

Harbor Improvements

Sorby Explains His Scheme to Chief Engineer of Public Works.

The Government Bill Proposes to Create a Board of Commissioners.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, June 9.—Mr. Sorby has interviewed the chief engineer of public works and fully explained his scheme. He will see the ministers later.
There seems to be a misconception in Victoria about the bill to be introduced by the government. It is proposed to create a harbor trust, but without in any way committing the government to the Sorby scheme. The government is not opposed to the examination of the scheme and will deal with it on its merits when in possession of all the facts, but at present it leans to the view that the scheme is too uncertain in its results to be rashly entered upon. The harbor commissioners will be of great service in advising on this or other schemes for the improvement of the harbor.
The government will not go farther than has been indicated.
No Yukon Railway Charters.
Hon. A. G. Blair announced in the House to-day that the Government had decided, for reasons that would readily occur to most, that for this session, at least, it would not be advisable to charter railways going into the Yukon.
Sir Charles Tupper protested against this decision, holding that while there might have been some excuse for such a course last session, there was none this session. He said it was unjust that people who had gone to great expense for the purpose of improving transportation facilities into the Yukon should be refused charters, and said parliament was entitled to an explanation of the reasons for the government's decision.
The Minister of Railways said that the demand for an explanation was not unreasonable, and that one would be given in the House.
Statement by the Premier.
Sir Charles Tupper brought up the question of the government having decided against granting any charters for Yukon railways this session. He maintained that this was a great mistake.
Premier Laurier said there was no question at this moment which would bear so much on the future of Canada. The government had decided, that until the Alaska boundary was settled, they would not grant any more charters to railways from Lynn Canal to Yukon.
The granting of the White Pass charter had assisted in building up Skegway and contributed therefore to the difficulty in settling the boundary. To grant a charter to Pyramid Harbor would assist in building up a city there and would still further add to the difficulties in the way. He said that Pyramid Harbor was in Canadian territory, but it should be decided that it was in American territory then Canada would have to find an outlet for the Yukon trade by an all-Canadian route throughout the Cassiar district to the coast in British Columbia.
Hon. A. G. Blair supported what the Premier said.
Mr. Foster argued in favor of granting charters. He intimated that some members of parliament were interested in the White Pass.
Mr. D. C. Fraser said he introduced a bill but had not one dollar in it. The statement by Mr. Foster was a gratuitous one.
The following bills will be knocked out by Hon. A. G. Blair's declaration to-day: Alaska Yukon Railway Co.; Alaska Northwestern Co.; Canadian Yukon Railway; British Yukon Railway; Yukon Mining, Trading & Transportation Co.; and Yukon Pacific railway.
Yukon Investigation.
Hon. Clifford Sifton to-day laid on the table the evidence taken by Mr. Ogilvie in his investigation of the charges against Yukon officials.
Sir Hibbert Tupper asked the government to facilitate the printing of the same, because it was wanted in connection with a motion he was going to bring forward on his own responsibility, as a member of the House, challenging the administration of the Yukon.
Alaska Boundary.
Premier Laurier in reply to Sir Charles Tupper said that the government had made arrangement for a provisional boundary on the Dalton trail. He could not give any information as to the location because he had not yet the authority of the Imperial government that it had been accepted. He expected to be able to do so soon. The provisional boundary would be similar to what was found at White Pass summit and Chilkoat pass.
Deadman's Island.
Colonel Prior said that telegrams had been received from Vancouver stating that Mr. Lodge had thrown up his lease for Deadman's Island and had left the country.
Premier Laurier and Dr. Borden rose at once and said they had no such information.

THE STRANDED PARIS.

