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LOVE OF PEACE IS STRONG IN GERMANY

Tageblatt Publishes Washington Despatch of Interview With President Taft on International Arbitration, Etc.

THINKS INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL POSSIBLE.

All Nations Signing Arbitration Treaties with United States Will Duplicate Them Among Themselves.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The Tageblatt publishes under Washington date what purports to be an interview with President Taft on the subject of the international arbitration armaments, Mr. Shuster and the trusts. According to the correspondent, the president is most anxious for an arbitration treaty with Germany of whose love of peace he is firmly convinced. He foresees that all nations which sign arbitration treaties with the United States will duplicate these among themselves.

An international tribunal, he thinks, can be based on this structure with the necessary executive power to enforce its decisions. The first decision of such a tribunal would give the signal for a successive limitation of armament for which there is no other prospect.

The president recognized in the course of the interview that a tariff which was too high favored the building up of monopolies and was a continual temptation to form small trusts which were often more oppressive to the consumer than the big ones. He was, says the correspondent, conscious that he was elected upon the expectation of an honorable tariff reform. He hopes to submit his proposals on Dec. 10 to the tariff commission, whose members although they are not experts, will be prepared to report with the assistance of experts, the details of this report will show whether the present rates are justified or whether there should be a reduction.

President Taft suggested that the law courts offer a remedy to German importers, who are protesting that Canadian paper arrangements constitute discrimination.

Referring to the position of W. Morgan Shuster, the American who is acting as treasurer general in Persia, President Taft said that he went to Persia in his private capacity and that intervention by the United States was excluded.

President Taft throughout the interview showed unmistakably that his sympathies were with Germany and expressed his wishes for the best relations with that country.

DECIDE TO ORGANIZE A PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Dec. 7.—Some 25 representative citizens met in the supreme court chambers this evening to consider the hockey situation. It was decided to organize a professional hockey club for the Maritime league, to be known as the Victorias.

One defence and one forward man will probably be imported from the upper provinces.

The local men will be Wortman, goal; Crocket, Gregory and Norman. A subscription list was opened and a considerable amount subscribed. F. W. Sumner heading the list with $100.

It was estimated that $5,000 would be required to put the club through the season, of which of course, a large amount will come from the games. Officers were elected as follows: F. W. Sumner, president; Mayor Reilly, vice-president; C. F. Gross, secretary-treasurer; managing committee, F. R. Sumner, chairman; P. A. Belliveau, Dr. F. A. Taylor and the secretary-treasurer.

U. S. COAST DEFENCE SYSTEM MAY PROVE WASTE OF ENERGY

Washington, Dec. 7.—With an enormously expensive system of coast defense fortifications, almost completed the United States have not enough soldiers by 37,352 to provide for even one manning detail, according to General E. M. Weaver, chief of the coast artillery, in his annual report.

General Weaver declares that until the necessary trained troops are provided for this purpose, the vast expenditures for coast defense already made will be worse than wasted, since the people will have been lulled into a false sense of security. Therefore he wants to increase the regular artillery by 675 officers and 14,584 men, and the coast artillery militia by 902 officers and 21,204 men.

HOUSE ADJOURNS FOR FIVE WEEKS

Almost Decided to Extend Interval to Six Weeks But Objections Were Raised by Objections Were Raised

Hon. J. D. Hazen Sees Need of Reorganization in the Outside Protective Fishery Service.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The House of Commons adjourned at 6 o'clock this afternoon for its five weeks' Christmas holidays after a languid sitting, marked only by the anaemic end of the dismissals debate. That subject came before the House rather unexpectedly, and after a few perfunctory speeches it was concluded by a passage of the resolution for papers with which it started.

The one outstanding feature was the clear cut statement of the position of the Conservatives by W. S. Middlebro and G. W. Fowler.

At the opening the five weeks' intermission had a narrow escape from becoming six. The Maritime Province Liberals clamored for a longer term and Premier Borden agreed. Then Mr. Oliver arose and objected, so Mr. Borden withdrew the extra week.

Messrs. Borden and Pelletier made the official announcement of the cut in the cable rates.

In reply to C. A. Wilson, of Laval, who observed that the copyright bill has passed the British House, Martin Burrell said that the government will not introduce last year's Canadian copyright bill without further consideration.

Mr. Sinclair drew attention to reports that a separate department of fisheries will be established.

