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Americans Are Satisfied

The Decision Should be Gratifying to the U. S. Says Mr. Dickinson.

Canadian Commissioners Refuse to Sign the Strange Award.

Withdraw From the Convention And Final Public Meeting is Cancelled.

London, Oct. 20.—The engrossed copy of the Alaskan award was signed at 2.10 p.m. The Canadians declined to sign the award.

The Canadian commissioners not only declined to sign the award, but said they would publicly withdraw from the commission. They, as well as all the Canadians connected with the case, are very bitter.

In consequence of the attitude maintained by the Canadian commissioners, Lord Chief Justice Alverstone decided this morning not to hold the proposed public meeting of the Alaskan Boundary Commission, but to hand its decision to Messrs. Foster and Sifton, respective agents of the American and Canadian governments.

Senators Lodge and Turner sail for New York tomorrow on the White Star liner Cedric.

Jacob M. Dickinson will start for home Saturday on the American line steamer Philadelphia. All the American commissioners and counsel express satisfaction at the award.

Mr. Dickinson said: "The decision should be very gratifying to the United States as its contention on the main points have been fully sustained. The question of the Portland canal was fairly debatable and although I thought the merits of the controversy were with the United States, I have too much confidence in the integrity and ability of the tribunal to question its justice. Canada got all she could have with any reason expected, and will no doubt, in time, be reconciled to its wisdom. If the controversy had been left undecided, it probably would have been a fruitful source of very acute troubles. No man who values peace and the friendly relation which should exist between such closely allied and kindred countries, should, when the first feeling of disappointment has passed, fail to rejoice at the fact that this matter has been determined."

Senator Turner expressed satisfaction with the decision in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press. He said: "I believe it to be a fair and just settlement, as between two governments, and I am very glad that the question has been taken from politics and that we can now see their way clear to join in such an award, thus justifying the confidence of the two governments that a decision could be reached by jurists wholly from the two interested countries."

Senator Turner declined to discuss the statement of the Canadian commissioners, Messrs. Jette and Aylesworth.

The seven questions submitted to the arbitrators were as follows:—

1. What is intended as the point of commencement of the line?

2. What channel is the Portland canal?

3. What course should the line take from the point of commencement to the entrance to the Portland channel?

4. To what point on the fifty-sixth parallel is the line to be drawn from the head of the Portland channel, and what course should it follow between these points?

5. In extending the line of demarcation northward from said point on the parallel of the fifty-sixth degree of north latitude following the crest of the mountains situated parallel to the coast until its intersection with the one hundred and forty-first degree of longitude west of Greenwich subject to the condition that if such line should anywhere exceed the distance of ten marine leagues from the ocean, then the boundary between the British and the American territory should be formed by a line parallel to the sinuosities of the coast and distant therefrom not more than ten marine leagues, was it the intention and meaning of said convention of 1825 that there should remain in the exclusive possession of Russia a continuous fringe or strip of coast on the mainland not exceeding ten marine leagues, in which separation the British possession from the bays, ports, inlets, havens and waters of the ocean, and extending from the said point on the fifty-sixth degree of latitude north to a point where such line of demarcation should intersect the one hundred and forty-first degree of longitude west of the meridian of Greenwich.

6. If the foregoing question should be answered in the negative and in the event of the summit of such mountains proving to be in places more than ten marine leagues from the coast, should the width of the lisiere, which was to belong to Russia, be measured (1) from the mainland and coast to the ocean strictly so called, along a perpendicular thereto, or (2) was it the intention and meaning of the said convention, that where the mainland coast is indented by deep inlets, forming part of the territorial waters of Russia, with the lisiere was to be measured: (a) from the line of general direction of the mainland coast, or (b) from the line separating the waters of the ocean from the territorial waters of Russia, or (c) from the heads of the afore-said inlets?

7. What, if any exist, are the mountains referred to as situated parallel to the coast, which mountains, when within ten marine leagues of the coast, are declared to form the western boundary.

The following are the answers to the questions submitted to the tribunal:—

First—The line commences at Cape Muzoz.

Second—The Portland channel passes north of Pearse and Wales Islands and enters the ocean through Tongas passage, between Wales and Sitklan Islands.

Third—A straight line to the middle of the entrance of Tongas passage.

