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## SIR WILFRID LAURIER IS GLOOMY SPIRIT

The White Plume Doing Much Fruitless Missionary Work.

HON. SYDNEY FISHER NOW BACK NUMBER.

Liberal Party in Quebec Thoroughly Disorganized and Aged Leader Attempts to Stem Tide But is Unsuccessful—That Ontario Trip.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., July 25.—Additional gloom is settled upon the Liberal horizon. During the last few weeks Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been doing quite a lot of missionary work. Time was when this was necessary. Other time was when it could be done by one of the lesser leaders of the party while the white plume remained at home and fixed his gaze on higher things. There is an accumulation of evidence that those times have changed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has no one left upon whom this responsibility would safely rest.

He has to go up and down the lines in person. Immediately after the prorogation of parliament, he turned his attention to Quebec, being the Liberal last hope, and began making a series of political pilgrimages to Montreal. He found things discouraging in Montreal. It was necessary to make a number of further visits in order to make all the explanations that were required, and in order to get the party men together. Before the last of these visits, there had been a sort of semi-official announcement that Hon. Sydney Fisher was going after the Liberal nomination in Chateauguay, where there is a vacancy. Apparently the Liberals of Chateauguay and the party leaders in Montreal were not disposed to throw away the Liberal chances in that district. The Liberal minister of agriculture, to whose counsel is attributed much of the disaster that has lately come upon the party.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier got chilled in Montreal, physically, during the last of his visits and came back to Ottawa. Now word comes from Montreal that Mr. Fisher is not likely to run in Chateauguay and may even abandon his cherished hope of running in his own riding of Brome, when the general elections arrive.

Liberal in Bad Way. But even with Mr. Fisher out of the way the party seems to be in dire straits in Chateauguay. They are talking of running A. F. Leggat, a former newspaper man of Ottawa, who has lived in Montreal for late years, and now describes himself as a resident of Chateauguay Basin. Mr. Leggat was a Liberal candidate in St. George Division of Montreal in the last provincial campaign and was badly beaten.

The situation in Ontario is also a gloomy one. A month or more ago the announcement was made that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would undertake a tour of Ontario. Following this announcement there were a couple of gatherings of ex-ministers, seatless and otherwise in Ottawa. About that time the plans for the Ontario tour were described as very indefinite. If there was to be a tour it would not take place till the fall, etc. Then came the Liberal disaster in North Grey, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier immediately found occasion to go up to Toronto and spend several days in conference with leading Liberals.

It appears to have got very little sunshine out of the cucumbers presented by his political friends in Toronto, and now there is a prospect of the Ontario tour being called off altogether, just as the western tour was called off a year ago on account of the harvest.

SENOR JOSE LIMANTOUR ANGRY

Senor Jose Yves Limantour, formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs in Mexico, is indignant at an accusation that he has been using his influence with European diplomats in hope of hastening American recognition of the Huerta administration. He denies that he and President Diaz were forced to leave Mexico and declared that he has permanently retired from Mexican political and financial affairs.

## WARSHIPS OF POWERS ARE AT SHANGHAI

Flashing Searchlights on Foreign Concessions to Prevent Trouble—Admirals Confer Regarding Situation.

Shanghai, July 25.—Despite the negotiations made this afternoon for an armistice, fighting was resumed at nine o'clock this evening. The southerners reinforced by 500 Cantonese and also 1,000 Hunanese again attacked the arsenal, but were defeated with considerable losses. The forces at the mouth of the river have now joined the loyalists.

The city presents extraordinary appearance. Fires are blazing on the outskirts and thousands are camping on the streets. The roof gardens of the hotels are crowded with foreigners watching the fighting. Tonight searchlights from the British warships are trained on the customs house and the ammunition magazine.

It is reported that the rebels are falling back throughout the Yang-Tze Valley and that the government steadily is gaining the upper hand. The British warships Hampshire, Minotaur and Monmouthshire, the French cruisers Duplex and Montcalm, the Dutch cruiser Holland, and the Japanese cruiser Suma, arrived here today. Marines were landed from the French vessel. The Japanese admiral, who is the senior officer of the fleet, is holding a meeting with the other foreign admirals tonight to discuss the situation.

