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RUSSIAN PROPOSALS TO UNITED STATES.

Will Vacate the Additional Duties If United States Will Fix the Sugar Matter.

Washington, July 9.—Another important exchange has occurred between the Russian government and the United States relative to the tariff. The Russian minister of finance, M. de Witte has proved that Russia will vacate all of the additional duties levied on American goods since the imposition of the sugar differential, if the United States will vacate its action on the sugar differential.. To this secretary Gage has replied that the offer of the Russian government cannot be accepted as the question of the sugar differential is now in the hands of the court, thus precluding action by the executive branch. These exchanges, although made nominally by the minister of finance and secretary Gage have gone through the medium of the Russian foreign office and the state department.

The proposition of the Russian minister of finance was the direct result of Secretary Hay's note about two weeks ago. In that note, Mr. Hay pointed out that the action taken as to petroleum was not new, nor was it meant to have any connection with the previous action of the government on sugar. This appears to have reconciled the Russian officials.

M. de Witte's response is not long but is quite to the point. It makes no further issue as to the petroleum order. The chief attention is given to sugar and the specific offer is made to vacate immediately the increased duties which Russia has levied. if the United States will vacate its action on sugar. This would amount to re establishing the status quo which existed before the United States took its initial action relative to Russia.

Secretary Gage has responded that as the sugar question is now before the courts it is not possible for him to avail himself of the Russian suggestions. Thus the matter stands.

MATTERS RESPECTING CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Big Meeting Relative to Wage Earners' Scale--Strike Situations in the United States.

Youngstown, Ohio, July 9.—President Shaffer, representing the Amalgamated Association, and James H. Nutt, secretary of the Labor Bureau of the Republic Iron & Steel Co., made arangements today for the bi-monthly wage conference to be held in this city tomorrow. The wages of about 25,000 puddlers and finishers will be fixed for the months of July and August at the meeting.

Concord, N. H., July 9.—The engineers and firemen of the Boston & Maine Railroad have presented to the management a demand for a re-adjustment of the pay schedule and of the hours of labor. The engineers ask that ten hours or less, or a run of 100 miles, or less, constitute a day's work, that all over be paid at the rate of 3½ cents per mile or 33 cents per hour.

The demands of the firemen are practically the same. The management has the matter under consideration. The men claim that all engineers and firemen on all the Boston & Maine system are included in the demand.

Philadelphia, July 9.—At the office of Acting President Welsh of the Reading Railroad Co. today, it was announced that with the issuance of yesterday's proposition to the striking employes of the company the last overture had been made. An official of the company said:

"It is evident the men do not care to live up to the terms of President Baer's proposition. All we can do is to await developments. We do not fear an extension of the strike because we believe the bulk of our employes are fully aware that we have tried to meet the strikers half way."

A WARRIOR VISITOR.

H. M. S. Tribune in the Harbor--Something of the Vessel.

H. M. S. Tribune, a second class cruiser, Commander Arthur A. C. Galloway, arrived yesterday from Digby and will remain here for three days. The cruiser reached Partridge Island during the forenoon, but did not come to her anchorage off Reed's Point until 2 p. m.

The Tribune was built in 1891. Her net tonnage is 3400 tons, gross 7,000 tons. She carries an armament of eight guns and has a speed of 20 knots.

Shortly after the Tribune reached her anchorage Mayor Daniel, accompanied by Sheriff Sturdee and Major Sturdee, paid a visit to the commander, who received his visitors and had them shown about the cruiser.

This morning at 11 o'clock Commander Galloway will return the call, visiting the mayor at the city building. This afternoon the commander will enjoy a drive about the city as the guest of his worship.

The St. John Golf Club extended an invitation to the officers, who visit the links on Thursday afternoon, when they will be entertained by the club. This afternoon the public will probably be permitted to visit the warship.

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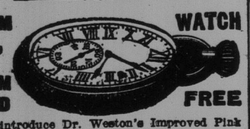

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NOW HARVEST TIME.