Mr. Hazen said that recommendations to that effect had been laid before him and had been taken into consideration, but that no conclusion had been arrived at on the matter. From his short experience, he added, it seemed to him that the outside protective service might be reorganized with profit.

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INVESTIGATION OF LEASING SYSTEM OF SHOE MACHINES

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Although the greater part of the investigation of the commission into the working of the leasing system of machines by the United Shoe Machinery Co., of Canada today was taken up with the filing of exhibits in the form of leases and other documents, there were a few interesting moments when F. W. Knowlton, general manager of the company took the stand.

Mr. Knowlton gave further testimony as to an understanding between the Canadian customs and the United Shoe Machinery Company of Boston, of which the Canadian company is merely a subsidiary. He testified that machinery imported by his concern from the Miller Machinery Treeing Company of Brockton, Mass., entered at a customs valuation of $60, whereas outside purchasers paid $110 for the same in the States.

PORTER GOES MAD IN FACTORY--INJURES SEVERAL GIRLS

New York, Dec. 7.—Tony Meggie, a porter, went mad at his work this afternoon five stories up in a paper box factory in Wooster street. Sixty young women who liked him because of his mild and engaging demeanor were working around him when the change came. One he slashed with a razor; another he shot in the head, and into the woodwork about the rest he sent the contents of two revolvers whipped out of his hip pockets. With the last cartridge he killed himself.

Tony's victims are Laura Sampino, 19, her cheeks bear the slashes of his razor, and physicians say she will carry the marks for life; and Celia Gebhart, 16. Miss Gebhart's wound is not believed to be mortal.

RUSSIA MAY BE WILLING TO MAKE A SLIGHT CONCESSION

London, Dec. 7.—It is intimated in official circles here that the slowness of the Russian advance on Teheran is intentional. Russia has no desire to march beyond Kasbin. She wants to give Persia time. Should the Russian demands be conceded, especially that for the dismissal of M. Morgan Shuster, it is understood that the Russian government would waive her claim for an indemnity.

HONORABLE B. F. PEARSON VERY ILL

Has Been in Poor Health for Some Time—Son Leaves Moncton For Halifax in Special Train.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—Hon. B. F. Pearson was taken seriously ill this afternoon and is in a serious condition. His son, G. Fred Pearson, who was attending the meeting of the Eastern Press Association at Moncton, was summoned by wire and reached here on a special train this evening.

Mr. Pearson has been in poor health for some time and intended to leave for a six months trip to the Mediterranean on Saturday. It is understood that there is little hope of his recovery.

BRITAIN WILL NOT RECOGNIZE EX-SHAW IF REINSTATED

London, Dec. 7.—The British government has blocked any intention that Russia may have had at the reinstatement of the ex-shah of Persia, Mohammed Ali Mirza to power, by informing the cabinet in St. Petersburg that it is impossible for Great Britain to recognize him.

INFANTA TRYS TO MAKE OUT SHE IS AN AFFECTIONATE AUNT

Madrid, Dec. 7.—King Alfonso has received a letter from the Infanta Eulalia, asking him to pardon her, and saying that she had acted in a moment of forgetfulness. She had, she says, no intention of wounding the royal family nor any political motive. She begs to have an opportunity of showing that she is an affectionate aunt and a true and loyal Spaniard.

GERMANS SEEMED CONFIDENT THERE WAS NO DANGER OF WAR

Vienna, Dec. 7.—The Berlin correspondent of Die Zit says that during the height of the Anglo-German crisis, the French and English banks having withdrawn their credits from the German banks, the latter appealed to the American banks for aid. This was forthcoming, adds the correspondent after the American bankers were assured that there would be no war. This assurance the Germans were able to give, after consultation with the government.

CUT WIFE'S THROAT IN A NIGHTMARE

New Haven, Dec. 7.—After he had cut his wife's throat and then his own last night, James Monahan, a railroad fireman living at No. 212 Rosetta St., declared today in the New Haven Hospital he had committed the act while suffering from a nightmare. His wife, accepting his explanation, has forgiven him and asks that he shall not be punished. Both narrowly escaped death. Mrs. Monahan is still in a serious condition.

When Monahan was told his wife would get better he took heart and asked again and again to be permitted to see her. Because of her serious condition the physicians refused to allow this. Monahan has been employed by the New Haven road for many years. Both will recover according to the surgeons.