Fourth—A straight line between Tolmon and Bear rivers, direct to the fifty-sixth parallel of latitude.

Fifth—In the affirmative.

Sixth—Required no answer after the fifth question had been answered in the affirmative.

Seventh—The majority of the tribunal have selected the line of peaks starting at the head of Portland canal and running along the high mountains, on the outer edge of the mountains, shown on the maps of survey made in 1893, extending to Mount Whipple, and thence along what is known as the Hunter line of 1878, crossing the Stikine river about 24 miles from its mouth, thence northerly along the high peaks to Kate's Needle, from Kate's Needle to the Devil's Thumb.

The tribunal stated that there was not sufficient evidence, owing to the absence of a complete survey, to identify the mountains which correspond to those intended by the treaty. This contemplates a further survey of that portion by the two governments. From the vicinity of Devil's Thumb, the line runs to the continental watershed, thence through White and Taiya or Chilkoot passes, westerly to a mountain indicated on the map attached to the treaty as 670 feet, thence to another mountain 5,800 feet, and from that point in a somewhat curved line across the head of the glaciers to Mount Fairweather.

Special opinions were submitted on the second and fifth questions by Lord Alverstone, Secretary Root and Senators Turner and Lodge, which will form part of the record, and in which the reasons for their conclusions are explained. As the Associated Press has been officially informed that Lord Alverstone and the American commissioners rely upon these opinions to answer the criticisms of the Canadian members of the tribunal, these opinions assume more than a legal and technical interest. Lord Alverstone, in dealing with the second question, recites his reasons for believing that the entrance of the Portland channel was at 54-45 north latitude. Lord Alverstone says: "Inasmuch as the questions submitted to us only allow long opinions on questions numbers two and five, the opinion upon question five is an able judicial disquisition dealing with the contention of counsel on both sides with this result. It is impossible to resist the conclusions that the contruction of the treaty now contended for by Great Britain is an afterthought, never entertained by any officer of the British government during the lifetime of the makers of the treaty, and which originates at least sixty years after the treaty was signed."

The opinion of Mr. Aylesworth has not yet been turned in.

Liberals Greet Their Leader

Mr. Macdonald of Rossland Receives the Allegiance of Party.

Billy McInnes the Real Leader Gets a Hearty Rousing Welcome.

Labor hall was well filled last night on the occasion of the Liberal rally to greet the newly-elected leader, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of Rossland. The chair was taken by Mr. John Piercy, leader of the Liberal Association.

After a rousing speech by Mr. John Oliver, and a song by Mr. James Grant, which received great applause, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes rose to address the meeting. If there was any doubt in the minds of the public as to Mr. McInnes' popularity it was dispelled by the enthusiasm with which he was hailed by the entire audience. He had to wait several minutes before they would allow him to begin his address. Mr. McInnes, after announcing his complete loyalty to the newly elected leader, Mr. Macdonald, commented at some length upon the eminently unsatisfactory condition of the provincial finances. He emphasized the fact that in the late campaign the Liberal party had made one of the chief planks of the party civil service reform. Mr. McInnes wound up a very eloquent address by claiming for every member present absolute fealty to the chief whom they had yesterday elected. He urged every Liberal in the province to join with them in complete loyalty to the leader and to the party to which every Liberal considered it an honor to belong.

Mr. McInnes was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his speech.

Mr. Stuart Henderson then made a short address, and was followed by Mr. C. H. Lugrin, who proposed a vote of confidence in Mr. Macdonald, who made a short but felicitous speech.

Dr. King gave a very eloquent and pithy address and the crowd seemed to take to the youngest Liberal member with a good deal of cordiality.

Mr. W. Sloan then made a short but excellent speech and was followed by Mr. Wells.

After a few words from Mr. Tanner, Mr. George Riley addressed the meeting briefly, but humorously. He assured Mr. Macdonald that if ever the ship of which he was captain should get into troubled waters all he had to do was to call on the pilot, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, and he would steer it safely into the harbor.

'God save the King" wound up a very enthusiastic gathering.

NOMINATED AVERY.

Kingston, Oct. 21.—Melzer Avery, M. P., for Addington, has been nominated by Frontenac Conservatives for the Dominion House at next general elections.

POST OFFICE ROBBERY.

