

St. John, N. B., June 7th, 1905.

VAN BUREN REPORTS RIVER TROUBLE SETTLED.

Mr. Pond and Mr. Hammond Held Conference Which Resulted Satisfactorily-- International Commission Will Not Consider the Matter.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The Canadian members of the international waterway commission have been placed in possession of the opinion of Attorney General Moody relative to the St. John river matter in explanation of the declaration of the American commissioners to consider the scope of the river and harbor act of 1902 creating the commission. In fact the attorney general has rendered two opinions on this subject, the first last February when Secretary Taft submitted to him a suggestion from the British government that it was desirable to delay action on the bill then pending before the Senate, incorporating a company to construct a dam in the St. John river, until the international waterway commission had completed its report. The attorney general after reciting the section of the river and harbor act applying to this case, pointed out that the only waters named for investigations were those whose natural outlet is by the St. Lawrence River to the Atlantic Ocean, which description does not fit the St. John and therefore it would appear to be excluded from the purview of the commission. The second opinion of the attorney general is dated May 1st, and in it the attorney general simply adheres to the first opinion.

EXPECT JAPANESE ATTACK ON VIADIVOSTOK IN NEAR FUTURE.

Defenses Are Now Complete--Russian Ships at Manila will Not be Allowed to Effect Repairs--More Trouble Brewing in Russia

VLADIVOSTOK, June 5.—It is expected here that a Japanese attack on the fortress will not be long delayed. The defenses of Vladivostok on which steady work has been in progress since the beginning of the war, are now considered as having been completed. TOKIO, June 5, 2.30 p. m.—The chief surgeon of the Sasebo naval hospital, who arrived from St. John, N. B., accompanied by Deputy Sheriff A. R. Foster of Carleton, N. B., it was announced tonight that the log driving difficulties on the St. John River had been adjusted, and that Mr. Bond's boats would be permitted to pass the Van Buren booms and ascend the river to Edmundston tomorrow. The water in the river is falling, and it is said that there is twelve million feet of lumber hung up on the upper St. John River and thirty million feet of lumber stranded on the Miramichi River. Mr. Bond and Deputy Sheriff Foster, after a long interview at St. John with Attorney General Wm. Pugsley of New Brunswick, arrived at St. Leonard's, a short distance from this place, this noon, where they met President Hammond of the Van Buren Company. A number of Mr. Bond's boats were in the river at the time preparing to get under way, and this afternoon they were directed toward the Grand River church. The conference lasted several hours, and at its conclusion it was announced that the troubles regarding log driving on the river were over.

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Emmerson's Ideas Of a Train Service. He Thinks That Freights Are Good Enough For St. John Local Traffic—Dr. Daniel and Dr. Stockton Stand Up For St. John.

OTTAWA, June 2.—The commonsense like the senate, is resting from its labors, because like the red chamber, there is nothing to do. For this the government is largely if not wholly to blame. Sir Wilfrid's eyes are turned toward Ontario and until Hon. Mr. Hyman's fate is settled the premier has no heart for work. Laurier has had a steady succession of ill-fortunes this session. First came Sifton's defection and then Hon. Mr. Sutherland's protracted illness. Now Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick is very much under the weather, and without the presence of the minister of justice the government is not prepared to go on with the autonomy bill. At last reports Mr. Fitzpatrick was somewhat better, but we are advised still to wait for a time for an exciting event.

All sorts of rumors float in from London and Woodstock, and it is difficult indeed, almost impossible, to size up what is going on in these ridings. Col. Sam Hughes, who is a fighter on the political battlefield as well as a gallant soldier, has declined to believe that Laurier has lost his great right arm in Ontario, but he is less than the usual grit machine tactics displayed at the polls, and that conservative votes will not be destroyed by trick ballot boxes, or votes kept away from the polls by physical intimidation. If brute force is resorted to Col. Hughes says it will be met at the outset and it will be met at the outset and it will be met at the outset.

Fredericton Mayor Wants to Hold an Open Meeting

Fredericton, June 5.—Fredericton's reform City Council seems to be again in difficulties. Tonight there was a committee meeting of the whole council. Some time ago a resolution was passed to the effect that these meetings be held in private. This method has been strongly condemned by the public, and this evening Mayor McNeilly stated that he proposed holding meetings in the council chambers, which meant that it would be open. Of the ten aldermen only seven appeared at the City Hall, Ald. Hanlon, Stockford and McGinn being absent. Of the seven aldermen present Alderman Mitchell was the only one to enter the chambers, the other six remaining in the city clerk's office and absolutely refusing to grant the mayor's request. His worship, the city clerk, city auditor and Ald. Mitchell remained in the council chamber for over an hour. The aldermen outside sent a request for the mayor to come out and talk the matter over. His worship replied that they could come into the council chamber and do the talking. When it was getting on to nine o'clock and becoming evident that no compromise or settlement could be reached Mayor McNeilly announced an adjournment of the committee, to be called again by the chair. As things now exist there is a deadlock between the mayor and the majority of the council. The mayor says business must be transacted openly, and when the resolution was passed to have closed doors he was not present.

PORTLAND WOMAN SUICIDE WAS BORN IN HALIFAX.