SIR JAMES WHITNEY DENIES REPORT IN OTTAWA JOURNAL.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Sir James Whitney was indignant, to read an Ottawa Journal despatch purporting to be from Toronto and announcing the resignation of Hon. J. Foy, from the provincial cabinet. He sent the following telegram:

"Evening Journal, Ottawa, Ont.

"The statement in your newspaper of yesterday that Hon. Mr. Foy had resigned, is utterly untrue. It is a falsehood manufactured without any foundation whatever, and with all confidence I ask you to put the matter right before the public at once.

(Signed) "J. P. WHITNEY."

MORE OUTRAGES CAN BE TRACED TO M'NAMARAS

William J. Burns States That They Were Responsible for Every Dynamiting Occurring Since 1906.

NOT AN ENEMY OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

Has Enemies But Does Not Fear Assassination — Recent Turn of Case Blow to Socialism.

New York, Dec. 7.—Looking more like a dapper commercial traveller than the detective who ran down the McNamaras, Wm. J. Burns arrived in New York today to consult with Walter Drew, counsel for the National Erectors' Association, which retained him to investigate the more than one hundred dynamite outrages throughout the country.

"I have come to New York," said Burns, "to look into certain dynamitings in this city for which the McNamaras and that gang are responsible. More than this I cannot say at this time. But every dynamiting which occurred since 1906 may be traced directly or indirectly to the McNamaras and the men behind them.

"I am not an enemy of organized labor," he continued. "I believe in the great work that it has done for the laboring man, and I speak the truth when I say that such conservative leaders as John Mitchell and others have stood behind me and my work. Organized labor has come to stay, but if unionism is to prevail, it must kick out the corrupt and dishonest leaders and the corrupt machine which is dragging it down today."

Burns declared that some labor leaders were doing their best to stir up some to take a crack at me.

"But I am not afraid of assassination," he said. "The turn the McNamaras case has taken has been the greatest blow to Socialism in the history of this country, and although I have received all sorts of threatening letters, I believe, no one, except perhaps a fanatic, would attempt my life. They are too careful of their own necks."

M'NAMARA BOASTED THAT THE LAW COULD NOT CONVICT HIM

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—"I've got hundreds of thousands of dollars and the American federation of labor back of me, it took only $30,000 to clear Vincent Altman, of Chicago and if they could not convict him, they can't convict me."

This boast, attributed today by Detective Malcolm McLaren to James B. McNamara, as the latter was being taken on a train from Detroit to Chicago on the night of April 12 last, caused Ortie E. McManigal then also under arrest, to become angered with McNamara for his independent statement and was the first circumstance that led McManigal to break from his companion and eventually confess his connection with various dynamiting explosions throughout the country.

The federal grand jury heard McManigal's story all day and will hear more of it tomorrow, laying the foundations for the probe into the alleged dynamiting conspiracies that extended from coast to coast in the last three years.

The McNamaras were not brought before the federal grand jury today, and it may be that McManigal's story will be regarded as sufficient and the other two will be taken to San Quentin without interrogation here.

NEGRO CONVINCES POLICE THAT HE IS INNOCENT OF CRIME

New York, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Joseph Roberts, the West Indian negro held for the alleged murder of Isaac S. Vogel, convinced the police today that his story of the ring in his possession was true.

The police thought at first that the ring was Vogel's. They also searched Roberts' flat, without finding trace of the $10,000 worth of jewels, Vogel is supposed to have had with him when he was murdered, but found none. An autopsy of the slain gem dealer's body showed that a man of great strength had dealt him two blows with a hammer. Death was due to a compound fracture of the skull. The nose and the right temporal region of the skull were badly crushed.

The physicians took prints of the dead man's fingers to help the police in their search for the murderer. These finger prints will be compared with any that may be found on the clothing of a suspect, the police believing that there was a struggle and hoping that the victim left his assailant thus labelled.

COLONEL BAXTER ELECTED TO LOCAL LEGISLATURE

St. John County Elects Able Representative by Acclamation —Was Prominent in Municipal Affairs.

THOSE WHO SIGNED THE NOMINATION.

G. Earle Logan Filed Papers and W. B. Tennant was Candidate's Agent—Will Add Strength to Government.

John B. M. Baxter, K. C., the local government candidate, was yesterday elected by acclamation for St. John county to the local legislature. Mr. Baxter succeeds James Lowell, who resigned his seat in the local House, and unsuccessfully contested St. John city and county at the federal election in the interest of the Liberal party.