West Superior, Wis., Oct. 21.—The Superior post office was robbed last night. Over $1,000 in stamps and currency is said to have been secured.

SPANISH MINERS STRIKE.

Bilbao, Spain, Oct. 21.—A strike broke out yesterday in the Bilbao mining district and spread rapidly. Nineteen thousand workers are idle. The railroad service has been interrupted. Reinforcements of troops are arriving here.

ITALIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Failing Health Necessitates Retirement of Premier and Government Follows.

Rome, Oct. 21.—At a ministerial council today the cabinet unanimously decided to tender its resignation. This action was taken after Premier Zarelli had announced that he had sent his resignation to the King in consequence of failing health.

CARNEGIE IN IRELAND.

Millionaire Library Builder Has Great Hopes for U. S. and Canada.

Limerick, Ireland, Oct. 21.—The freedom of this city was given to Andrew Carnegie today. Referring in a speech to emigration, Mr. Carnegie said that "Ireland's loss, in this respect, is America's gain." He looked for the day, he continued, when the United States and Canada would have a population of 250,000,000, and with the British Isles would form one nation.

The latest craze in New York among the very wealthy is an extravagant style of invitation card. Not long ago the wife of a millionaire ordered 200 of these from a local firm and they cost her just $10 each. The cards were made of ivory edged with gold, the name of the guest and hostess being lettered in gold on one side, the other being hand painted. Cards at $5 each are quite common.

According to the experts it takes 10 pounds of milk to make a pound of cheese and 23 pounds of milk to make a pound of butter.

Hon. Sifton On Award

Tribunal While Finding For Canada Adjusts Everything For the U.S.

Claim As to Heads of Alaskan Inlets Apparently Has Been Ignored.

"The Hardest Blow That the Imperial Tie Has Yet Received" Says Official.

London, Oct. 20.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Sifton when asked by the Canadian Associated Press to express his views respecting the award just made, said: "The award is substantially in favor of the United States all along the line. We, it is true, have succeeded in establishing two of our main contentions: First, Portland canal; second, existence of mountain boundary line; but while the finding is in favor of our contention upon these phases of the case, the tribunal has worked out a line in such a way as to deprive us of all practical benefit. While we get Wales and Pearse islands, of which Americans have been in possession for some years, they are deprived value to Canada by the fact that two islands which lie immediately outside and command the entrance to Observatory inlet and Port Simpson are given to the United States. I do not profess to understand the principle upon which these islands are given away. The mountain boundary line, while adopted as contended for by Canada, is drawn so far back that the United States gets all that she has seriously contended for. As to our position on the subject of heads of inlets, it has apparently not received any consideration from the majority of the tribunal."

"Have you anything to say in regard to the conduct of the case by the representatives of the United States?"

"I have to say that the agent and counsel of the United States acted in perfect courtesy and faith throughout."

"Have you anything to say regarding the merits of the case?"

"No."

Another Canadian who has been most intimately and prominently associated with the Alaska case said: "It is the hardest blow the imperial tie has ever received. The place Lord Alverstone filled was clearly that of agent for the British Government. It will be a shock to the Canadian people to know that notwithstanding all the professions of friendship and sympathy the solemn formalities of the international court have simply been used for the purpose of handing over Canadian territory to the United States. Canada has been not only spontaneous but zealous in the defence of British territory and has not hesitated to sacrifice blood and treasure in defence of the motherland. She must now face the fact that when imperial interests or friendships require it her territory may be handed over without the slightest hesitation. This marks a most serious epoch in the relations between Canada and the mother country."

NEWS OF THE NAVY AND ARMY

Appointments to the North Pacific Squadron---Life On the Lower Deck.

London, Oct. 7.—The late Sub-Lieut. William Pearse, H. M. S., Flora, who was accidentally drowned at Sitka whilst fishing, had only joined the Flora last May, whilst his service in the navy dated from September, 1898. Before going out to the Pacific from the gunnery ship, Excellent, he was a mids of the Blenheim, on the China station.

The 64th company, R. G. A., which was the first company to man the forts at Esquimalt, will remain at Singapore for another year. Of the officers who were with it at Esquimalt there is only one—Major J. G. E. Wynne—now serving with it.

At the request of Lord Roberts, the new experimental magazine rifle, with which it is proposed to rearm our troops of all branches, is to be fitted with a wind guage to improve the shooting. This will considerably delay the general issue of the weapon.