Officers and Crew Arrive at New York. But Decline to Discuss the Disaster.
(Associated Press.)
New York, June 10.—The American line steamer St. Louis, which grounded near Calshot Castle while coming out of Southampton harbor last Saturday, arrived here today with 17 officers and crew of the stranded steamship Paris.
The officers of the St. Louis say the grounding of the vessel at Southampton was a trifling affair, and that the bottom was touched at low tide.
The officers of the Paris declined to discuss the loss of the steamship on the Cornish coast, saying all details of the disaster and Captain Watkins' explanation will be made public at the investigation to be held by the inspector of steam vessels in this city.
The Vessel Doomed.
Covecrack, Cornwall, June 10.—The American line steamer Paris, which ran on the rocks off the Manacles, is now known to be doomed. A southeast wind is blowing, bringing in heavy seas which are driving the steamer stern landwards. Her boilers have shifted, her false bottoms are gone and divers are unable to work. With the exception of about a dozen, who remain with the captain, and three officers, all the crew of the Paris have left her. On the arrival of the last batch of the crew at Falmouth, to be paid off, a fracas occurred with the agents and underwriters. The agents refused to pay the men's fares home, while the sailors strongly resented, as they had stood by the ship until nearly the end.

The Lumber Tariff.

United States Lumbermen Favor A Reduction of Twenty Per Cent.

Mr. Ames Thinks it Should Be the Ultimatum to Canadian Commissioners.

(Associated Press.)
Tacoma, June 9.—Hon. Chas. W. Fairbanks, chairman of the United States high commission, and party arrived here yesterday and will remain several days. In the afternoon Senator Fairbanks addressed representatives of the great lumber mills of the Pacific Northwest. Senator Addison C. Foster presided at the meeting and favored a reduction of 20 per cent. in the tariff on lumber, provided the tariff on that article was made part of the treaty with Canada.
F. C. Ames, who was present at several meetings in Washington, made an official statement on behalf of the lumbermen. He insisted on the protection of American lumber, but agreed with Senator Foster, provided the tariff on lumber was fixed permanently as a treaty obligation, that a reduction of 20 per cent. would be acceptable and preferable to the uncertainty of political influences and tariff tinkering.
Mr. Ames concluded: "I think I voice the sentiment of the lumbermen of Washington, Oregon and California, by suggesting that a reduction of 20 per cent. on rough lumber should be considered the ultimatum of the American members of the Joint High Commission to Canada, and that no concession be made on dressed lumber of small lumber, such as laths, staves, clapboards, pickets, shingles, etc. I am informed the United States sell to Canada annually \$30,000,000 worth of goods, wares and merchandise, simply because the conditions favor markets, and we buy of them \$45,000,000 worth annually for the same reason. On account of this balance of trade and a desire to offset it with lumber, etc., instead of the Canadian lumbermen ask Americans to remove its protection from its greatest industry, and open our great market to Canadian competition. Is not this a great hardship on a single industry? The Canadians have everything to gain and we all to lose. I have heard it strongly intimated that the Canadian position is free lumber or no treaty. If that is so, let it be 'no treaty.'"
COMMANDER KELLOG DEAD.
(Associated Press.)
New York, June 10.—The Augusta Victoria, which arrived here last evening from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg, reported the death at sea of Lieutenant Commander Kellogg, who was returning from Carlsbad, where he had been undergoing medical treatment. He was ill when he came aboard, and on the evening of June 3 died of heart disease. His last request was to be buried at sea. Accordingly on the morning of June 4 his body was consigned to the deep with the naval honors due to his rank. The Episcopal burial service was read by one of the passengers.

STRIKE AT CLEVELAND.

Motormen and Conductors Quit Work. Tying Up the Electric Railway System.
(Associated Press.)
Cleveland, Ohio, June 10.—The motormen and conductors of the Cleveland Electric Railway Company, declared a strike at 4 o'clock this morning, tying up the entire system, including Euclid, Wade Park, Central, Scoville, Wilson, Broadway, Jennings and Brooklyn lines.
President Bryan announced that no more conferences would be held with the company unless the officers seek out and treat with the union. Men on the way here to take the place of the strikers have been headed off, the men say.
The fight is over the recognition by the company of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America. Nine hundred men are now out, but the linemen are expected to follow. No attempt will be made to run cars to-day. The strikers have started a bush service.
PREPARING FOR WAR.
Colonial Troops to be Employed in the Transvaal.
New York, June 9.—A despatch to the Evening Journal from London says: Lord Kitchener is daily at the war office, where the staff is planning for the contemplated operations in the Transvaal. It is proposed to raise the British effective force in South Africa from 9,000 to 32,000. Of these 10,000 will certainly be drawn from India and Australia. In addition, Canada will probably send a number of regiments.

