

CANADIAN PACIFIC TO TAKE OVER ALAN LINE

Sir Thomas' Present Trip To England Lends Color To Rumor Current For Some Time.

Scheme To Give C. P. R. Entry Into Steamship Territory In Scotland, Ireland and France.

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London, Dec. 9.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, will arrive on Monday. It is understood one object of his visit concerns the completion of arrangements whereby the Canadian Pacific secures working control of the Allan steamships.

The Glasgow interests of the firm which has held about three-quarters of the working capital, have been purchased with this end in view. The new plans give the Canadian Pacific the much coveted entry into steamship territory in Scotland, Ireland and France from which it is now excluded by conference rules. They also give the Canadian Pacific complete control of the Canadian mail contract which is now shared with the Allans.

Empire's For Pacific.
It is expected the growing needs of the Canadian Pacific's service on the Pacific ocean will be met in the near future by the transference to the Canadian Pacific of the service of the Japanese steamers now on the Atlantic and the Victorian and Virginian of the Allan Line service.

Two New Steamers.
It is also expected in view of this transference, that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy will make preliminary arrangements here for the construction of two new Atlantic steamers of the latest type, which will keep the Canadian Pacific at the head of the St. Lawrence passenger trade. Last season's White Star experience on the St. Lawrence route, it is expected this will be adopted on the new Canadian Pacific boats.

In view of these changes, fresh arrangements are in progress in connection with the bill, the general superintendence service at Montreal.

DISAPPEARANCE OF MR. READ COMPLETE

Police Completely Baffled In Search For Missing Sackville Man—Father May Return To Montreal.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 9.—Henry C. Read, of Sackville who was in town today, said the disappearance of his son Herbert, was as much mystery as ever. The police have been unable to trace every hour of the five days his son spent in Montreal down to the time of his departure for Bonaventure depot. After that absolutely nothing is known. Detectives are still working on the case and Mr. Read may return to Montreal to assist in the search but he is greatly perplexed as to what move to make next.

MRS. GILBERT W. GANONG IN SERIOUS ACCIDENT

St. Stephen Lady Slipped On icy Sidewalk Last Night, Sustaining a Fracture Of The Ankle.

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KALAMAZOO FIRE IS STILL RAGING

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—The combined efforts of the fire departments of three cities had not succeeded tonight in entirely extinguishing the fire which broke out last night in the heart of the business district, although the flames which caused a loss of approximately \$750,000 were under absolute control.

EIGHT HOUR BILL IS TO BE PROBED

Mr. Verville's Hardy Annual At Last Comes Into Its Own, Inspiring the Serious Consideration of the Government—McKenzie King Given Another Try-out—The Proceedings in Detail.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The house today afforded the interesting spectacle of a legislature taking up an eight-hour day bill with something like real seriousness. Mr. Verville has a bill of this sort as a hardy annual; it shows up every year and hitherto has died quietly. This year it will go to a special committee for inquiry, and the house in so ordaining spent several hours on it. The committee is to consist of Mr. King, Mr. Macdonnell, Mr. Ralph Smith, Mr. Staples, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Verville.

The Bill's Peculiarity.
Mr. Verville's bill presents a marked peculiarity which is not advisable to bear in mind. It is entitled "an act respecting the hours of labor on public works," but it really deals with contracts of all sorts entered into by the government. It stipulates that "every contract to which the government of Canada is a party, which may involve the employment of laborers, workmen or mechanics, shall contain a stipulation that no laborer employed by contractors or sub-contractors engaged in the whole or part of the work shall work more than eight hours a day except in case of emergency."

A second clause provides that in the event of non-compliance the contract shall be void and the contractor cannot receive any money for work performed under conditions which violate the stipulation.

It was generally held in the house that the bill was a very important one. As Mr. Claude Macdonnell remarked, if in a contract for postmen's clothing the eight-hour day was not observed in the manufacture of any portion of the work, the contract would be void, or as Mr. Madden remarked, the Dominion could not buy steel rails from the Sydney works unless the eight-hour day was observed on the ships which bring iron ore or dolomite to the mills.

While there was much criticism of this aspect of the bill, the general deal of support.

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CANADA TO LEAD IN AERODROME CONSTRUCTION

So Declares Earl Grey After a Round Of The Laboratories At Baddeck—Baddeck No. 2 In Successful Flight.

HIS EXCELLENCY HIGHLY PLEASED

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 9.—"There is no question but that you boys are going to make Baddeck famous and put Canada in the forefront with the world's greatest aeroplane builders," these words of encouragement were tendered to Messrs. McCurdy and Baldwin, the Baddeck aviators by His Excellency Earl Grey, after the Governor General had witnessed a flight of aerodrome Baddeck No. 2, Dentick farm, Baddeck River, yesterday afternoon.

Visit Unofficial.

His Excellency, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lord Lascelles, arrived at Baddeck on the S. S. Bluehill and was escorted to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Baldwin at Red Head, part of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's estate, whose guest he was during his unofficial visit. After a short rest, the vice royal party under the guidance of Messrs. McCurdy and Baldwin were shown through the factory of the Canadian Aerodrome Company where their several heavier than air machines were inspected. His Excellency exhibited a technical interest in the construction of the machines the different parts of which were explained to the minutest detail. He was especially interested in Baddeck No. 1, the aerodrome which was tried out by the Canadian military authorities at Petawawa last summer and which was badly damaged owing to an accident while making a trial flight. This aerodrome has been repaired and is now ready to be flown.