It also seems that our cavalry regiments are to be rearmed with a light, straight cut and thrust sword in lieu of the present sword. The latter cut (no pun) a poor figure in the late war on the few occasions it was actually used on the persons of "Brother Boer."

The cruiser Arrogant, lately employed on the China station, will be commissioned next month for a spell of service in the Mediterranean. Her auxiliary battery of six 4.7-inch guns, was recently replaced by six 6-inch quick-firers, so that she now carries ten of those guns.

Sub-Lieut. C. H. Michaelson, from the Excellent, has been appointed to the Flora.

The cruiser Argonaut, Captain G. H. Cherry, on passage home from the China station, has been temporarily detained for special duty on the East India station.

Lieut. John Bush, of the Plymouth division of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, has been appointed inspector of gymnastics over the marines of the Pacific squadron, and joins H. M. S. Grafton, flagship.

The Admiralty, in an unwonted burst of liberality, has decided to issue to Jack a real knife, fork and spoon, sundry plates of enamelled iron ware and actually an oilcloth cover for each mess table. Heretofore the luxuries of a knife and fork were largely a monopoly of Joe, the marine. What, with two extra meals in the day and the new dinner and tea plate, not to mention the table cover, the messes of the lower deck will want not in Sybaritic luxuries.

"SOO" NOMINATIONS.

Sault Ste. Marie, Oct. 20.—Andrew Miscampbell, Conservative, and C. N. Smith, Liberal, were nominated here today for the vacancy in the legislature for Sault Ste. Marie.

FRENCH BARK WRECKED.

Strikes Shoals on Hawaiian Islands and Fourteen Men Missing.

Honolulu, Oct. 21.—The French bark Constable De Richemont has been lost on French Frigate shoals. Two boats with fourteen men are missing. These two boats are without provisions. She was bound from Hongkong to South American ports.

THE CANAL TREATY.

Panama, Oct. 21.—The Star and Herald say it is a well-known fact that the Colombian Congress will adjourn without deciding anything practicable on the canal treaty and suggests appointing Dr. Pablo Arosemena as minister to Colombia at Washington to reopen the negotiations.

REORGANIZING THE "SOO."

Speyer Syndicate Agree to Take Bonds of New Concern.

Montreal, Oct. 21.—A private despatch from Philadelphia says all of the twelve financial institutions comprising the Speyer syndicate which hold a lien against the Consolidated Lake Superior Company for five million dollars, have consented to change the loans for bonds in the new organization plan. This provides for a bond issue of ten million dollars on a 70 per cent. basis. It will be capitalized at $40,000,000.

U. S. POSTAL SCANDALS.

More Dismissals Follow Investigations of Committee.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—The Postmaster-General has dismissed from office M. W. Louis, superintendent of supplies of the postoffice department; Louis Kempner, chief of registry division, and C. B. Terry, a clerk in the supply division. The action is in connection with the postal investigation just closed. The postmaster-general also stated that the postmaster at New York has been directed to remove Otto Weis, a clerk in the New York office for collecting money from clerks to influence legislation and to procure promotions.

Russia Makes A New Treaty

China Agrees to Hand Over Administration of Manchuria.

Czar Will Help in Case of Trouble Arising With Third Nation.

Berlin, Oct. 20.—The correspondent of a Berlin newspaper quotes the Vostochni Vestnik, a journal published in the Far East, as authority for the statement that Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, has concluded a treaty with China which gives Russia practical control of Manchuria, although under a nominal Chinese government. Russia undertakes to conduct any war arising with a third power from the new treaty.

The treaty provides that the appointment and dismissal of the governor general and commander-in-chief of the prefects in Manchuria shall be affected by the Chinese government in agreement with the Russian diplomatic representatives. The Chinese troops stationed in the three provinces of Manchuria, shall be under Russian control, but if the Chinese soldiers are incapable of maintaining order and suppressing brigandage, Russia is to have the right of using her own troops to this end. Trading in Manchuria and the exploration of the mines is prohibited except to Russians and Chinese. The customs are to be under joint Chinese and Russian control. The railroads become Chinese property on the mutual agreement at the end of twenty years. The posts and telegraphs are to be under Russian and Chinese control, and disputes are to be settled by a Russian referee. In the event of war with a third power arising from the new treaty it will be conducted by Russia and China in co-operation. Should China withdraw her co-operation, Russia will carry on the war alone, and in the event of victory, China shall cede Manchuria to Russia, and immediately withdraw all her civil and military officials. The Chinese signatures to the treaty are given as Princes Tchin Wan Wen, Schai Hun Tsi and Tching Tehli.

