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LONDON PAPER LAUDS LAURIER

Pall Mall Gazette Comments on Premier's Speech in Toronto

OUR TRADE ABROAD

Sir Edward Grey Gives Interview on Subject of Direct Colonial Representation in Imperial Congress Service—The Atlantic Freight Rates

(Times' Special Cable)

London, Jan. 7.—The Pall Mall Gazette says of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech in Toronto on Wednesday at the opening of the new Liberal club there, that it breathes a precious spirit of kinship which wins the heart.

Sir Edward Grey, consulted on the appointment of Preston to Amsterdam states that the office created purely for commercial purposes for the benefit of Canadian trade. In the colonial circles in London, the appointment is taken to indicate that Canadian statesmen are not satisfied that the facilities given by the imperial consular service are adequate for shipping colonial trade as direct representation.

The action has already been tried by the South-African government with good results. It was hoped Canadian trade would be similarly helped by the new appointment and it has been suggested that the subject of direct colonial representation in the imperial consular service shall be placed in the agenda at the next imperial conference unless the present movement on the part of the colonies renders earlier action desirable.

Liverpool, Eng., Jan. 7.—Liverpool freight market, speaking of freight rates said the matter has been so bad it would have been better if the ships sailed empty to North America. Sometimes Canadians were crying out a great deal about a little matter. The increases were not alarming. They were not engineered by American interests.

ANOTHER ATHLETE SEEKS THE "SILLER"

New York, Jan. 7.—Jim Crowley, one of the swiftest and best in England, will be held in Madison Square Garden next month. Crowley has been offered a race against Tom Longboat to be run in Buffalo the latter part of the month, which he may accept.

I. G. R. ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN SERVICE

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 7.—(Special)—The Intercolonial Railway management announces that on and after January 16 the night express between Halifax and Sydney will be discontinued until further notice and that trains Nos. 17 and 18 now performing that service will be run locally between Halifax and New Glasgow on the same time schedule as shown in the present time table.

The through service between Halifax and the Sydney will be maintained by the regular day trains, Nos. 19 and 20 which have sleeping and dining car attached.

FOG KEEPS WARSHIPS IN PORT AT NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 7.—The ten battleships of the Atlantic fleet, which have been here since before the holidays, did not get away to sea yesterday, as had been planned. The vessels lifted anchor and got up steam ready for the start when Rear Admiral Schroeder decided that the fog was too thick to make it prudent for the warships to try to find their way down the ice-choked channel out of the harbor.

BOSTON POST OFFICE SWAMPED

Floods of Campaign Eloquence in Mails in Mayoralty Contest—Party Lines Broken Down Under New Charter

ENGLISH HORSES FOR STATES

Born, Bred and Trained in the Old Country Will be Raced in Yankee Grand Circuit Next Season

New York, Jan. 7.—Harness horses, born, bred and trained in England, will be raced in the grand circuit this year, according to A. C. Pennock, the former Cleveland trainer, who has been in England for several years as the manager of the racing stable of Louis Winans of Brighton, Eng. Pennock writes that he will sail from England for New York on February 8, and immediately after his arrival here he will ship his horses to the North Randall track at Cleveland, where they will be prepared for the summer campaign.

This will be the first time that a string of horses from the other side has been sent to the United States for racing purposes and the result of their campaign will probably settle a problem which has for several years caused more or less comment, whether the trotting horses bred in Europe, even though American property, are the equal of those bred on this side, for in the string there are two of the best European bred winners of recent years. One of them is Don, which at three and four years old, was the champion trotter of Europe.

BANK ASSIGNS

Cleveland Institution's Troubles Follow Publishing House Receivership

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 7.—The Sixth Cleveland Banking Company, one of the strongest of Cleveland's suburban banks, filed a deed of assignment yesterday to Attorney Thomas H. Masland.

U. G. Walker, president of the bank, is also a director in the Werner Company, a large Akron publishing house, for which a receiver was appointed in the federal court on Wednesday night. Loans by the Cleveland Banking Company on Werner are said by Assignee Masland to run into the hundreds of thousands, although the bank not yet ascertained the approximate total of the loans.

Though the capital stock of the Sixth Cleveland Banking Company was \$1,000,000, the deposits exceeded \$2,000,000.

STANDARD OIL NOW DENIES CORNERING MILK MARKET

New York, Jan. 7.—The Standard Oil Company, which recently gravely denied a circumstantial report that it had discovered a secret process for making butter from petroleum, has just found occasion to deny formally that it is a party to any attempt to corner the milk market of New York.