BOSTON, June 6.—The woman who jumped from the Portland steamer Bay State on its trip from Portland to Boston Friday night was Mrs. Annie T. Thompson. This was determined yesterday by the police of Boston, 2 who had taken possession of the effects which the woman left in the stateroom she occupied. Mrs. George Mahan, of 28, Arcadia street, Dorchester, a sister of Mrs. Thompson, called at station 2 yesterday morning and said she would like to see the articles the woman left on board the boat. When they were shown to her she said they were her sister's without any doubt. For some time, Mrs. Mahan said, her sister had been living with her. On Wednesday last Mrs. Thompson said she was going away for a day or two. "My sister had been ill and despondent," said Mrs. Mahan yesterday, "but I did not suspect she had any idea of suicide. The day before she left I helped her trim the hat she wore when she went away." Charles A. Thompson of 11 Lincoln street, Charlestown, is convinced that it was his former wife who committed suicide. The couple separated about 20 years ago. Following the separation Thompson had heard little or nothing of the woman's whereabouts. A peculiar fact is that about 10 years ago when Thompson was a special police officer, he met her at Revere beach, and because of some misbehavior on her part threatened to arrest her, not recognizing her as his former wife. The discovery was a shock to him. The couple had met at a hotel in Gloucester where Mrs. Thompson was a waitress. They were smitten with each other and soon were married. They lived together five years. Thompson has been living in Charlestown for some time and has never visited the relatives of his former wife. Mrs. Thompson was one of twelve children and was born at Halifax, N. S., about 46 years ago. The only surviving members of the family, according to Mrs. Mahan, are two sisters besides herself, one residing in Philadelphia and the other in Ashland, Mass. When a young girl she was adopted by L. W. Hollingsworth of Macon, Ga., and lived under that name for some time. This accounts for the letters found in her effects addressed to Mr. Hollingsworth. Mrs. Mahan lost track of her sister after the latter left the Hollingsworth family, but later they were united as the result of an advertisement inserted in a daily paper by Mrs. Thompson when she returned to Boston. Mrs. Mahan and her husband thought nothing of Mrs. Thompson's sudden trip to Portland, as she had been known to go off on journeys frequently. She did not state when she would return and gave no particular reason for going to Portland. She had no relatives there or friends as far as is known.

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ST. PETERSBURG, June 5, 7.48 p. m.—The British foreign office has advised the admiralty office that the decision whether to disarm the three Russian cruisers at Manila or effect repairs there and endeavor to reach a Russian port was left to the admiralty. The admiralty is to determine according to his best judgment. Little doubt was felt that the cruisers would be interned, before the repairs which Ensign cables are imperative could be completed. A Japanese squadron would be off Corregidor Island waiting to capture or sink them. ST. PETERSBURG, June 5, 6.13 p. m.—General Trepoft went to Pankoselo today to thank the Emperor for his appointment as assistant minister of the interior and to confer with his Majesty regarding the exercise of the great power and heavy responsibility entrusted to him by the ukase which was published in the Official Messenger this morning. Curiously, the appointment of General Trepoft, his new post is not gazetted. In government circles the appointment of General Trepoft as assistant minister of the interior, widening the scope of his authority to that of Admiral Komulov in the whole empire what he has done in St. Petersburg since January 22, is regarded as an obvious step for the Emperor to take if he determined not to abandon the fundamental principles of Russian rule and transform the autocracy into a limited monarchy of the West European type. It is claimed that Trepoft, since his appointment as governor general of St. Petersburg, has maintained order here, has prevented a recurrence of the tumults of January, without loss of life, and has handled the situation with the needed firmness, yet without giving cause for complaint, as the late Von Plehve did, by the adoption of unnecessarily stringent and arbitrary measures. ST. PETERSBURG, June 5.—The labor leaders are negotiating for the purpose of declaring a general strike next Saturday. ST. PETERSBURG, June 5, 2.48 a. m.—The meeting of the all-Russian Zemstvo congress called for today, for which 280 delegates from various Zemstvos and municipalities, including the majority of 46 cities, arrived here yesterday and at which it was proposed to introduce resolutions calling for the immediate cessation of hostilities, has been prohibited. The order of prohibition, which arrived only late last night, has aroused the greatest indignation and resentment. Very many of the delegates are determined to defy the government and to proceed with the congress in which case trouble may be expected. The more radical of the delegates are proposing measures of an extreme type and there is the greatest anxiety

PORT HOOD MINERS ARE SHORT OF CASH.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 5.—The miners of Port Hood, C. B., who were recently thrown out of work through the company's inability to pay their wages, are in distress and are appealing for assistance to the different P. W. A. lodges through the province. The men have not been paid since last February and about two weeks ago ceased to work. The lodges in Cape Breton have appointed committees to solicit subscriptions. (Special to the Sun.)

EXPRESS AGENT'S WIDOW WINS \$13,000 DAMAGES FROM G. T. R.

MONTREAL, June 5.—Review court Saturday confirmed the verdict of the jury in the superior court giving Mrs. Fred Hackett, widow of the route agent of the Canadian Express Co., killed in Richmond last August, \$13,000 damages for her suit against the Grand Trunk Co. The company resisted the claim on the ground that Hackett was an employee of the express company, was not entitled to damages.

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