DIES ON GRIDIRON.

Medical Student Killed by Fierce Rush in Game at Annapolis.

Annapolis, Oct. 21.—In the game this afternoon between the Navy and Baltimore Medical College, Robert Elwin, of Plainfield, N. H., was killed in the fierce struggle between the opposing teams. The Navy, by hard line-bucking, had pushed the ball to within ten yards of the visitors' goal, when the latter by herculean efforts pushed the midshipmen back. The medicos made short gains and had just lined up for another effort, when Elwin, right guard of the medicals, fell to the ground, and five minutes later was pronounced dead. The cause of the death is given out as cardiac syncope.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

After Thirty-five Years Work for Liberals the Telegraph Recants.

St. Johns, N. B., Oct. 20.—The Daily Telegraph, for thirty-five years recognized as one of the leading Liberal organs of New Brunswick, this morning editorialy announced its political independence. This follows its opposition to the government's transcontinental railway project now before the Senate.

MUSKOKA NOMINATIONS.

Bracebridge, Ont., Oct. 21.—Arthur Mahaffy, Conservative, and Dr. J. W. Hart, Liberal, were nominated for Muskoka county, in the Ontario legislature rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Bridgeland, Liberal.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Brantford, Ont., Oct. 21.—Kennedy, the prisoner charged with having murdered Irene Cole, has been committed for trial.

BUSINESS SETTLES DOWN.

Union Trust Company Arranges for Resumption of Operations.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 21.—The directors of the Union Trust Company at a meeting today adopted a resolution to appoint a committee to arrange for a resumption of business. In financial circles in this city today business settled down to a normal basis.

RESTRAINING PICKETING.

Chicago Publishing House Secures Order Against Striking Employees.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—An injunction was granted to the publishing firm of Rand, McNally & Co. today against Franklin Union No. 4, of press feeders, restraining the latter from interfering with the business of the complainants, picketing its plant and intimidating employees.

Await Details Of the Award

Full Particulars Will Not Be Known Until Arrival of Official Maps.

Americans Grateful That Territory is Extended Beyond Late Modus Vivendi.

Sifton Telegraphs Outline of Award And it is Read in Ottawa House.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—The impression prevails at the United States state department today that all the details of the Alaskan Boundary Commission's decision will not be known until the mails brings copies of the maps and other documents laid before the commission. There is a slight gap in the outline description of the boundary in the northern portion, which will probably be filled in when the full transcript is received. Inspection of the charts here add to the satisfaction of the officials, particularly as the commission actually extended the American title over a large territory north of the Klehini river to the boundary line claimed by Secretary Ewarts a quarter of a century ago, instead of limiting it to the boundary fixed by the Hay-Pauncefote modus vivendi. The American state department intends to put the work of surveying the boundary in the hands of the coast survey.

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—The following cable has been received by the premier from Hon. Clifford Sifton, and was read in the House this morning:

"London, Oct. 29th.

"Laurier, Ottawa:—

"Award was signed today by the chief justice and Commissioners Root, Lodge and Turner, being, under the treaty, a binding majority. The line commences at Cape Muzon, goes directly to the southern entrance of the channel, between Wales and Stiklan Islands, proceeding northward between the said islands to Portland channel, then along the middle of Portland channel to its heads. From there the line is formed by going from peak to peak of the mountains, the distance from tidal water varying from ten to thirty miles, speaking generally. Then opposite Thermas Bay the line strops, and is undefined from there to a point about fifteen miles north of the head of Taku inlet; thence following the peaks of mountains about northwestward to White Pass, it follows the summits of White and Chilkoot passes, thence by a peaks of mountains to Mount Fairweather, and passes close to the police post situated near Klehini river. On this course the line will be from eight to twenty miles north of the provisional boundary line, from Fairweather, a short distance northward, and then on a fairly direct course to the rear of Yakutat Bay, thence from peak to peak by a somewhat circuitous route to Mount St. Elias. Marked map follows tomorrow.