A French priest at Aurora University was seriously wounded by a stray bullet from the rebel lines today. The priest, who is the senior officer being used as a prisoner, was set on fire today and 200 convicts escaped, including Yang Kwai Shing, the instigator of the murder of Gen. Sun Chiao Jen, ex-minister of education, who was assassinated here last March, and whose taking off was the chief cause of the present rebellion. Looting continues here.

PROMINENT MEXICAN RAILROAD PRESIDENT WILL NOT RESIGN

E. N. Brown May Reconsider Step—In New York to Attend Directors Meeting—Road in Operation.

New York, July 25.—E. N. Brown may reconsider his resignation as president of the National Railway of Mexico and remain as the active head of the company. This announcement was made by Mr. Brown himself today, upon his arrival here from Mexico.

The purpose of his visit is to attend a conference of the New York directors of the road. At this meeting the directors will discuss the resignation of Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown was in recent communication with the board here, and it was decided to hold his resignation until he had made a personal report of the situation in Mexico with regard to the road's affairs.

When he left Mexico from 48 to 50 per cent of the railway system was in operation, Mr. Brown declared.

MONS. LABOURI WILL MAKE TOUR OF WEST

Distinguished French Jurist Greatly Pleased With Visit to Quebec—Coming Back for Convention.

## SOUTHERN REBELS NOW DEFEATED ALL ALONG THE LINE.

PRESIDENT'S GUARD IS SENT TO FRONT.

Foreigners Defend French Concession Against Inroad of Fighting Hordes—Yuan Shi Kai Afraid His General is a Traitor—Guns Captured.

Peking, July 25.—The situation in the fighting centre remained unchanged today, except for a weakening in the southern forces by reason of desertions from and disensions in the ranks.

The outbreak is causing dismay in the commercial world and numerous telegrams from consular bodies continue to urge President Yuan Shi Kai to suppress the rebellion and demonstrate that he has not lost his hold.

The rebels leaders are winning steadily over halfhearted officials, who are awaiting the issue of events. Parliament, meanwhile, is quietly transacting only unimportant business. The opposition members are trained on the rebels as they desire to retain their memberships should the rebellion collapse. Therefore, they are avoiding all reference to the rebellion. Gen. Fong-Kwo-Chang, with 5000 men of all arms, yesterday and today was advancing toward Su-Chow, where he will join General Cheng-Hsun and General Chang Tso-Lin.

It is understood that the combined forces will march to Nanking against the rebels, who are retreating from that city from Linhuaku.

Passive Resistance. The southerners apparently plan to retreat when they are forced to do so and generally to pursue a policy of passive resistance, imposing heavy taxation in the districts they control, hoping that the government will be unable to bear a long financial strain.

Several prominent southerners already have been forced to contribute substantially to the rebel cause. The government has requested the legations to agree to searches of the houses of their national officers and to harbor Chinese officers and soldiers to the trial by Chinese by court martial of foreigners assisting the rebels. This is also being urged, especially but its rejection is inevitable, owing to conflicting treaties.

The news received here from Shanghai in regard to the revolt is considered satisfactory in government circles.

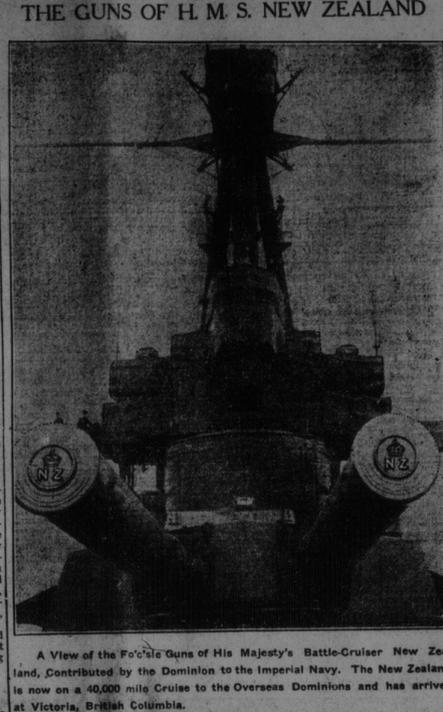
The government is sending one brigade of the president's bodyguard to the scene of hostilities, leaving only one brigade in Peking. This movement has been made, it is said, owing to the fact that the northern General Chang-Hsun, who reported that he had gained a victory, entered Su-Chow-Fu, without fighting, the rebels having evaded him. The bodyguard of the provisional president is regarded as untrustworthy, while the Chang-Hsun is alleged to have mercenary reputation of which the government in Peking fears the southerners may take advantage.