The Debate.
Mr. Verville's own speech calls for little attention being largely devoted to his own action in the matter.

Mr. Claude Macdonnell, who followed him, at once drew into notice the lack of correspondence between the name of the bill and its real scope. It struck at the Government's power to buy anything. Many in the House would be willing to go to the extent of requiring contractors for the Government works to give their men the eight-hour day, but this bill would make it impossible to buy an article any component part of which had not been manufactured under this system. That was altogether impossible and in conclusion Mr. Macdonnell urged the duty of the Government to present to the House with a well thought out plan of dealing with the eight hour problem.

Other Objections.
Speeches followed by Dr. Edwards, who noted that an 8 hour day would increase the farm labor difficulty; by Mr. Hugh Guthrie, who threw out the idea of sending the bill to a special committee; by Mr. Middlebro, who suggested that an 8 hour day might reduce wages; and by Mr. Macdonnell, who said that the 8 hour day had been a success in his own district.

Mr. Rhodes held that the experience of Victoria, B. C., showed that neither production nor wages suffered, the production nor wages suffered, the production nor wages suffered.

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MR. B. FRUIT THE EQUAL OF A ZELAYA IS TO QUIT POSITION

Provincial Exhibitors Fared Well At Winter Fair Which Closed Yesterday—A Fruit Expert's Views.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 9.—It is authoritatively stated here that Zelaya will surrender the presidency within three weeks. The intentions of the United States are giving the Nicaraguan government considerable anxiety and the administration is puzzled as to what to do because of the uncertainty of the American government's next move.

There are no military preparations discernible here and at Corinto all is quiet. The captain of the United States gunboat Vicksburg, which is now at Corinto, has received no instructions from Washington.

Bluefields, Dec. 9.—(By wireless, via Colon)—Advices received here from Rama state that General Vasquez is seeking an advantageous surrender on his own initiative.

The east coast is tranquil. The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived here this morning. Owing to unfavorable weather, the wireless station at Bluefields has been out of commission for three days.

General Vasquez commanded the government forces at the last battle near Rama and it was reported that he had been ordered court-martialed because of the defeat suffered by the government troops.

FIFTEEN LOST IN RECENT DISASTER

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 9.—Fifteen lives and a half million dollars property loss on land and sea is the toll known to have been taken by the storm which swept Newfoundland and its waters in the last 10 days.

PRENTICE LODGE FOR CAPITAL.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 9.—Wilnot Lodge of the Protestant Association

UNIONISTS LINE UP THEIR CHIEFS

Long Programme Arranged For Party Leaders In Great Budget Fight—Winston Spencer Churchill Active—Austin Chamberlain Gets Chilling Reception—Foreign Statesmen In Fray.

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London, Dec. 9.—The Unionist leaders who are much slower in getting work in the election campaign than their rivals, have now arranged to start in earnest. A long programme of meetings in all parts of the country was issued from the Conservative headquarters tonight. These will be addressed by Arthur J. Balfour, the opposition leader in the House of Commons, Lord Lansdowne, who holds a similar position in the House of Lords, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, Lord Milner and other prominent statesmen, but the campaign will not be in full swing before January.

Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, is pursuing a campaign of daily speeches in Lancashire with unabated vigor. Chancellor Lloyd-George, after a brief vacation, addressed a great meeting at Carnarvon tonight in both the English and Welsh languages.

Austen Chamberlain, ex-chancellor of the exchequer, also addressed a great gathering today at Great Shropshire, but had a bad reception, meeting continually with interruptions. He referred only in the most general terms to tariff reform. None of the Unionist speakers have yet grappled with this question. They are probably waiting for a lead from Balfour, who is expected shortly to issue an election manifesto.

The campaign is still distinguished by the strong line taken by the religious bodies against the House of Lords. The Christian World publishes declarations from some thirty Free Church leaders, of moderate views, against the rejection of the budget.

Leaders Now.

The scouts and guerrilla fighters in the election contest having opened the conflict on both sides, the leaders will now appear. Mr. Asquith's pronouncement at Alder Hall on Friday night is awaited with the keenest interest. Mr. Balfour, although still confined to the house with a bad cold, is expected to make the same time with a election manifesto.

A curious feature of the campaign is the active part the peers are proposing to take. They have hitherto been expected to retire to their spacious mansions and leave the contest to the commoners.

FIVE PERISH ON LAKE ERIE

Freighter W. C. Richardson Swamps At Moorings And Five Are Drowned—Fourteen Taken Off By Boat.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9.—In the wintry gale which has swept Lake Erie for 24 hours the freighter W. C. Richardson of Cleveland, bound from Duluth to Buffalo with a cargo of wheat, foundered early today; when she was within half a mile of the entrance to the harbor. Five of the crew perished. The remainder, numbering fourteen were rescued from the wreck by the crew of the tugboat Capt. William A. Payne, which had anchored on the Waverly Shells, an hour before the Richardson sank.

Tonight the Payne is still riding at anchor in the heavy seas and the rescued men are all on board. She will be unable to enter the harbor until the storm, her cargo shifted, causes her to list so badly that she will swamp.

The insurance on the Richardson, amounting to \$20,000 expired tomorrow. The cargo, valued at \$400,000 was fully insured.

KING HAAKON IN LONDON

London, Dec. 9.—King Haakon, of Norway, arrived at Buckingham Palace this evening. He will accompany Queen Maud and the Crown Prince back to Norway. They expect to leave England on December 16.

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