

To Unify Military And Naval Branches of Imperial Defense

Presence of Haldane at Third Session of Defense Congress Indicative of Effort Being Made in This Direction.

Details of Home Governments Suggestion to be Considered by Committee of Experts—Proposal to Spend Australia's Contribution On Pacific Cruiser Squadron Approved.

Special to The Standard. London, Aug. 4.—The third full meeting of the Imperial Defence Conference was held at the Foreign Office yesterday, the main business for consideration being the memorandum on naval defence. The presence of Mr. Haldane and Lord Lucas, as military advisers, indicated that an effort to co-ordinate the two branches of defence was being made. The conference sat for ninety minutes. The details of the home government's suggestions will be considered by a committee of experts. The conference adjourned until Thursday.

An Attainable Ideal. The Times Sydney correspondent wires:—The individual development of the naval resources of the Empire's dominions under a common training system is accepted now by practically the whole community as an attainable ideal. The principle of co-ordination on individual efforts in pursuance of a common Imperial policy seems to harmonize with the suggestion recently advanced and discussed here, by which the Pacific fleets of the Empire should be supported and controlled by Canada, Australia and New Zealand, in conjunction with the Great Britain. The proposal to spend the joint contribution offered by Australia and New Zealand on a cruiser squadron guarding the trade routes on the Indian and Pacific Oceans, is most acceptable here to all parties, but the press reserves expressing an opinion on the result of the Defence Conference is known.

MEMBER IN VAN OF FIRE FIGHTERS

Special to The Standard. Weymouth, N. S., Aug. 4.—One of the worst fires in recent years in Weymouth took place this afternoon when the Methodist Church and the building adjoining, occupied as a shop by J. C. Myles, tailor, and as residences by James Fitzmaurice and Mrs. George Mallett, were totally destroyed. The fire started in a small barn back of the church owned by J. C. Myles through a small boy playing with matches. The church was valued at \$2,000. Insurance \$1,000. Myles' loss is over \$2,000. Partially insured. The residence of Augustus Brooks, collector of customs, was badly damaged by water but is fully insured. The boarding house of Mrs. J. E. LeBlanc, the American House, and the Catholic Church, were on fire several times. C. Jameson, M. P., who was here attending a meeting of the executive committee of the County Conservative Association, was nearly killed like a Trojan. In the course of the fire, his right hand was severely burned. His work was effective and his cheery words and advice did much to encourage the local workers.

BISELY TEAM TO BE HONORED BY MONTREAL

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Aug. 4.—The steamer Tuntian, with the Canadian Biseley team on board, passed through the Straits of Belle Isle today and at 11:30 was 150 miles northeast of Heist Point, Anticosti, 438 miles below Quebec. The officials of the Allan Line expect the vessel to reach Quebec at 2 o'clock Friday morning and Montreal Friday evening. While no official reception has been arranged for the victors of the ranges, there is every indication of a rousing welcome on the part of the Montreals.

SAM SMITH GOES TO CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 4.—The Cincinnati National League club announced today the purchase of Pitcher Samuel Smith, of the Montreal club of the Eastern League.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LOOKING WITH LONGING EYES AT WEST

Extraordinary Efforts are Being Made by Ottawa Administration to Win Back the Prairie Sections of The Dominion—Struggle will be Sustained Until Next General Election—Laurier the Latest to go in Court of Provinces—New Fisheries Regulations Not Effective Until 1911.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, August 4.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is contemplating a trip to the West in a few weeks time. He has received invitations from Premier Scott, of Saskatchewan, and Premier Rutherford, of Alberta, to lay the corner stones of the parliament buildings in the two new provinces, and so much pressure has been brought to bear upon him by both western Liberals and his own cabinet ministers that it is probably he will accept the invitations. At present the Dominion Government is making extraordinary exertions to win back the west to its fold and the struggle will be kept up until the next general election. Hon. Chas. Murphy returned today, and Messrs. Fisher, Oliver and Pugsley are touring the western country. Others will follow.

Information has been received by the Government to the effect that the new international regulations to govern the fisheries of Canada, and the United States, agreed upon by Prof. E. E. Prince and Prof. David Starr Jordan will not go into effect until 1911. They will be published simultaneously in December next, so that a full year's notice will be given to all concerned. The investigations of the commissioners on the Pacific coast have convinced them that the sockeye salmon, which spawn in the rivers of Northern British Columbia, such as Skeena and the Nass, return to these rivers only, and never to the Fraser or the Columbia. The commissioners will therefore advise the establishment of hatcheries on the northern rivers.