Chinese troops also are proceeding to the south on the Tien-Tai-Pukow Railway in order to offset the danger of Chang-Hsun's army transferring his allegiance to the southerners.

Northerners Victorious. It is reported from Shanghai that the southern general, Chang-Chi-Mei, made a sortie last night under the protection of gun fire from the arsenal and the gun boats. The southerners are against the exodus from the Chinese city was tremendous owing to a report that the southern general, Chang-Chi-Mei, one of those for whose life provisional President Yuan Shi Kai has proclaimed a reward, intended to burn the city. The refugees who, when unarmed, were admitted to the foreign concessions, are now sleeping in the open air.

Various Reports. A report from Nanking does not mention the presence there of northern troops, indicating that a previous report of their entry into the city was untrue. The foreign consuls have protested to the southern general, the stoppage of the railway to Shanghai.

## THE GUNS OF H. M. S. NEW ZEALAND



A View of the 6-inch Guns of His Majesty's Battle-Cruiser New Zealand, Contributed by the Dominion to the Imperial Navy. The New Zealand is now on a 40,000 mile Cruise to the Overseas Dominions and has arrived at Victoria, British Columbia.

## H. M. S. NEW ZEALAND IS WELCOMED AT VICTORIA

Splendid Gift to Empire Welcomed by Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Sir Richard McBride and Others.

Victoria, B. C., July 25.—A dull grey ship, on a dull grey sea under a dull sky, the battle cruiser New Zealand reached Esquimalt today after a smart run from Honolulu. She will stay here until Saturday, when she will go to Vancouver to remain a week. Incidentally the whole entertainment programme for Vancouver had to be changed today as soon as she arrived for her officers insisted that they wanted the first three days for clearing up and coaling, and declared that they had been surfeited with luncheons and dances in the cities of the antipodes, whence she has just come.

The battleship still hove in sight in the straits this morning, at 9:45 o'clock. Within an hour she had two anchorages in Esquimalt Harbor, her boats and steam cutters swung over the side and Captain Halsey was receiving calls from the rebel cause to staidness and the officers of H. M. S. New Zealand, the gift of New Zealand to the Empire, was at anchor in a Canadian port. Two ship's lengths away was the Rainbow, with her guns dismantled, her workshop dull and a skeleton crew left merely to keep up the paintwork.

The arrival of the New Zealand was in accordance with Royal Naval traditions. She was at anchor and she was followed into the harbor by a fleet of motor craft. The Princess Charlotte went out with over a thousand sightseers and a band, and led the way for the fleet, which sailed from Victoria to greet the New Zealand.

The Quada, Captain Leblanc, took out a large party of government officials. Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine, Hon. Richard McBride, premier, Hon. W. J. Bowser and members of the provincial government embarked on the steamer, which was gaily decorated with bunting. Apparently you of Vancouver do not expect us to do any work aboard, or eat aboard, or sleep aboard," commented Capt. Halsey, as he laughingly scanned the awe-inspiring schedule of luncheons. It was then that he intimated that Monday and Tuesday would have to be devoted to ship work.

The first on board was Capt. Halsey of the Rainbow. After luncheon Capt. Halsey came ashore and paid a call on Lieut. Gov. Patterson, and about 3 o'clock the call was returned, the Premier and Hon. Mr. Hazen also going aboard. The officers were entertained at dinner at the Empress Hotel at 7 o'clock tonight, after which a public reception was held at the executive buildings.

DEFER CONFERENCE REGARDING MEXICO. Washington, July 25.—Administrators of this city were not inclined to view the Mexican situation today as requiring urgent attention, and it appeared that the conference between the President and Ambassador Wilson might not be held until Monday.

ANOTHER CABINET GONE. Lima, Peru, July 25.—The Peruvian cabinet, which was formed June 17 with Dr. Auerlo Souza as president and minister of the interior, resigned today.

## ACCIDENTAL DEATH IS THE VERDICT OF JURY

Investigation Into Canadian Explosives Ltd. Disaster. REACH DECISION IN TWENTY MINUTES. Robert H. Lyons, the Manager, is at a Loss to Account for Explosion—Evidence of Biased Witnesses Not Taken.