"The Standard Oil Company," says the statement, "wishes to deny that it has anything whatever to do, either by direct or indirect ownership of shares or by the most remote community of interests, with any company serving milk or furnishing cattle feed."

Pittsburg, Jan. 7.—The Standard Oil Company today reduced the Pennsylvania grade oil three cents to \$1.40.

Five grades of crude oil were reduced three cents today by the Standard Oil Company.

TWO LIVES LOST IN PITTSBURG FIRE

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 7.—Two persons were killed, another was seriously injured and twelve others rescued from almost certain death early today during a fire which destroyed a frame dwelling house occupied by three families of foreigners.

ELECTION TURMOIL GROWS; SOME MEETINGS HAVE TO BE ABANDONED

IT WILL TAKE A LOT OF TIME

Russia Has Not Yet Acted On United States Memorandum re Manchuria Railroads

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—The foreign office has taken no action on the memorandum presented by the United States government relative to the neutralization of the Manchuria railroads, which has been submitted for a careful examination conjointly by the ministers of finance and war.

The ultimate action of Russia will depend largely upon the reception of the proposals by the other powers and the developments in this matter will necessarily consume a great deal of time.

The leading official of the foreign office, in an interview, stated that the proposals were not regarded in any sense as unfriendly or unwelcome, and would be approached from the standpoint of practical possibilities and given attention commensurate with the magnitude of the political, economic and military questions involved.

As Russia's policy in the Far East is defensive and not aggressive, certain features outlined in the memorandum are decidedly advantageous, but the success of the proposal will probably be determined largely by the attitude of Japan, whose portion of the railroads was vital to the scheme.

In reply to similar proposals from China, Russia had stipulated that the transfer should occur after the completion of the Amur railway, but in the present case the neutralization feature disposed of the necessity of such stipulation.

The proposal of the United States for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways is dependent upon the consent of China.

WOODSTOCK GIRL DIES IN STATES

Miss Caroline Doherty Passes Away—H. C. Hill Dies of Pneumonia

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 7.—(Special)—A wire was received this morning announcing the death of Miss Caroline Doherty, formerly of this town, in Middlebury, Vt. She is survived by one sister and two brothers—Miss Josephine and William Doherty, of Middlebury, and James Doherty, of Woodstock. Her mother was the sister of the late Senator Oliver of St. John. The burial will be made in Woodstock.

H. C. Hill, who came here a few years ago from Eastport, Me., where he was captain of a fishing schooner, and has since conducted a restaurant in Woodstock, was taken sick yesterday with pneumonia and died today at age 60 years. His wife resides here.

ANDREW ALLAN IN CITY TODAY

Again Denies Rumor of Sale to the C. P. R.—Is Going to Boston

Andrew A. Allan, of the Allan Line Steamship Company, arrived in the city today from Montreal. To a Times reporter he said his visit was simply one of inspection. He wished to see the officials here and discuss matters. He had hoped to spend several days here but it was probable now that he would have to go to Boston tonight to look after some matters there.

Asked regarding the reported merger of the Allan line with the C. P. R. Mr. Allan gave a most emphatic denial to the report. "The stock of the Allan Line," he said, "is all owned by my brother, my two cousins and myself and is registered in Somerset House, England, in our names, as required by the British laws. So you see we have it all in the family and there is not the slightest foundation for the reports that have been sent out."

Duke of Norfolk Gets No Hearing Till Threat of Prosecution By Chairman Quiets House

Asquith's Handling of Balfour At Meeting in Bath—Milner on Home Rule—Balfour and Asquith Compared—Dundonald Has Colonial Scheme For Times of Depression at Home—Lively Time With the Suffragettes

(Times' Special Cable)

London, Jan. 7.—Turbulence at meetings reported today from many places. Mr. Asquith was unable to speak until some members of the audience were ejected. The Duke of Norfolk could not be heard until the chairman threatened to prosecute the interrupters. The stumping peers, especially, are having a rough time.

Lords Dunsborough and Clarendon at Coventry had to abandon their meeting though the former appealed to the crowd that at all meetings he addressed, though they contained a majority of radicals, he had always been heard.

Hon. Mr. Asquith, speaking at Bath, replied to Balfour. His (Asquith's) knowledge of the diplomacy of Europe, he said, was as close as that of Balfour's. He asserted unhesitatingly that so far as he was aware not only was there no such statement and diplomatist but there was not a single power, small or great, which was shaping its policy and basing its calculations on the assumption of war between Britain and Germany being inevitable or even probable, nor could he discern in any quarter of the political horizon any cause of quarrel direct or indirect between Britain and a great friendly nation.