BEHOLD THE PLOWMAN HAS OVERTAKEN THE REAPER.

DR. TALMAGE'S CURIOUS TEXT.

Likens the 4,000,000 Christian Endeavorers to the Plowman of the Text—The Growth of Christianity—Eloquent Figures That Tell the Story in All the Lands of the Earth.

Washington, July 7.—Although Dr. Talmage was hindered from attending the great annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society at Cincinnati, his sermon shows him to be in sympathy with the great movement; text, Amos ix, 13, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper."

Unable because of other important duties to accept the invitation to take part in the great convention of Christian Endeavorers at Cincinnati, begun last week, I preach a sermon of congratulation for all the members of that magnificent association, whether now gathered in vast assemblage or busy in their places of usefulness, transatlantic and cisatlantic, and as it is now harvest time in the fields and sickles are flashing in the gathering of a great crop, I find mighty suggestiveness in my text.

It is a picture of a tropical clime, with a season so prosperous that the harvest reaches clear over to the planting time, and the swarthy husbandman, busy cutting the grain, almost feels the breath of the horses on his shoulders, the horses hitched to the plow, preparing for a new crop. "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper." When is that? That is now. That is this day, when hardly have you done reaping one harvest of religious result than the plowman is getting ready for another.

In phraseology charged with all venom and abuse and caricature I know that infidels and agnostics have declared that Christianity has collapsed; that the Bible is an obsolete book; that the Christian Church is on the retreat. I shall answer that wholesale charge to-day.

Between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 Endeavorers sworn before high heaven that they will do all they can to take America for God, Europe for God, Asia and Africa for God—are not the signs most cheering? Or, to turn to the agricultural figure of my text, more than a million reapers are overtaken by more than a million plowmen. Besides this, there are more people who believe in the Bible than at any time in the world's existence. An Arab guide was leading a French infidel across the desert, and ever and anon the Arab guide would get down in the sand and pray to the Lord. It disgusted the French infidel, and after awhile, as the Arab got up from one of his prayers, the infidel said, "How do you know there is any God?" And the Arab guide said: "How do I know that a man and a camel passed by our tent last night? I know it by the footprint in the sand. And you want to know how I know whether there is any God? Look at the sunset. Is that the footstep of a man?" And by the same process you and I have come to understand that this book is the footstep of God.

But now let us see whether the book is a last year's almanac. Let us see whether the Church of God is a Bull Run retreat, muskets, canteens and haversacks strewing all the way. The great English historian Sharon Turner, a man of vast learning and great accuracy, not a clergyman, but an attorney as well as a historian, gives this overwhelming statistic in regard to Christianity and in regard to the number of Christians in the different centuries: In the first century 500,000 Christians, in the second century 2,000,000 Christians, in the third century 5,000,000 Christians, in the fourth century 10,000,000 Christians, in the fifth century 15,000,000 Christians, in the six century 20,000,000 Christians, in the seventh century 24,000,000 Christians, in the eighth century 30,000,000 Christians, in the ninth century 40,000,000 Christians, in the tenth century 50,000,000 Christians, in the eleventh century 70,000,000 Christians, in the twelfth century 80,000,000 Christians, in the thirteenth century 75,000,000 Christians, in the fourteenth century 80,000,000 Christians, in the fifteenth century 100,000,000 Christians, in the sixteenth century 125,000,000 Christians, in the seventeenth century 155,000,000 Christians, in the eighteenth century 200,000,000 Christians—a decadence, as you observe, in only one century, and more than made up in the following centuries, while it is the usual computation that there were at the close of the nineteenth century 470,000,000 Christians, making us to believe that before this century is closed the millennium will have started its boom and lifted its hosanna.