From Gay London

The Queen to Review 14,000 Soldiers at Aldershot on June 25.

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(Associated Press.)
London, June 10.—The splendid weather of the past week brought fashionable people to the parks and streets, and has given London the gayest appearance. Every one is now looking forward to the Ascot races. A large attendance is expected, although fewer houses around Ascot have been taken. Ascot, however, will be absent of its leading feature by the omission of the Royal procession up the course each day. The Prince of Wales and other royalties will drive to the course privately, the Queen having prohibited the procession in order to mark the family mourning for Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and the Queen of Denmark.
Great preparations are being made for the Review of the Troops at Aldershot on June 25 by the Queen. The ceremony will take place on Laffan's Plain and about 14,000 will participate in it.
Society is intensely interested in the coming bazaar at Albert hall in aid of the Charing Cross Hospital, which is expected to net at least \$50,000. People moving in the highest ranks of society will give their services at the various stalls. The American stall, which will be decorated gorgeously with American colors, will be attended by Messdames Choate, Brady-Martin and Ronalds and Miss Drexell. Colonel Arthur Paget visited the stock exchange and sent his hat around to defray the expense of boarding over the floor of
Albert Hall
and netted \$50,000. The Earl and Countess Craven and Mrs. Bradley-Martin obtained unique and valuable pieces of silver from their friends for sale at the American stall.
Lady Randolph Churchill has definitely secured the services of Messdames Arthur and Mrs. De la Warr, who have agreed for a concert to be held the first day, and Beerbohm Tree has secured Sir Henry Irving, Geo. Alexander, John Hare, the Kendalls, and others for the second day's entertainment. The Queen is a patroness of the bazaar. It is the first time she has acted as 'patroness of a bazaar in 66 years.
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CANADIAN BREVITIES.

Montreal, June 8.—An action against the C.P.R. in connection with the alleged ill-treatment of men on the Crow's Nest Pass has been commenced.
The steamer Leonard Tilley was badly damaged while going down the St. Lawrence last night. The accident happened in the Beauharnois canal, the steamer striking with such force as to carry away four gates.
Toronto, June 8.—Alex. Carleton died at the general hospital this morning from blood-poisoning. A few days ago while walking near the lake shore he placed a blade of coarse grass between his lips, and accidentally the end of the grass touched his throat and scratched it. The wound became troublesome and was treated as erysipelas, until blood poisoning was shown to have set in.
Winnipeg, June 8.—Congressman S. E. Payne, of Auburn, N. Y., who succeeds Mr. Hinkley on the joint high commission; George W. Steele, of Indiana, member of the committee on ways and means; and John Dalzel, of Pittsburg, Pa., arrived here to-day. They were joined by J. A. Z. Hall, of Iowa, and J. E. Heatwell, of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on military affairs. They leave tomorrow via the C.P.R. for Vancouver and Seattle, from whence they will visit Alaska territory.
Toronto, June 9.—The local leaders of the Grand Trunk strike declare that it is still on.
Montreal, June 9.—While cycling at St. John's, Mr. Ray, a prominent resident, was shot by a stranger. The ball lodged in the back of his neck. Captain McLean, of Ottawa, was also shot at while returning from the barracks.

Point Ellice Bridge Suits

Privy Council Sustains the Judgment of the British Columbia Courts.

Appeals in the Patterson and Lang Cases Dismissed To-Day.