Pulling His Leg

Germany would tell Balfour, that Germany would allow Britain to adopt protection were pulling his leg (laughter) while Balfour meant our naval supremacy on our own seas was imperilled or endangered by this statement a flat absolute contradiction. Mr. Asquith, in conclusion, dealt with tariff reform, and asked Balfour to deny that the effect of protection and colonial preference would be to increase the price of food. If the present duties on sugar and tea were removed as a compensation, then this benefit of tariff reform must be barren of revenue.

Lord Milner, at Leichfield, said many people considered themselves about Home Rule with the reflection that, before such an enormous change could be made, there must be another appeal to the country. Those who comforted themselves with such an idea were laboring under a serious delusion. His opinion was that if they allowed the present government have another opportunity of giving a vote on that important question.

Hon. Mr. Burns, of Battersea, asserted that the Conservatives did not talk big now because they knew it was popular. London's trade of \$200,000,000 was created by free trade. The people were now taking an intelligent interest in their affairs. If free trade was endangered there would be a popular uprising such as the country had not witnessed for 500 years.

Sir Edward Grey at Milford said what protection had done for Germany was to give lower wages, and dearer food. The financial situation in Germany caused the growth of the Socialist vote, which was beyond anything we had in this country, and proved that if we resorted to tariff reform, we should embarrass our own industries and the finances.

Dundonald's Plans

Lord Crew asserted that some speakers and writers on the navy started from the depths of absolute ignorance and finished on the confines of epileptic mania. These they could neglect because that foaming at the mouth was not considered to be an effective form of political argument.

Lord Dundonald urged the true way to deal with cycles of depression would be for populous towns and counties to acquire gridded estates in the colonies and vigorously develop them in times of commercial depression.

Asquith's Bath Meeting

(Toronto Telegram's cable special.) Bath, Eng., Jan. 7.—The strain of making his voice carry in the rink forced Premier Asquith to shorten his speech last night, and barely make mention of the budget. The audience wanted to hear nothing else but the budget. There was nothing revolutionary in his speech to further stir the Liberals already stirred to the boiling point.

Bath has three hundred suffragettes. They hung back, but militant suffragettes from outside took command. Asquith is their net avenger, and they rented windows in houses close to the rink. The Liberals were prepared for anything and a woman had no more chance of getting in to Asquith's meeting than into a masonic lodge. The Liberals are indignant that the suffragettes had forced them in self defence to exclude their own wives and daughters from the pleasure of hearing Asquith, and Liberals outside the rink were in a bad temper when two suffragettes from London began to distribute leaflets outside the rink.

FIND BRIBERY NOT LEGAL

NATIONS IN RACE FOR SOUTH POLE

New Year to See England, France and United States in Search—Some of Peary's Men to Go

(Times' Special Cable)

London, Jan. 7.—A report sent out from Washington that an Antarctic expedition is to be launched soon under the auspices of the National Geographical Society, is taken here to mean that the end of the year will see three great nations—England, France and the United States—engaged in an exciting race for the South Pole.

France already is represented somewhere within the Antarctic zone by Dr. Jean Charcot, who sailed south from Rio Janeiro on Oct. 27, 1908. Nothing has been heard from him since April 17 last, when his wife received a letter from Deception Island.

England is about to send two expeditions. Yesterday it was announced in London that the British government stood ready to advance \$100,000 for the expedition to be commanded by Captain B. C. Scott, a veteran antarctic traveller. Lieut. Ernest B. Shackleton, who reached the southern point on January 9 last, is also preparing to head a party to follow that of Captain Scott.

According to the plans, which only await execution until sufficient funds have been raised, the American party will sail south aboard the Roosevelt, the same ship which enabled Commander Peary to reach the North Pole. It also appears probable that at least three of Peary's most efficient men will be leaders in the search for the earth's southern pole. They are Captain Robert Bartlett, Professor Donald McMillan and George Druce.

Four Thousand Cheer Him

Sitting and standing, four thousand people crowded till they could cheer the premier and sing the inevitable "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." A former Winnipegger among the stewards smiled at the display of two stars and stripes in the decorations of the rink.

Mr. Asquith's speech was begun at 8:05 and finished at 8:45 o'clock.

Bath Liberals claim that the curates of the Church of England in the district are rich. Of four curates in sight of the press table one joined in singing "The Land the Land 'Twas God who gave the land." A free trade song was the next favorite, but the land song was chanted with real fervor by these descendants of the Somersetshire peasantry, who went to death in the Monmouth rebellion. That song was to them the Marseillaise of this revolution.