Poor Christianity! What a pity it has no friends! How lonesome it must be! Who will take it out of the poorhouse? Poor Christianity! Four hundred millions in one century. In a few weeks of this year 2,500,000 copies of the New Testament distributed. Why, the earth is like an old castle with 20 gates and a park of artillery ready to thunder down every gate. See how heathendom is being surrounded and honeycombed and attacked by this all conquering gospel. At the beginning of the nineteenth century 150 missionaries; at the close of that century 84,000 missionaries and native helpers and evangelists. At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were only 50,000 converts. Now there are over 1,000,000 converts from heathendom.

You all know that an important work of an army is to plant the batteries. It may take many days to plant the batteries, and they may do all the work in ten minutes. These gospel batteries are being planted all along the seacoasts and in all nations. It may take a good while to plant them, and they may do all their work in one day. They will. Nations are to be born in a day. But just come back to Christendom and recognize the fact that during the last ten years as many people have connected themselves with evangelical churches as connected themselves with the churches in the first fifty years of last century. So Christianity is falling back, and the Bible, they say, is becoming an obsolete book. I go into a court, and wherever I find a judge's bench or a clerk's desk I find a Bible. Upon what book could there be uttered the solemnity of an oath? What book is apt to be put in the trunk of the young man as he leaves for city life? The Bible. What shall I find in nine out of every ten homes in this city? The Bible. In nine out of every ten homes in Christendom? The Bible. Voltaire wrote the prophecy that the Bible in the nineteenth century would become extinct. The century is gone, and I have to tell you that the room in which Voltaire wrote that prophecy not long ago was crowded from floor to ceiling with Bibles from Switzerland.

You may talk about the church being a collection of hypocrites, but when the diphtheria sweeps your children off whom do you send for? The postmaster, the attorney-general, the hotel keeper, alderman? No. You send for a minister of this Bible religion. And if you have not a room in your house for the obsequies, what building do you select? Do you say, "Give me the finest room in the hotel?" Do you say, "Give me that theatre?" Do you say, "Give me that public building where I can lay my dead for a little while until we say a prayer over it?" No. You say, "Give us the House of God." And if there is a song to be sung at the obsequies, what do you want? What does anybody want? The "Marseillaise Hymn?" "God Save the King?" No. They want the hymn with which they sang their old Christian mother into her last sleep, or they want sung the Sabbath school hymn which their little girl sang the last Sabbath afternoon she was out before she got that awful sickness which broke your heart. I appeal to your common sense. You know the most endearing institution on earth, the most popular institution on earth to-day, is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. A man is a fool that does not recognize it.

The infidels say: "There is great liberty now for infidels; freedom of platform. Infidelity shows its power from the fact that it is everywhere tolerated, and it can say what it will." Why, my friends, infidelity is not half so blatant in our day as it was in the days of our fathers. Do you know that in the days of our fathers there were pronounced infidels in public authority, and they could get any political position? Let a man to-day declare himself antagonistic to the Christian religion, and what city wants him for mayor; what state wants him for governor; what nation wants him for president or for king? Let a man openly proclaim himself the enemy of our glorious Christianity, and he cannot get a majority of votes in any state, in any city, in any country, in any ward of America.

The Christian religion is mightier to-day than it ever was. Do you think that such a scene could be enacted now as was enacted in the days of Robespierre, when a shameless woman was elevated to the dignity of a goddess and carried in a golden chair to a cathedral where incense was burned to her and people bowed down before her as a divine being, she taking the place of the Bible and God, while in the corridor of that cathedral were enacted such scenes of drunkenness and debauchery as had never before been witnessed? Do you think such a thing could possibly occur in Christendom to-day? No. The police of Washington, or of New York, or of Paris would swoop upon it. I know infidelity makes a good deal of talk in our day. One infidel can make great excitement, but I can tell you on what principle it is. It is on the principle that if a man jumps overboard from an ocean liner he makes more excitement than all the 500 who stay on board. But the fact that he jumps overboard does not stop the ship. Does that wreck the 500 passengers? It makes great excitement when a man jumps from the lecturing platform or from the pulpit into infidelity, but does that keep the Bible or the church from carrying millions of passengers to the shores of eternal safety?