2,000 PLAYERS IN PAGEANT AT GLOUCESTER

Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 4.—A spectacle unique in the annals of New England and probably the most elaborate of its kind ever seen in this country, brought to a splendid close tonight the celebration of the first settlement of Gloucester, 286 years ago. Seated in a natural amphitheatre overlooking the harbor, 5,000 persons witnessed the production by a cast of 2,000 players of "The Canterbury Pilgrims," a pageant artistically conceived and brilliantly staged. "Canterbury Day" celebration is an annual fixture in the local calendar, but this year an unusually elaborate programme was arranged and when it was thought that the occasion would be marked by the presence of President Taft the citizens vied with each other to assist in the plans and make the affair eclipse all previous efforts. The inability of the president to come here on account of the pressure of tariff affairs in Washington caused much regret and some slight changes in the programme necessary at the last moment, but the arrangements as a whole were carried out on the scale originally planned. The city was in gala garb of flags and bunting, a squadron of warships and the many vessels of the famous fishing fleet in the harbor were profusely decorated and a parade, in which the sailors from the squadron assisted this afternoon, served as a sort of curtain-raiser to the grand fête of the evening.

The pageant was given at Stage Fort Park, a peculiarly appropriate spot historically, because it includes the site of the house of Roger Canterbury, the first governor of the little Gloucester colony. Percy Mackaye, a Harvard graduate, is the author of the play, "The Canterbury Pilgrims," and he was assisted in the production by Eric Pape, one of the summer colony of artists here, who developed the artistic elements and was master of the pageant, and by Walter Damrosch, director of the New York Symphony Orchestra, who arranged the music.

WITNESS TELLS OF ATTEMPTS TO STOP TRAIN

Edmonton, Aug. 4.—The trial of Hubert Michael, charged with placing obstructions on the Temiscouata Railroad with intent to endanger life, was begun here this morning. Judge Carleton is presiding at the special sitting of the county court. Attorney General Hazen and John M. Steeves are conducting the prosecution while Messrs. Powell and Cormier appear for the defence. This morning the jury was selected a true bill having been found yesterday, and the taking of evidence began. Only one witness was examined at this forenoon's session, he being Driver Cormier, of the Temiscouata Railway. Cormier told that in April last his locomotive hit an obstruction on the track, which proved to be a piece of metal. In consequence of this he afterwards reduced speed to five miles an hour when passing this place. Later he found various other obstructions on the track in the shape of horseshoes wedged on the rails, or bolts driven in between the joints.

C.P.R. PLANS FOR USUAL EXCURSIONS

25,000 Harvesters required to Garner Western Wheat Crop, First Train Aug. 11.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Que., Aug. 4.—Definite reports regarding the Western harvest, were received today by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and steps were at once taken to make arrangements for the annual harvest excursions to the prairie country. As usual, the first of these excursions will be run from the Maritime Provinces, the first train to leave the various centres of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, on August 11, trains will be run from all points to connect with the through excursions, and the usual rates will be given. Advice received by the Canadian Pacific indicate that at least 25,000 harvesters will be required from the east, as there is already a shortage of labor, and it is hoped that a great many people from the east will take advantage of the low rates and high wages to visit the west by these excursions. Further details as to the later excursions will be given out later.

YOUNG GIRL CHARGED WITH \$2,000 THEFT

Miss Grace Henderson of Gananogue Held on Serious Charge.

Special to The Standard. Brookville, Ont., Aug. 4.—Miss Grace Henderson, a young woman, of Gananogue, is under bonds of \$6000 to appear in the Brookville police court next Monday for a preliminary hearing on the charge of stealing \$2,000 in cash and converting to her own use two cheques for \$372 and \$86.04 respectively. The complainant is the Thousand Islands Railway Co., in whose office at Gananogue, Miss Henderson was employed as cashier and bookkeeper. The young woman, who was brought here last night by Chief Ryan, of Gananogue, who made the arrest, at the house of her father Robert Henderson.

BOY STRAYED FROM HOME.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., August 4.—The six-year-old son of John Wynn, of the firm of Longard Bros., who with his mother was attending the Park street Presbyterian church picnic, at Prince's Lodge, six miles from Halifax, strayed off in the nearby woods after dinner today, and although searching started shortly after, up to midnight he had not been found. The search-

Nova Scotia Steel Officials Regard Strike As Inevitable

OMINOUS CALM PREVADES STRIKE SITUATION AT GLACE BAY

Coal Company and U. M. W. are Settling Down to Routine of Labor War—John Moffat the Scorned of the Mine Workers to be Pitted—Company Threatened to Cancel Lease of Orangemen's Hall and The Order is Indignant—Little Possibility of Strike at Springhill.

Special to The Standard. Glace Bay, N. S., Aug. 4.—There seems to be an ominous calm in the strike situation today. There is less talk on both sides. Union street has ceased to give out its bulletins, and the U. M. W. are not letting the right hand know the business of the left. It is settling to a stern tug of war in which the strongest will decide the contest. The output stands at the usual level.