His Worship Mayor Redfern this morning received a cablegram from City-Resident Taylor, who is in London, on behalf of the city, engaged in the suits arising out of the Point Ellice bridge disaster. The cablegram reads: "Appeals dismissed; await letter."
This refers to the appeals of the city against the verdicts awarding Mrs. Patterson \$13,500 and Mrs. Lang \$20,000. Both these ladies lost their husbands in the disaster and the suits brought by them against the city were decided in their favor by the Supreme Court, sustained by the Full Court and now again confirmed by the Privy Council.
"In confirmation of the cablegram to the mayor, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Patterson have also received messages from their legal representative, Mr. D. G. Macdonell, of Vancouver, now in London.
There is some speculation as to the meaning of Mr. Taylor's words: "await letter." There seems to be no possibility on any letter placing a different construction on the matter and the mayor and city officials have concluded that in spite of all hopes to the contrary, the law is such that the city must accept the full responsibility for the damages caused by the unfortunate giving way of the bridge a little over three years ago.
The decision of these appeals will doubtless carry with them the other suits established against the city, of which there are about thirty. The amount involved cannot be definitely stated, the plaintiffs in some of the cases not having specified the amounts for which they sued.
The decision is regarded as a very heavy blow for the city, and although it seems hardly reasonable to expect any change of conditions when Mr. Taylor's letter comes to hand, still there is a lingering hope that something may yet be done which will place a different complexion on the matter.
Of course the decision of the Privy Council comes as an unmitigated source of satisfaction to those who were bereaved by the accident and who believe they are justly entitled to compensation.
NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.
(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, June 9.—The death occurred last evening of Lee Campbell Worsnop, aged 18 years, son of Colonel Worsnop, 2nd battalion, 5th Regiment, while undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Deceased belonged to the Bank of British Columbia staff.
The Vancouver team to meet Victoria in the lacrosse match to-morrow will be picked from the following: Matheson, Miller, Allen, Cowan, Templeton, Campbell, Hayward, Quinn, Hill, Barr, Hill, Foreman Chase, Gohard and Oppenheimer. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance.
KAISER'S TRIP TO ENGLAND.
(Associated Press.)
Berlin, June 10.—It is officially announced that the Emperor William will visit England this summer. It was reported that the Kaiser would reach Cowes sometime in the racing week.

Many People Perished

In the Flood Which Devastated the Country Along the Colorado River.

Hundreds of Cattle and Horses Drowned—Wheat Crop Swept Away.

(Associated Press.)
Austin, Tex., June 10.—Latest information from the flood-stricken district along the Colorado river, to the northwest of this city, fully confirms the former reports of the loss of life and property. All telegraph and telephone wires are down, while great tracks of wheat and corn were devastated.
Several people are known to have perished and many more are unaccounted for.
The river rose so rapidly at San Sabal that farmers and people living in the low lands were unable to make their escape. Mr. N. H. Wells, a prominent farmer a few miles north of the city, in attempting to rescue his family by a boat, lost two daughters and barely succeeded in saving his own life and that of his wife and a small child. The body of one daughter was found yesterday hanging from the top of a tree.
During the day a hundred people who were swept away in the first fury of the flood, were rescued by boats from perilous positions in tree tops.
A number unaccounted for may have been drowned.
The wheat crop swept away by the flood will entail the loss of thousands of dollars. Cattle, horses and hogs were drowned by hundreds.
Reports from below San Sabal say the entire country is being inundated. The loss from the flood in that district is fully \$100,000.
The water is receding rapidly.

TORNADO IN SPAIN.

A SAN FRANCISCO BANKRUPTCY.

CANADA AND THE VATICAN.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, June 10.—John A. McGee has filed a petition in bankruptcy showing liabilities aggregating \$150,000. The failure appears to have been due to losses incurred in shipping ventures in the Alaskan trade.
The blue vest worn by Charles I. at his execution was recently sold at auction in London for 200 guineas.

This Looks Ominous

Detachment of Royal Engineers Sail For South Africa To-Day.

President Kruger Must Recede in Order to Save Bloodshed.

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THE FRASER.

AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS—WORLD'S FAIR. GOLD MEDAL, MIDWINTER FAIR.

BUYING AMERICAN GOLD.

M.P.'S ON HOLIDAY.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

OTAWA, JUNE 10.—Members of parliament, senators and members of the press party left to-day on a trip on the PARRY SOUND RAILWAY as far as Madawaska in the new intercolonial train which has been an exhibition at the Central depot here.

PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER.

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 10 YEARS THE STANDARD.

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