"(Signed) SIFTON."

AGRICULTURAL FAIR AT VERNON

Recent Exhibition Proves Most Successful And Very Interesting.

Special Correspondence.

Vernon, Oct. 16.—This year's fair has been a marked success, largely through the enthusiastic labors of Mr. Price Ellison, the member-elect for this riding of Yale. Opened yesterday the exhibits were found to greatly surpass those of previous fairs. The agricultural hall was well filled with the choicest specimens of the products of this, the premier up-country valley of the province, as well as the works of industry of its settlers. In fruits and vegetables, of which inspector Thomas Cunningham was chief of the judges, it would be difficult to conceive of a more beautiful or perfect display. The effects of the marked moisture of this season were well in evidence, although in a few departments such as grains and roots the lack of bright dry weather had a prejudicial effect upon the crops.

In the stock display all the classes were well represented and Dr. Tolmie and Mr. Paisley of Chilliwack had a good hard half day's work in judging the various classes.

Today was race day and good crowds turned out at the tracks. Some of the arrangements were a little slack but some good racing was seen, the heavy track interfering, however, with the breaking of any records of the Vernon races.

The results of the best events were as follows:

Green trot, one mile—J. Phillips' Nancy 1st, Wilmot's Minnie Sharp 2nd, and Huntley's Kit distanced.

Running, half mile—J. Hall's (Kamloops) Tod Sloan 1st, Veasey's Nellie E. 2nd and McAvay's Stray Shot 3rd.

Trot or pace, 2.40 class—Young's Dewey 1st, McGaw's Bill S. 2nd, and Morant's Ben Moran 3rd.

This last race caused a good deal of excitement as ex-Mayor McGaw's big bay came in first in the third heat, but a foul being claimed the heat and race was given to the little chestnut pacer.

The Okanagan valley has suffered this season, not only in the harvesting of its hay crop but in the grain fields as well. Even yet some of the grain is standing green and uncut in the fields while more is cut but because of almost daily rains has not yet been saved. Much that is threshed is of a poor sample and a large loss has been suffered this season through depreciated values of what in early summer gave promise of being magnificent fields of hay and grain.

Okanagan Landing, Oct. 15.—The greatest sympathy of this community is being extended to the proprietor of the commodious hotel which has lately been erected here. But a week ago saw the funeral of one of his little children, an infant, and this sad blow was followed by an untoward accident to another of his children, a bright little boy of some four summers. With an elder brother while playing in a hayloft he slipped out of the door and while the elder completely escaped injury the smaller boy was picked up with a fracture in the base of the skull. Postmaster Taylor raced a horse into Vernon and in a short time medical aid was at hand but the results of the accident are still uncertain and as yet there is but little hope of the little sufferer's recovery.

The place of the Von Bulow family in German history dates back just 750 years. No other family during that period has contributed more officers to the empire either in military or civil life.

FEDERAL NATIONAL BANK.

Pittsburg Institution Explains Cause of Suspension.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 21.—In a statement signed by J. A. Langfit, president of the Federal National Bank, he stated that the Federal National Bank yielded to the combined assaults of its stockholders and depositors, and closed its doors until arrangements can be made to discharge all depositors' claims.

NORWEGIAN CABINET.

Elections Result in Resignations and a Coalition to Be Formed.

Christiana, Norway, Oct. 21.—The cabinet presided over by Otto Blehr has resigned in consequence of a parliamentary committe's decision in favor of the opposition in a disputed election in Nedensaes district whereby the opposition gained four seats. A coalition cabinet made up of Conservatives and Moderate Liberals, will be formed.

GUNNING ACCIDENT.

Winnipeg Duck Hunter Blows Top Off Companion's Head.

Winnipeg, Oct. 21.—A most deplorable shooting accident occurred this afternoon while a party of Winnipeggers were shooting at High Bluff. W. J. Bulman, one of the party, pulled his shotgun to kill a duck, and as soon as he fired, H. A. Boxer, a companion, rose from an adjoining canoe directly in the line of fire. The top of Boxer's head was almost completely blown off and death resulted instantly. Deceased was manager for Messrs. Merrit & Anderson, hardware merchants of this city, and one of Winnipeg's most popular young men. The body was brought to the city tonight.