These opponents say that science is overcoming religion in our day. They look through the spectacles of the infidel scientists, and they say: "It is impossible that this book be true. People are finding it out. The Bible has got to go overboard. Science is going to throw it overboard." Do you believe that the Bible account of the origin of life will be overthrown by infidel scientists who have 50 different theories about the origin of life? If they should all come up in solid phalanx all agreeing on one sentiment and one theory, perhaps Christianity might be damaged, but there are not so many differences of opinion inside the church as outside the church. Oh, it makes me sick to see these literary fops going along with a copy of Darwin under one arm and a case of transfixed grasshoppers and butterflies under the other telling about the "survival of the fittest" and Huxley's protoplasm and the nebular hypothesis! The fact is that some naturalists just as soon as they find out the difference between the feelers of a wasp and the horns of a beetle begin to patronize the Almighty, while Agassiz, glorious Agassiz, who never made any pretension to being a Christian, puts forth his feet on the doctrine of evolution and says: "I see that many of the naturalists of our day are adopting facts which do not bear observation or have not passed under observation. These men warring with each other—Darwin warring against Lamarch, Wallace warring against Cope, even Herschel denouncing Ferguson. They do not agree on embryology, do not agree on the gradation of the species."

Here these infidel scientists have impaneled themselves as a jury to decide this trial between Infidelity, the plaintiff, and Christianity, the defendant, and after being out for centuries they come in to render their verdict. Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed on a verdict? No, no. Then go back for another 500 years and deliberate and agree on something. There is not a poor miserable wretch in the city prison to-morrow that could be condemned by a jury that did not agree on the verdict, and yet you expect us to give up our glorious Christianity to please these men who cannot agree on anything. Ah, my friends, the Church of Jesus Christ instead of falling back is on the advance. I am certain it is on the advance. I see the glittering of the swords; I hear the tramping of the troops; I hear the thundering parks of artillery. O God, I thank thee that I have been permitted to see this day of thy triumph, this day of the confusion of thine enemies! O Lord God, take thy sword from thy thigh and ride forth to the victory!

And then I find another most encouraging thought in the fact that the secular printing press and the pulpit seem harnessed in the same team for the proclamation of the gospel. Every banker in this capital to-morrow, every Wall street banker to-morrow, in New York, every State street banker to-morrow in Boston, every Third street banker to-morrow in Philadelphia, every banker in the United States and every merchant will have in his pocket a treatise on Christianity, 10, 20 or 30 passages of Scripture in the reports of sermons preached throughout the land to-day. It will be so in Chicago, so in New Orleans, so in Charleston, so in Boston, so in Philadelphia, so in Cincinnati, so everywhere. I know the tract societies are doing a grand and glorious work, but I tell you there is no power on earth to-day equal to the fact that the American printing press is taking up the sermons which are preached to a few hundred or a few thousand people, and on Monday morning and Monday evening scattering that truth to the millions. What an encouragement to every Christian man!

Then you have noticed a more significant fact if you have talked with people on the subject, that they are getting disgusted with worldly philosophy as a matter of comfort. They say it does not amount to anything when you have a dead child in the house. They tell you when they were sick and the door of the future seemed opening the only comfort they could find was the gospel. People are having demonstrated all over the land that science and philosophy cannot solace the troubles and woes of the world, and they want some other religion, and they are taking Christianity, the only sympathetic religion that ever came into the world. You just take a scientific consolation into that room where a mother has lost her child. Try in that case your splendid doctrine of the "survival of the fittest." Tell her that child died because it was not worth as much as the other children. That is your "survival of the fittest." Just try your transcendentalism, your philosophy, your science, on that widowed soul, and tell her it was a geological necessity that her companion should be taken away from her, just as in the course of the world's history the megatherium and the ichthyosaurus had to pass out of existence, and then you go on in your scientific consolation until you get to the sublime fact that 50,000,000 years from now we ourselves may be scientific specimens on the geologic shelf, petrified specimens of an extinct human race. And after you have got all through with your consolation, if the poor afflicted soul is not crazed by it, we will send forth from any of our churches the plainest Christian we have and with one half hour of prayer and reading of Scripture promises the tears will be wiped away, and the house from floor to cupola will be flooded with the calmness of an Indian summer sunset. There is where I see the triumph of Christianity. People are dissatisfied with everything else. They want God. They want Jesus Christ.