Monotony Broken.

The monotony of the police court was broken today by a couple of inquest, one on the body of the Frenchman drowned at No. 2 last night, and one on the body of Thomas O'Donnell, a native of Baillie, who had his legs crushed this morning under a car at No. 2 bank. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where his legs were amputated, and at one o'clock he died. This evening a small boy fell over the cliff near Table Head and was badly broken up.

Orangemen Ruffled.

Considerable irritation has been created among the Orangemen by the alleged action of the Dominion Coal Co. in threatening to cancel their lease of the hall at Dominion on account of allowing the U. M. W. to hold a meeting there. There does not seem to be good judgment used by the Coal Company in these matters.

Springhill.

Inside information at Springhill seems to indicate clearly that there will be no strike of the miners of the Cumberland Ry. and Coal Co., so far as the local union of the U. M. W. is concerned.

Belief is General That U.M.W. Will Demand Recognition From This Company Too; Rumors of Trouble Persistent.

Indications Point to a General Upheaval of Labor Conditions in Nova Scotia—Manager Brown of Nova Scotia Co., Now in New Glasgow Disusing Situation

Special to The Standard. North Sydney, N. S., Aug. 4.—As official of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., is authority for the statement that the company look forward to a strike of the U. M. W. miners in their collieries as inevitable in the near future. Rumors of strike of the U. M. W. workers employed with the company are rife although nothing definite regarding the matter can be learned. The belief that such a step will be taken by the U. M. W. to force their demands for recognition by the N. S. Steel Co. is gaining ground.

No Strike at Sydney Mines.

An active supporter of the U. M. W. told your correspondent tonight that there would be no strike at Sydney Mines, at No. 3 colliery where he is employed, and where about ninety per cent. of the men are U. M. W. supporters, there is no talk of such a step being taken, except by a few irresponsible persons who do not belong to either of the rival unions. He admitted that there was a good deal of dissatisfaction among the men with the recent award of the conciliatory board, and while some slight concessions to the men were made by the company just before the board met the chief issue in the recognition of the union, which the company is disposed to grant. Should there be strike No. 3 colliery, the largest producer the company has, would probably be fled up as would also No. 1, which is the last colliery to be opened. Nos. 1 and 5 however, where the P. W. A. men predominate, could keep going at their full capacity while the coal banked would enable the company to fill their season's contracts.

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THE ITEM WAS UNSAFE SAYS JURY

Coroner's Jury Appointed to Inquire into the Death of Miss Lynch.

Bliddeford, Me., Aug. 4.—In rendering a verdict tonight on the death by drowning of Miss Catherine Lynch, one of the victims of the capsizing of the motor boat Item, on July 30, when a party of thirty moonlight excursionists were thrown into the water at the mouth of Saco River, the coroner's jury says: "We find from the evidence and from inspection, that the said boat Item, owing to its form, is unstable, easily capsized and entirely unsafe for the carrying of passengers."

SUICIDED UPON BEING WHIPPED

Violent Act of Little Girl Who was Punished by Step Mother.

Special to The Standard. Harrisburg, Ont., Aug. 4.—Clara Braithwaite, aged 13 years, daughter of J. G. Braithwaite, hotel keeper, was found hanging by the neck to the limb of an old tree on the Grand Trunk Railway bank close to Mr. Braithwaite's home this evening. A strap was used. The girl had received a whipping from her stepmother this morning and was seen around the village this afternoon in a very despondent mood.

ROYAL BANK CLERK TRIED TO SUICIDE

Special to The Standard. Toronto, August 4.—W. Mowbray, a clerk in the Royal Bank, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat this morning just as he was about to start on his holidays. He will probably recover. The Bank declines to say anything, but the impression is that he was all right in his accounts. He had proposed going to visit friends in Halifax.