Negotiations Reported Off

London Rumor That Conference Between Russia and Japan Is Ended.

Naval Activity in Yokohama Still Indicates Preparation For War.

London, Oct. 21.—A report was in circulation on the stock excuange today that the negotiations between Russia and Japan had been broken off, but the Foreign Office officials here said they had not heard anything confirming the rumor. This statement was made subsequent to a visit paid by Baron Hayashi to Foreign Minister Lansdowne this afternoon. The officials of the Foreign Office added that the report was contrary to the general trend of its information.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 21.—The Novykrai of Port Arthur, commenting on the commercial treaty between the United States and China, denies that article twelve (opening ports in Manchuria to United States trade) strikes at the very heart of Russian interests in Manchuria, and says it is convinced the treaty will only be ratified after material modifications, as it affects part of the territory which, by virtue of existing relations, is not free so long as Russia has not definitely come to an understanding with China regarding her rights.

"Moreover," the paper adds, "prior to her present occupation, Russia has special treaty relations with China regarding this territory giving her right to build railways and guaranteeing that no similar privileges would be granted to others."

A despatch to the Novoe Vremya from Vladivostock, under today's date, says: "The Japanese government has informed its consul here that there is no reason why the Japanese should leave Vladivostock. This was in reply to a query of the consul on the subject."

Yokohama, Oct. 21.—The ministerial conferences and naval preparations, and rumors of the appointment of Vice-Admiral Logza, known as a "fighting admiral," to command the standing squadron, have led to a renewal of the anticipation of trouble. Some decided development in the crisis is expected shortly. The steamship and railroad companies are reported to have been notified to be in readiness for emergencies.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—The German government takes a cheerful view of the Russo-Japanese negotiations. Russia has conveyed assurances to Germany that she will keep strictly on the defensive even if Japan occupies Korea.

CHURCH AND STATE.

Pope Pius Anxious to Discover Modus Vivendi to Overcome Troubles.

New York, Oct. 21.—A Rome cable to the Tribune says: Angelo Sarto, a brother of the Pope, and Signor Angelo Parolin, brother-in-law, have had several long conversations with the pontiff, and say that they understood his feelings, both as an Italian and as the head of the church. According to their assertions Pius X. is anxious to leave his name in history by stopping the long conflict between church and state by means of a modus vivendi without renouncing theoretically the claims of the papacy or temporal power, would render possible a certain understanding between Italy and the Vatican, which would allow the Pope to be no longer the prisoner of the Vatican. Before taking any step the Pope wishes to know what compensations Italy would be willing to grant to the church.

WITH THE MISSIONARIES.

Canadian Lady Dies of Plague in India—Affairs in China.

Toronto, Oct. 21.—The Presbyterian Mission Board has received a cablegram announcing the death of Mrs. J. H. Harcourt, Canadian missionary at Mhow, Central Indian, from plague. A letter from Rev. Dr. Dibbont, the well-known Canadian Methodist, in Chentu, China, says the crops in Western China are 50 per cent above the average; that foreigners never stood in such good relation with the people, and the general prosperity together with the favorable attitude of the Viceroy account for this satisfactory state of affairs. Large crowds attend Christian services and the hospitals were never before so well patronized. Rev. E. D. MacLaren, home mission secretary of the Presbyterian church, is appealing for thirty or forty men for British Columbia and Northwest territories mission work.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL MEETING.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—At the annual stockholders meeting of the Illinois Central Railroad it was voted to mortgage thirteen small branch lines for not to exceed $20,000,000; $14,000,000 to be raised at once for the purpose of funding the indebtedness of the company and paying for and improving its line.

Mainland Happenings

Spotters Cause Many Changes In Employees of Express Company.

Dismissed Police Sergeant Will Bring Actions For Perjury And Defamation.

Westbound Train Kills Indian Asleep on Track at The Junction.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Oct. 21.—Altogether twenty men have been let out by the Dominion Express Company, six on the Vancouver-Calgary run and six running East of Calgary, besides eight running both ways out of Winnipeg. The suspensions are the result of the work of spotters. The men's places here have been promptly filled by men from the East.