Young man, do not be ashamed to be a friend of the Bible. Do not put your thumb in your vest, as young men sometimes do, and swagger about talking of the glorious light of nature and of there being no need of the Bible. They have the light of nature in India and China and in all the dark places of the earth. Did you ever hear that the light of nature gave them comfort for their trouble? They have lancets to cut and juggernauts to crush, but no comfort. Ah, my friends, you had better stop your skepticism. Suppose you are put in a crisis like that of Colonel Ethan Allen. I saw the account and at one time mentioned it in an address. A descendant of Ethan Allen, who is an infidel, said it never occurred. Soon after I received a letter from a professor in one of our colleges, who is also a descendant of Ethan Allen and is a Christian. He wrote me that the incident is accurate; that my statement was authentic and true. The wife of Colonel Ethan Allen was a very consecrated woman. The mother instructed the daughter in the truths of Christianity. The daughter sickened and was about to die, and she said to her father: "Father, shall I take your instruction or shall I take mother's instruction? I am going to die now; I must have this matter decided." That man, who had been loud in his infidelity, said to his dying daughter, "My dear, you had better take your mother's religion." My advice is the same to you, O young man! You know how religion comforted her. You know what she said to you when she was dying. You had better take your mother's religion.

Milk Crosswise.

Milk crosswise, that is to say, one fore teat on the right and a hind teat on the left and vice versa; the milk thus flows more copiously than by parallel milking.

Unable to find the proper tools with which to bore holes through an iron bar, an operation made necessary by a breakdown at sea, a marine engineer marked the spots to be bored with chalk and then fired a 30-caliber bullet through each from a rifle.

Education Bill Passed.

London, July 10.—The government succeeded in carrying its education bill through the commons last night by 333 votes, against 215.

Railway Purchased.

Baltimore, July 11.—President L. F. Loree, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, today confirmed the report that the Ohio River Railroad had been purchased by his road.

TERRIBLY BURNED.

E. S. Stephenson, Machinist, Met With Accident.

E. S. Stephenson, the machinist, had his face terribly burned yesterday by an explosion of gas in the Wilson saw works on Union street. The accident occurred while the machinist was at work repairing a gas engine in the saw works.

Mr. Stephenson was in the act of taking off the cylinder head when he had occasion to light a strip of paper to aid him in his work. He did this under the impression that the engine was free of gas, but it was not and the burning strip of paper caused the trouble. When the explosion came Mr. Stephenson had his face close to the part where it originated and he suffered in consequence. His forehead, cheeks, mouth, nose and other portions of his face were badly injured, while his moustache and eyebrows were completely burned off.

The injured man received medical assistance and was removed to his home, Orange street. Fortunately his eyesight escaped injury, but he suffered intense pain.

NOT ENCOURAGED OVER YEAR'S WORK.

Council of Dominion Alliance in Session--The Temperance Question.

Toronto, July 10—(Special)—The council of the Dominion Alliance was in annual session here today, President J. R. Dougall in the chair. The president's report said the result of the year's work had not been encouraging, especially in Quebec, where the decision to grant wholesale and bottlers' licenses to all persons paying fees practically destroyed all municipal prohibition.

Mr. Dougall said the only way to get prohibition was by having a temperance country and the government had not been convinced, despite the plebiscite, that the people wanted prohibition. He strongly objected to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement that temperance people had asked for nothing last session. The premier knew they desired improvement of the Scott act.