Bellevue, Que., July 25.—After twenty minutes' deliberation today, the jury empaneled to investigate the cause leading to the deaths of seven victims of the Canadian Explosives Limited, explosion here on Thursday, returned a verdict of accidental death, without making any recommendations. While the inquest conducted by Dr. Chappelaine was primarily on the death of Miss Aurora Eli, one of the victims, the finding also applies to the six others who lost their lives. It had been rumored that charges of criminal negligence would be made against the company, but the witnesses who testified along these lines were apparently strongly biased, some of them being relatives of the victims, while others were disgruntled or discharged employes.

Tells a Condition. The first witness examined was Robert Lyons, manager of the company, who stated that at the time of the explosion everything was being carried on according to the usual routine. The building where the accident occurred, prepared gelatine dynamite was being placed in proper condition, which has a population of 15,000, will be Serbia's biggest capture during the war.

No news was received today from the Turkish side, but it is reported that the Porte has ordered the mobilization of three army corps in Asia Minor.

Sofia, July 25.—The French minister here was requested today by the Bulgarian minister in Philadelphia, eastern Rumelia, to send the following telegram to President and Madame Poincaré: "Bulgarian mothers, whose sons are in the battlefield, implore Madame and President Poincaré, with tears in their eyes, to save us from the Turkish massacres which threaten Philadelphia. Your intervention is our last hope. Accept our sincere thanks and eternal gratitude."

WIRELESS MESSAGE REGARDING ARCTIC EXPLORER WAS FALSE

S. S. Grosser Kurfurst at Christiania, Norway, States Rumor Mistaken for Fact by Receiving Operator.

Christiania, Norway, July 25.—The steamer Grosse Kurfurst, which arrived today from Spitzbergen waters, reports that the recent wireless despatch received from the vessel at Bremen indicating that Lt. Schroeder, Stranz, the missing German Arctic explorer, had been rescued was erroneous.

It was stated by the officers of the vessel that the despatch sent from the Grosse Kurfurst was based on a rumor of Spitzbergen for which there was no foundation. They added that the wireless was sent as a rumor and that it evidently had been mutilated in transmission, from a rumor to a statement of fact.

WESTERN TOWN ENTIRELY WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Brock, Sask., is Prey to Flames—Fire Started in Stable—It Was Fair Day—Damage Enormous.

Saskatoon, July 25.—The town of Brock, Sask., has been wiped out by fire. The fire started in a livery barn and spread under a high wind. The fire brigade has just left Kenderley on a special train. The town is still burning. It was fair-day in Brock and over one thousand visitors were present.

## SITUATION IN BALKANS IS NOW SERIOUS

Austria and Russia Are Preparing to Intervene—Roumania Takes a Determined Stand for Peace.

London, July 25.—The important development today in the Balkan situation was a demand presented by the Austrian representatives at Athens and Belgrade, for an immediate cessation of hostilities, together with a warning that Austria will not allow Bulgaria to be greatly humiliated. It was declared in Vienna tonight that should Greece and Serbia still oppose an armistice, a Roumanian army acting as a mandatory of Austria and Russia, will prevent any attack on Sofia, and that Austria will take even more energetic steps, if necessary to stop the war. Should it be true that Austria and Russia thus have agreed to co-operate the pressure exercised doubtless will be effective.

In the military sphere the principal news is that the Servians have invested the ancient fortress at Vidin, Bulgaria, which is situated on the Danube, 130 miles south of Belgrade. The fall of the fortress cannot long be delayed, in fact a Belgrade despatch reports that Gen. Kuntucheff's troops already are beginning to surround Vidin, which has a population of 15,000, will be Serbia's biggest capture during the war.

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COUPLE WHO WANTED SIMPLE WEDDING AT ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.



Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kreh, Jr., of Washington, who were married one week after the bride, formerly Miss Lulu S. Oliphant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Oliphant, of Vincennes, Ind., had received her diploma from the National Park Seminary, at Washington, are spending their honeymoon at Atlantic City, N. J.

AVIATORS INJURED WHEN PLANE FELL

Frankfort-on-Main, Germany, July 25.—During a practice flight today an aeroplane containing Aviator Schaefer and a mechanic named Stengel fell. Stengel was so badly injured that he died shortly afterwards in a hospital. Schaefer was also badly injured.