of the United States is worse than Germany, and that the directors of the Bank of England were animated by a desire to convey a strong hint that the American government must take measures to restore confidence and prevent the continued hoarding of gold. The Daily Mail prints an editorial on the text that "In the modern financial world the innocent must suffer with the guilty." Because confidence has been destroyed in the United States, the paper says, English business has to pay a heavy penalty. It argues against London being a free gold market, and calls for some such system as prevails in Germany, where the bank has been state bank authorities have power to protect the gold reserves without resorting to fluctuations of the discount rate which disturbs trade.

BIG BILL AND KAISER BILL

U. S. Secretary of War Taft to Meet German Emperor at Isle of Wight.

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—Emperial William will visit U. S. Secretary of War W. H. Taft at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, during his majesty's visit to England. A message conveying this wish was sent through the German embassy at Washington, it being understood that Mr. Taft's departure for Europe. It is regarded as likely that Mr. Taft will also seek an audience of King Edward, as otherwise it might appear to be too much of a demonstration for the American statesman to visit the German Emperor without a visit to the British monarch. Mr. Taft planning to see King Edward, as otherwise it might appear to be too much of a demonstration for the American statesman to visit the German Emperor without a visit to the British monarch. Mr. Taft planning to see King Edward, as otherwise it might appear to be too much of a demonstration for the American statesman to visit the German Emperor without a visit to the British monarch.

MARKETING OF GRAIN NOT UP TO LAST YEAR

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 8.—(Special)—The total amount of wheat which has been marketed along the points of the Canadian Railway, since September 1, is 11,188,000 bushels, as compared with 10,392,000 last year, while other grains totalled 2,120,000 bushels as compared with 2,461,000 a year ago.

G. T. P. COMMISSIONERS ARE IN MONCTON TODAY

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 8.—(Special)—The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway commissioners arrived in Moncton this morning and for the purpose of securing a definite idea as to the connection between the Intercolonial and Transcontinental, are today surveying the grounds in the vicinity of the G. T. P. The members of the commission are Hon. S. N. Parent, chairman; L. P. McIsaac, Young Reed, Chief Engineer Dimmond, and Mr. Woods, assistant engineer of the G. T. P. After visiting the site of the railway today, the commission expects to hold a series of conferences with the minister of railways regarding the terminal. They will leave for Ottawa tonight or tomorrow and the conference will probably be held at the Hotel Quebec. The commissioners report that work on the sections between Winnipeg and Moncton is progressing fairly, but elsewhere as in New Brunswick, the weather has been unfavorable for construction work and much difficulty has been experienced in getting the work done. It is anticipated that much heavier work will be done.

THE ANTI-JAPANESE RIOTS IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Nov. 8.—(Special)—The committee to investigate the anti-Japanese riots was adjourned last evening for two weeks. Detective Waddell declared that had not the Japanese consul been in the city on the night of Sunday, September 7, the police would have been unable to control the situation. Mr. King, in closing the enquiry, said that the gratifying feature of the investigation was that this had brought to the city officials the unanimous statement that the attack made on the night of September 7 was entirely unjustifiable and greatly to be deplored. Moreover, that the attack was not directed against the Japanese particularly, but was a general expression of excitement occasioned by alarm in certain quarters at the sudden and large increase in the number of immigrants from the Orient.

THE COUNTRY MARKET

Indications point to a bountiful supply of country produce for tomorrow in the country market. Most poultry, game and butter and eggs, however, remain firm. On general market supplies retail prices are quoted as follows: Beef 8 to 9c, mutton 7 to 14c, lamb 10 to 16c, veal 8 to 16c, venison 16 to 18c, mutton steak 18 to 20c, turkey 22 to 25c, duck 12 to 15c, goose 12 to 15c, partridge 7 to 9c, woodcock 10 to 12c, quail 7 to 9c, black duck 10 to 12c, squab 6 to 8c, partridge 25c a peck, rabbit 25c a peck, parsnips 25c a peck, white cabbage 6 to 10c, squash 3c a pound, pumpkins 2c a pound, celery 2 to 3c a bunch, and tub 28 to 29c a pound.

SASKATCHEWAN'S CROPS

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 8.—(Special)—The government of Saskatchewan has forwarded a report to the trade and commerce department of the crop yield in various districts. The total production of wheat is 29,042,106 bushels, an average of 15.17 per acre; oats 29,187,962 bushels, average 37.74 per acre. Barley 1,963,972 bushels, average 20.84 per acre; fax 921,017 bushels, average 10.81 per acre.

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