Rev. Wm. Kettlewell submitted a resolution in favor of the government manufacturing alcohol for medicinal and manufacturing purposes, should prohibition be granted. The resolution is to be discussed tomorrow.

The Alliance elected:

Honorary president—Hon. A. Vidal, Sarnia, Ont.

President—J. R. Dougall, Montreal.

Provincial vice-presidents, New Brunswick—Rev. Dr. McLeod and J. R. Woodburn.

P. E. Island—J. K. Ross and the president of the provincial alliance.

Nova Scotia—T. B. Flint, M. P., and Rev. Edwin Crowell.

Corresponding secretary—F. S. Spence, Toronto.

Recording secretary—J. H. Carson, Montreal.

Treasurer—W. H. Orr, Toronto.

Lumber Still Hung Up on Aroostook --York Liberal Convention.

Fredericton, July 9—(Special)—Upwards of a thousand people attended the annual picnic of the Roman Catholic congregation at Kingsclear today.

A telegram from Edmundston this afternoon announced that John Kilburn's lumber drive of nine millions for W. H. Murray, which he was forced to abandon at Seven Islands in May on account of low water, had reached the corporation limits.

Considerable lumber is still hung on the Aroostook, the recent rise of water not having extended to that locality.

The Liberals of York are to meet in convention in the Y. M. C. A. hall, this city, on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 16th, to nominate a candidate for the house of commons. The party is thoroughly united, and determined to return their candidate to parliament by a rousing majority. Scores of Conservatives in this city, disgusted with the conduct of the McLeod faction, have signified their intention of supporting the Liberal nominee.

The body of Bugler Redden, of the military school, who was drowned a short time ago, has not yet been recovered, though men of the corps have been dragging the river for several days.

The case of Edward Appleby and Thos. Kennedy, the Millville trackmen charged with interfering with the rights of the C. P. R., has been postponed for a fortnight at the request of A. J. Gregory, counsel for the prosecution.

A Photographic Mystery.

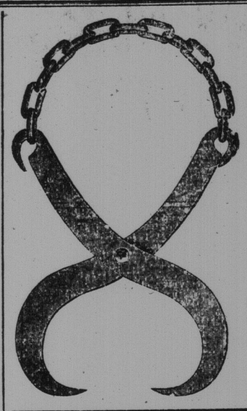
Photographers, both professional and amateur, are engaged in a wordy controversy as to whether or not one part of a wheel moves faster than another. It is claimed—and a large number of photographs are exhibited to prove it—that when the wheel of a rapidly-moving wagon is photographed, the top of the wheel never appears as clear as the bottom. The same is true of a wheel rolled along the ground in front of the camera.

In many cases the developed picture does not show any spokes above the centre, while all those below the centre are clear. On the other hand, it is said to be absurd to pretend that the top of the wheel can go faster than the bottom.

The mystery has been explained in this way: As a matter of fact, the top of the wheel does actually move faster than the bottom—that is, in relation to the ground. The bottom half of the wheel has only a vertical motion, while the top has a rapid horizontal motion, much faster than the hub of the wagon. With a time exposure, therefore, the bottom spokes show clear, while those above the centre are blurred.

The Peary Relief Expedition.

The steamer Eric left North Sydney Thursday direct for Greenland in connection with the Peary relief expedition. A number of prominent New York newspaper men passed through St. John and Moncton by the Intercolonial Railway Saturday night on their way to North Sydney to wish the Eric success in its perilous undertaking.



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WHILE TEMPORARILY INSANE.

Verdict of Jury in Lockeport Tragedy--Father Expresses No Regret for His Terrible Deed.

Lockeport, July 9—(Special)—Sidney Locke, who killed his three children, was arrested yesterday afternoon on charge of murder, taken to Shelburne and lodged in jail. He expresses no regret for his terrible crime, which apparently had been premeditated for some time. He had a delusion that the children were going to starve to death. He says he brought them into the world and had a right to put them out of it. He intended killing them and himself Sunday last, but something interfered.