At sharp 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the returning officer, Sheriff S. S. DeForest, opened his election court at the courthouse and after reading the proclamation, swore in A. B. Clifford as his clerk. Shortly before 11 o'clock G. Earle Logan filed the nomination paper of the government candidate, and deposited with the returning officer the sum of one hundred dollars in Canadian currency. William B. Tennant, of Brookville, was appointed Mr. Baxter's official agent. At 12 o'clock there being no other nominations Sheriff deForest announced that he would not receive any further nominations and would keep the court open until two o'clock to receive objections if any, to the paper already filed. At 2 o'clock there being no objections, the returning officer declared John B. M. Baxter a member of the local legislature for the County of St. John.

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TAFT ADVOCATES RESERVATION AT NIAGARA FALLS

Washington, Dec. 7.—"Vandalism will continue unchecked" unless a national reservation is established at Niagara Falls, declares a report which President Taft today sent to Congress from the committee for regulation and control of the waters of the Niagara River, and the preservation of Niagara Falls. The report tells of many improvements accomplished, but declares that the committee has been powerless to cope with the conditions on the American side north of the Falls.

"Apparently," it is asserted, "the situation is beyond control except through the creating of the national reservation recommended in the 61st Congress."

CAMERON WILL TRY TO BRING VICTORY TO NOVA SCOTIA

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, Dec. 7.—A rather pleasant function took place this evening in the office of the sporting editor of the News when a number of the citizens of the town assembled together to bid Fred S. Cameron and his trainer, Thomas T. Trenholm best wishes for success in their journey to Edinburg, where Cameron has entered for the Powder Hill Marathon.

W. J. Power presided and made a brief speech, paying his respects ta the great advertising that Amherst had received through Cameron, and wishing him and Trenholm every success. G. K. Chapman then on behalf of a number of the citizens presented the two men with a purse of four hundred dollars to aid them in defraying expenses.

Cameron and Trenholm both spoke briefly and thanked the donors for their kind gift. Cameron pledged himself to do the best he could to bring victory for Amherst and the province of Nova Scotia. Trenholm stated that Longboat was to accompany them and hoped to see Amherst first and Toronto second. The party will leave Amherst on the C. P. R. tomorrow for Halifax and sail on the Megantic on Saturday.

CHINESE MAY NOW GO QUELESS--PEACE NOW SEEMS NEARER

Pekin, Dec. 7.—An imperial edict has been issued today sanctioning the cutting off of queues.

A telegram from Wu Chang says that the revolutionaries there are hopeful that the extension of the armistice will result in peace. The leaders are willing to concede full power to the premier, Yuan Shi Kai, provided that he agrees to the entire elimination of the Manchus from the central government.

UNIONISTS OBJECT TO HOME RULE

Andrew Bonar Law Opens Party's Campaign with a Statement that Ireland Does Not Need It.

London, Dec. 7.—At the opening at Bootle, Lancashire, tonight of the Unionist campaign against home rule, the opposition leader Andrew Bonar Law, said that his party had determined to fight the proposal to the last gasp. Many people, he said favored home rule because they were tired to death of the Irish problem and glad to see it out of the way. The duty of the Unionists was to convince them that it would bring Ireland no peace, but the sword. Ireland wanted less politics and more industry.

Mr. Redmond and his friends were promising Ireland more politics and less industry. They are wise in trying to get home rule while they could, continued the speaker. This was their last chance, as every year the demand for it was diminishing in Ireland. Another ten years and the agitation would have died out. He declared that it was utterly impossible to pass the bill in this parliament.

HUNDRED TAKE TO ROOF WHEN PICTURE THEATRE TAKES FIRE

Concord, N. H., Dec. 7.—A hundred men and women had to flee to the roof of a burning factory and thence over the adjoining roofs to escape from a fire which destroyed the Globe moving picture theatre and the Dux Toy Co., building on School street today. The theatre had just been closed after the matinee performance when fire broke out on the stage. The three story brick block occupied by the theatre was quickly consumed, and the fire spread to the building of the Dux Toy Company, adjoining. Employes working on the third floor of the toy shop found their escape by the stairways cut off, but reached the ground safely by going over roofs of neighboring structures.

The total loss was $50,000.