NURSES DEATH IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

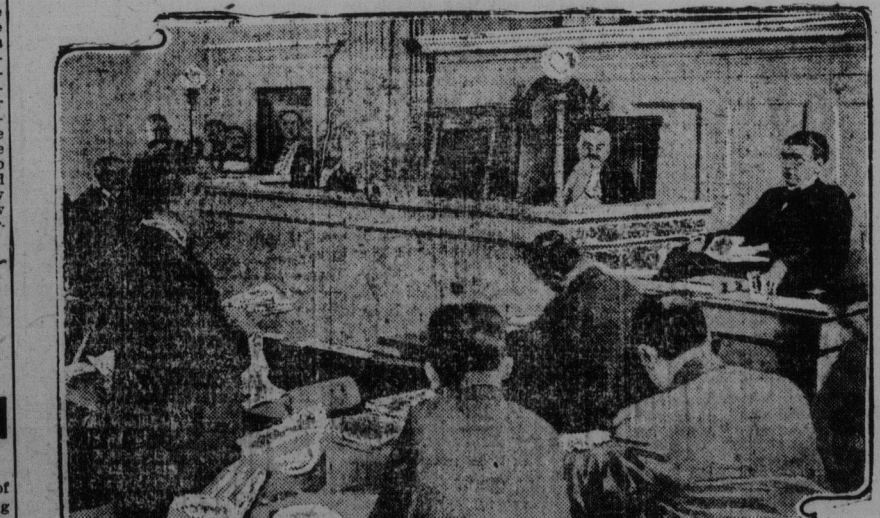
Boston, Mass., Aug. 4.—Considerable mystery tonight surrounds the death of a young woman, said to have been a hospital nurse in Worcester, found dead in the room of a man in the South End, who had earlier in the day befriended the girl and allowed her the use of his room. The case came to the notice of the police about midnight, when William Smith, aged 33 years, of No. 2 Oak Place, entered the Lagrange street station and said a woman by the name of Ethel White, aged 26 years, who lived at 52 Ash street, was dead in his room. Smith told the police he found the woman ill on his steps when he was going to work in the morning and recognizing her as a woman who had formerly lived in the house, gave her permission to go to his room and remain through the day while he was away. Returning late tonight he found the woman dead on the bed with a deep cut showing in the back of her head. The room was in disorder and the

SENATE NOW HAS REVISED HIDES SCALE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Two concurrent resolutions making corrections in the leather schedule of the tariff bill was reported to the Senate from the finance committee by Senator Aldrich today. This resolution changes paragraph 450 to read as follows: "Hides of cattle, raw or uncur, whether dry-salted or pickled, shall be admitted free of duty; provided that on and after October 1, 1910, grain, buff and split leather shall be at the duty of 7 1/2 per centum ad valorem; but all hides and cattle skins, whatever weight of cattle, including sheep skins, including cat skins, shall pay a duty of 10 per centum ad valorem; that harness, saddles and saddlery in sets or in parts, finished unfinished, composed wholly or chiefly of leather shall pay a duty of 20 per centum ad valorem." This resolution will be acted upon after the conference report has been disposed of.

POSSE FAILS TO CAPTURE MURDERER

Hardwick, Vt., August 4.—An all-day search by a large posse of men from this town and the neighborhood of Walden failed to reveal whereabouts of Joseph Pascoe, of South Walden, who is alleged to have beaten and shot Chas. Perkins at home in South Walden last night causing his death. It was planned to keep up the search during the day. An autopsy held today disclosed that death was due to a blow from a blunt instrument which crushed chest, fractured three ribs and ruptured the aorta. A woman appeared to have been through a struggle. Medical Examiner McGrath viewed the body and stated he believed woman to have died as the result of a fractured skull and ordered body taken to the morgue where will perform an autopsy in the morning. Smith was held by the police pending the result of the autopsy.



The Thaw Hearing At White Plains Before Justice Mills. Photograph Shows Harry Thaw In The Witness Chair With Dist. Atty. Jerome Questioning Him.

White Plains, N. Y., Aug. 4.—The state rested in the Thaw case today, and from now on it devolves upon Harry K. Thaw and his attorney, Charles Morschauer, to offset the testimony of the state's alienists, who have sworn without exception under the cross-examination of District Attorney Jerome that Thaw is still insane and would be a menace to the community if released from the asylum at Matteawan. John B. Gleason, Thaw's original legal advisor, after the shooting of Stanford White, came to Thaw's aid late this afternoon and cleared up a few old mysteries, sweeping away some of Thaw's apparent vagaries upon which Mr. Jerome has dwelt so persistently.

Mr. Gleason's most advantageous statement from the prisoner's standpoint concerned Thaw's change of counsel during his trial and the engagement of Dolphim M. Delmas as chief counsel for Thaw. This had been done at his (Gleason's) orders, he said, and was not due to a whim of Thaw's. Through Mr. Gleason, Thaw's lawyer hopes to show that Thaw's attitude toward Stanford White was not due to delusions, as the state contends, but was prompted by what Thaw knew of White's practices. Mr. Gleason has about fifty letters which he received from Thaw and they may prove one of the sensations of the hearing tomorrow, if read.

Mr. Morschauer tried to prove the charges against White today by reading part of Evelyn's testimony at the trials. Thaw's letters to Gleason bear upon this, it is thought. Trying to clear Thaw of another delusion, Mr. Gleason presented a report of detectives regarding an alleged attempt on Thaw's life on the night of December 24, 1903. The wording of this document was not made public, but it was introduced to counteract the state's contention that Thaw had delusions concerning the "Monk" Eastman gang, which he believed had been engaged by his enemies to boat and perhaps kill him, and after White's death the architect's friends entered into a conspiracy to "railroad" his slayer to Matteawan.