An inquest was held before Coroner George K. Hines, and the following verdict rendered: "That deceased children came to their deaths by bullets fired from a revolver in the hands of their father, Sidney Locke, while he was laboring under temporary insanity."

E. M. Bill represented the prosecution, and at the inquest N. White, K. C., represented the defendant.

WORKED A NEW GAME.

As "Laurier's Private Secretary," Montreal Fraud Worked a Niagara Falls Hotel.

Niagara Falls, July 9.—(Special)—A French Canadian, giving his name and address as Arthur M. Landry, of Montreal, is under arrest charged with attempted fraud. On Sunday last Landry went to Lafayette Hotel here and to the International Hotel on the United States side and, claiming to be the private secretary of Sir Wilfrid Laurier endeavored to engage a suite of rooms for the premier, and a number of the ministers, producing several fake telegrams from Sir Wilfrid. He finally selected the Lafayette Hotel and stayed there Sunday night. Yesterday morning the manager grew suspicious and consulted a detective who at once made enquiries which resulted in Landry being arrested. Landry appeared before the magistrate today, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 60 days jail.

TOURISTS FIND FAULT.

Fredericton Has a Grievance on the Baggage Matter.

Two or three American visitors, tourists, who were in the city yesterday were complaining—and it would seem justly complaining—of delay in getting their baggage. They arrived at Fredericton upon the C. P. R. train from Boston on Tuesday evening. There being no customs officer at the train their baggage was held and they did not receive it until about noon yesterday. In the meantime they had to go to the hotel with only the clothes which they were wearing on the train.

The Tourist Association has taken the matter up, for it is a serious inconvenience to tourists, and Mr. Heath, passenger superintendent of the C. P. R., has been communicated with. It is felt to be no more than reasonable that if the government cannot arrange to have tourists' baggage examined at Vanceboro or upon the train that then a customs officer should be at the evening train as well as at that which arrives from the United States at noon.—Fredericton Gleaner.

The customs officials state that the baggage was not on the train at Vanceboro but had been put off the train before that point had been reached. All the baggage that arrives by the C. P. R. is examined in good time, but lately the baggage has not been on the train. The baggage referred to in The Telegraph a few days ago arrived 12 hours after the passengers and had been put off at Bangor.

It was on the day of Queen Victoria's birth, May 24, 1819, that the first transatlantic steamer started from Savannah for Liverpool.

P. E. ISLAND NEWS.

Sons of Temperance in Annual Session--New Brunswick Clergyman Wedded.

Charlottetown, July 9—(Special)—At last night's meeting of the city council the electric light question was again vigorously discussed and the motion passed at a former meeting asking that the Fall company give a certified cheque of say $1,000, was rescinded. Rumors have been current that the Fall company intend to raise the tender making a deposit of $1,000 as an excuse. The Royal plant has not yet been purchased, but it is understood that full arrangements will be completed in a few days. Amalgamation of the gas company with the electric company gives one company control.

The third quarterly session of the Provincial Grand Division S. of T., opened this morning. The report of the grand scribe showed a slight decrease in membership. The grand worthy patriarch's address contained words of welcome to the members of the national division, especially under the prohibition law which the government is determined to stand by and enforce. The session was visited by a number of members of the national division now in the city.

It is understood that H. C. Connolly, convicted under the prohibition act, applied today for a rule of certiorari. The matter will come up before the supreme court Saturday. Today W. S. Stewart, K. C., Connolly's solicitor, examined and made copies of the papers in the police court.

Rev. Jacob Heaney, of Deer Island, N. B., was married today at noon to Georgie Sutherland Morell.

Dr. Anderson, the new superintendent of education, held a consultation this morning with the teachers of the province in regard to the best way of improving the course of study. The action of the superintendent in consulting the teachers is greatly appreciated.

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