ST. STEPHEN'S PASTOR INDUCTED TO ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The induction of Rev. Dr. Gibson, the new pastor of St. Matthew's church, Point St. Charles, by the Montreal Presbytery took place tonight, a large number of prominent local clergy being in attendance. Rev. Dr. Gibson comes from St. Stephen, N. B. Tomorrow night he will be tendered a reception by his congregation.

FIRST CABLE LETTER FROM BRITISH POSTMASTER TO CANADA.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster general, has received the following cable from British Postmaster General Samuel, bearing on the reduction of cable rates. It is the first message under the new conditions:

"Hon. Louis P. Pelletier, Ottawa;

"Cordially reciprocate the friendly wish contained in your letter of 24th November. Have announced in House of Commons that reduced rates for plain language deferred telegrams to and from Canada will come into operation on first January, also that by arrangement with Western Union Company deferred press telegrams at half rates and day and week-end cable letters at greatly reduced rate will be accepted at once by this company for places in Canada served by its system. Letter follows. Am sending this cable letter on first day of service.

(Signed) HERBERT SAMUEL,
Postmaster General."

REYES MISSING.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 7.—All efforts to locate General Bernardo Reyes, charged with attempting to foment a Mexican insurrection in San Antionio have been abandoned. It is believed here that he has crossed the Mexican border, or is on his way there.

ARMISTICE EXTENDED.

Pekin, Dec. 7.—The armistice has been extended until Dec. 21. Prince Tsai Tao and Prince Tsai Suan, brothers of Prince Chun, the ex-regent, have each contributed 1,000,000 taels for military expenses.

Hundred.

MAY PROTEST DECLARATION OF LONDON

Chamber of Commerce at New York Takes No Definite Action But Passes Committee's Report.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Chamber of Commerce today decided to take no definite stand regarding the "Declaration of London" until the federal government had announced its attitude. The "Declaration of London" undertakes to establish an agreement between the principal commercial nations for the control of commerce in time of war. It names the articles which may without notice be used as a contraband of war, which include food stuffs, all kinds of craft, railway materials, clothing, silver, gold and vehicles.

The Chamber adopted a report of its committee on foreign commerce which said that the New York chamber had been requested to protest against the adoption of the "Declaration of London" by the Chamber of Commerce of London. This report contained a letter from Secretary of State Knox, who in reply to a request for information wrote the New York chamber that the matter was still in abeyance so far as the Department of State was concerned, "pending the outcome of the correspondence between the governments of the United States and Great Britain, looking to an agreement upon a uniform translation of the French text of the "Declaration of London."

PRESS ASSOCIATION CONSIDER MATTER OF A LEASED WIRE

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the Eastern Press Association held here today was attended by 14 representatives of daily papers in the Maritime Provinces. A number of matters pertaining to the news and distribution services were considered and committees were appointed to wait on the government and the Railway Commission. A resolution was adopted calling for the abolition of the duties on type setting machines and type. The morning paper section took up the question of securing a leased wire between Montreal and Halifax, but the discussion was interrupted by a message to G. Fred Pearson calling him to Halifax to see his father who was taken seriously ill, and no decision was reached.

The following directors were elected:—Frank Ellis and E. W. McCready of St. John; J. D. Black, Fredericton; Mr. Payson, Moncton; P. D. McNeil, Sydney, and C. C. Blackader and Wm. Dennis, of Halifax.

The directors elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:—President Frank Ellis; vice-president, C. C. Blackader; secretary, G. Fred Pearson.

In the evening the members of the association were entertained at dinner in the Mitchell Hotel by the newspaper men of Moncton.

DR. MALONEY WILL CONTEST ELECTION AGAINST GRAHAM

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Thomas A. Low, Liberal M. P. for South Renfrew, resigned his seat in the Commons today to make way for Hon. Geo. P. Graham, ex-Minister of Railways, who was defeated in Brockville. The by-election warrant will be issued at once. Mr. Low's majority was 619.

Dr. Maloney who was the Conservative candidate in South Renfrew in the recent election, will in all probability contest the riding against Hon. George Graham.

Dr. Maloney was notified by wire of the resignation of T. A. Low, the Liberal member, today, and will be in Ottawa tomorrow to confer with the Ontario Conservative leaders.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S SECOND ONE-TOPIC MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 7.—In the second one-topic message he has sent to Congress during the three days of the present session President Taft today reviewed the relations of the United States with foreign governments during the past year. In the message he urged the United States Senate to ratify the general arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France, and suggested legislation that he declared would strengthen the United States' world trade and position among the other powers.