Balfour and Asquith

With perfect courtesy Balfour led his Handley audience to believe that Asquith was ignorant or untruthful in his overestimate of Britain's naval strength. With equally perfect courtesy, Asquith suggested to the Bath audience that Balfour knew the truth and spoke falsehood in overestimating the danger from Germany. The old country style of making polite words carry impalpable meanings was illustrated in Asquith's indirect endorsement of the street talk that Chamberlain is a mental wreck, unable to write any sort of letter, and that the signature which formerly gave value to his letters is written now by another hand.

Balfour may have charm, plus strength, but Asquith has strength minus charm. The audience found charm enough in Asquith's scornful denunciation of the peers as "that great reservoir which is being perpetually fed with tributaries of hereditary wisdom."

Flashes like these represent Asquith at his best and greatest. There was no sign of greatness in his argument against tariff reform. He talked from text books, not from life, when he underestimated the cost of living on the other side of the Atlantic. Half a dozen men in Canada, headed by Foster, could drive Asquith from the platform in a debate on the merits of protection versus free trade.

There was an echo of our own Canadian clap trap in Asquith's admission that the Unionists would not abolish the old age pensions of five shillings a week, but their tariff reform would so decrease the purchasing power of these shillings as to operate a virtual reduction—pretty cheap that, for the prime minister of England—even if it was cheered to the echo. Asquith has the lawyer's weakness for trying to give equal value to every point.

In brief, the speech in general proved Asquith's great qualities of mind less attractiveness of manner than Balfour. The country that has to choose between two such competitors for the premiership is not badly off.

FINNISH BOAT MISSING

James Rhynolds and Companions Weak and Tattered, Reach Home at Dover, N. S. Today

(Associated Press)

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ACCIDENT OF YEARS AGO LEADS TO DEATH OF BOY—CHILD KILLED BY EATING BOX OF PILLS—CHURCH IN QUEBEC WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE YESTERDAY

(Special)

Toronto, Jan. 7.—It has just been discovered that by a peculiar defect in the overlapping of liquor licenses, municipal acts, bribery in connection with local option contests in Ontario is legal, there being nothing about bribing voters on local option by-laws.

Hon. Mr. Hanna, provincial secretary, will bring in an amendment covering this matter at the coming session of the legislature.

The Ontario moral and social reform council has decided to ask the provincial legislature for a measure providing for local option by counties, including cities up to 25,000 inhabitants, and for local option by wards and districts in larger cities. The Dominion government will also be asked to make the laws relating to naturalization of foreigners more stringent. The foreign vote having been shown to be largely responsible for a number of defeats of local option.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Frank Jackson, the 12-year-old son of Sergeant Jackson, of the local police force is dead, as the direct result of an accident he sustained a year ago, while playing in a school yard. He was struck by an older boy and fell, breaking his leg. The accident affected his heart and heart trouble was the cause of death.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 7.—(Special)—A despatch from Clinton, near here, says that Frank Leonard, who escaped from a house where he was held pending arrest for assaulting his brother's wife, is believed to have been frozen to death. Leonard got away with only light clothing on. The constables traced him for some distance, and the terrible cold weather forced them to let him go.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 7.—(Special) The four-year-old daughter of John Eds wards, engaged with his wife in a lumber camp back of Searchmont, got hold of a box of pills and ate the entire contents, dying soon after in convulsions. An inquest will likely be held.

Quebec, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The parish church of St. Catharines at Port Neuf, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The presbytery was saved. How the fire originated is unknown.

MAN IN TUNNEL NOT YET FOUND

New York, Jan. 7.—Another lot of workmen today continued digging to find Isaac Feinckelstein, supposed to have been buried alive in an excavation made to tap the wealth of the Fourteenth street bank and the safe of a nearby jewelry shop.

Feinckelstein was reported missing and searching for him a tunnel leading from the house next door, out under the street was discovered. Unable to penetrate the excavation from within because of a cave-in, the street department was called upon and a force of men put to work digging from the street surface down to the tunnel.

Through the rainy night the laborers dug through the hard earth. There is no trace of Feinckelstein yet, but the further end of the tunnel has not been reached.

THE QUESTION OF CONTROL OF SKATING

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The Western Skating Association officers have sent a request to President Louis Rubenstein of the International Skating Association of America at Montreal to advise the Amateur Athletic Union to recognize the obligations of the alliance of January 2, 1908, between those two governing bodies of sports or expect the announcement of the cancellation of the alliance on a thirty days' notice.

FORTY HOUSES ARE WRECKED BY HURRICANE

Cadiz, Spain, Jan. 7.—A hurricane to-day wrecked the village of Le Linea, near the Gibraltar boundary line in this province; the loss of life is not known.

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