As a result of the dismissal of Sergeant Butler by the city council, Sergeant Harris has been arrested on information laid by Sergeant Butler, who charges Harris with perjury in swearing at the Butler trial that he (Butler) did not give him instructions to raid a certain house in Chinatown. Butler also threatens to sue the city for defamation of character.

Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., entertained the members of the two Westminster Masonic lodges last night. There was a large turnout of members of the visiting lodges of Vancouver as well as Westminster. The entertainment was a very pleasant one, as it always is when Mt. Herman is host.

Fifty members of Arcana Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Seattle, will arrive in Vancouver Saturday morning next on the steamer Mainlander, as guests of Cascade Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M. They will be taken to the different points of interest, special provision being made for the visitors who desire to drive around the park or do the city in special trams. An emergency meeting is to be called in Masonic Temple at 7:30, and after the lodge has adjourned, the guests will be entertained in the banqueting hall. The hour for supper is 10 o'clock. The Mainlander will be held until 1 o'clock in the morning for the departing guests. The Seattle brethren will be accompanied by the grand master of the State of Washington. Arcana Lodge has among its members some of the best brains and culture of that city. So that a visit from these Seattle citizens from a non-Masonic standpoint is of considerable importance.

Mr. S. H. C. Miner and Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, president and assistant general manager of the Granby smelter, have invested largely in the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company. The company operate four mills in the State of Washington and one in Vancouver, the largest in the world.

The formation of a civic athletic club is being actively discussed.

Judge Henderson and Mrs. Henderson arrived home on the steamer Amur last night from Atlin.

The depth reached in the Alberta Oil wells owned by a Vancouver syndicate is 1820 feet with good prospects for oil, while the new well has just been started.

Heavy sales of timber limits have been made lately to Americans, some of them close to Vancouver. In most instances they have been purchased for speculation by Chicago and Whatcom people and the purchasers do not desire to have the news made public.

The Western Oil and Coal Company, who have secured the only leases granted by the government in the disputed territory in West Kootenay, are prospecting their coal measures with view of opening them up. The property, which is very valuable, is owned principally by Vancouver people, the company being promoted by Mr. J. B. Ferguson.

The German ship Syren is expected to arrive at the Fraser river on Thursday to load Salmon for England.

Dr. Wilson, of the firm of Drs. Wilson & Boyle, has returned to Vancouver to permanently reside after a long absence. He will live in the house formerly occupied by Doctor Boyle, directly opposite his former residence.

Dr. McAlpine, the medical health officer of Vancouver, states that Vancouver is very healthy. Beyond a very few cases of scarlet fever the city is free form disease.

Mr. W. H. Forrest, in charge of the land department of the C. P. R., states that the sales of C. P. R. lands locally have been much heavier this year than for many years past and includes a good deal of the business property as well as the residential property.

The new government rifle range on Lulu island is to be put in shape before very long. The local militia are making every effort in this direction.

According to the amended naturalization act, three weeks' notice must be given before court day by those who intend to apply for naturalization. The county court is to be held today and the applicants who will present themselves are three Chinese named See Shock, Lee Yook Sing, and Sooey Cooey. The next court will be held November 4th, when among those who will be naturalized will be Matti Kurrki, the president of the Finnish colony, Malcolm island. The other names are S. K. March, Canadian; M. P. Blarsdell, H. A. Franks and E. G. MacRea, Americans and Ho Suey, a Chinaman.

A west-bound train yesterday struck and killed an Indian supposed to be asleep on the track. The accident happened near Westminster Junction.

The ship Carnedd Llewelyn sailed today with salmon for England. She had 76,636 cases on board.

The big freight ship Ascot is expected to arrive here next week with sugar for the sugar refinery.

Messrs. W. R. MacInnes and F. W. Peters, freight traffic manager and assistant manager of the C. P. R., have finished a tour of inspection of the Pacific Coast division. Mr. MacInnes has placed an order for 2,000,000 feet of lumber witho a local mill for the company's machine shops at Winnipeg.

NATIONAL BANK FAILS.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The acting comptroller of currency was advised last night that the Federal National Bank of Pittsburg would not open for business this morning. He immediately posted National Bank Examiner John B. Cunningham receiver. No details are known at the comptroller's office as to the causes which led to the failure.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 21.—Notice was posted on the doors of the Federal National Bank at 9 o'clock this morning announcing that the institution is closed by the order of the comptroller of the currency.