

SERVIA AND BULGARIA ACTUALLY AT WAR NOW

Servian Minister Speaking Officially Declares Fighting is Going On.

BULGARS ATTACK ALONG WHOLE LINE

Despatches from Belgrade Most Conflicting—Turkey Says She Will Side With Servia and Greece—Diplomatic Relations Continue.

Belgrade, July 1.—"We are at war with Bulgaria," said the Minister of the Interior, M. Protic, speaking in behalf of the government tonight in the Skupstina. "Instructions have been given to the Servian commander-in-chief," continued the minister, "to be prepared to defend our entire line. Bulgaria has attacked us along the whole line."

London is Puzzled. London, July 1.—The Balkan situation is extremely puzzling. The Servian government announces almost in the same breath the acceptance of Russian arbitration and the existence of a state of war. The despatches which arrived tonight from Belgrade are of a most conflicting character. Some announce that the fighting has ceased since Monday, others that serious fighting continues and that the Servians have captured Istin and Krapiste, with heavy losses on both sides.

All these reports must be regarded with suspicion. The only tangible fact seems to be that there has been no formal declaration of war nor interruption of diplomatic relations as yet. The powers continue working actively to avert a war, which might before long involve half of Europe. The ambassadorial conference met at London today to discuss the situation but arrived at no decision. Nothing is known concerning Roumania's attack. A Bulgarian official statement has been issued confirming the capture of Guevgelin and the throwing back of the Greek forces on the Struma River. Accusation of massacre and rapine common during the last war, is again being spread broadcast, especially by the Greeks, although, according to official reports, the opposing states have ordered their armies to remain on the defensive. All of the former allies are making warlike preparations and are organizing hospital and medical services. A despatch from Rome says that Turkey has notified Bulgaria that unless she abandons her claim to a war indemnity Turkey will join with Servia and Greece in the event of hostilities.

FIGURES IN WILL CONTEST.



LADY COCKVILLE

The smart set of London is daily crowding the Probate Court to witness the legal battle over the probating of the will of the late Sir John Murray Scott, by which he bequeathed nearly \$5,000,000 to Lady Cockville. The probating of the will is contested by Malcolm Scott, a brother of Sir John, who alleges undue influence was exercised over his brother by Baron and Lady Cockville in order to obtain the bulk of the Scott estate.

TARIFF BILL AGREEMENT IS ABOUT READY

Senate Democrats in Caucus Decide Maney Contested Points.

MOVE TO CURB THE TOBACCO "TRUST"

Mutual Life Insurance Company Earnings Exempted from Operations of Income Tax—Discussion Again Today.

Washington, July 1.—Senate Democrats approached a final agreement on the Underwood Tariff Bill in caucus late today, when they made the following decisions on important contested points: Mutual life insurance companies were exempted from payment of income tax on premiums returned to policy holders in the form of dividends. A stamp tax of one-tenth of one cent per pound was agreed to for all cotton in transit, the tax to be refunded where the cotton is actually delivered.

An agreement was reported for a vote tomorrow on the Hitchcock amendment, proposing a restrictive tax on tobacco production to prevent monopoly. The Senate committee members held another meeting tonight to decide questions referred back from the caucus. The caucus will resume work on the bill tomorrow, and it is believed the final paragraphs will be reached before the end of the day.

The decision to exempt from the income tax earnings which mutual life insurance companies later distribute to policy holders came at the end of a long debate. The caucus last night, by a vote of 12 to 1, overturned the recommendation of the finance committee Democrats that such exemption be made. On a reconsideration today, asked for by Senator Lewis, the caucus reversed the action of last night and voted to upend the committee and to place the insurance exemption in the tariff bill. Senator Overman tried vainly to have the tax on cotton futures cut down from one-tenth of one cent basis, proposed by Senator Clark, to one-twentieth of one cent. Senator Hitchcock's fight to secure the adoption of his tobacco tax amendment, which embraces the views set forth some time ago by Attorney General McKeenleys, for curbing the finance trust, was carried on until adjournment tonight, and will be renewed tomorrow. Members of the finance trust some decided against the amendment, which would impose a heavy tax on production above a certain figure. Senator Hitchcock will also propose tomorrow a companion amendment for a tax on the production of all corporations that control and to place the specified amount of the production in their line of industry and will attempt to have both amendments made part of the tariff bill.

INVENTION ON S. S. VICTORIAN WAS SUCCESS

Apparatus to Indicate Direction from Which Sound Comes May Prove Valuable in Averting Accidents in Fog.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 1.—Officials of the Marine Department are greatly interested in an invention which has been tried with conspicuous success. It is an installation whereby the direction from which sounds come is indicated with fog is the fact that when blasts from fog horns, whistles, the ringing of bells, etc., are heard it often is impossible to tell in what direction in the station where they are produced. The new installation proved a brilliant success. The inventor is being supplied by the department with particulars as to the pitch of the various fog alarms.

BORDEN CLUB'S PICNIC A GREAT SUCCESS IN SPITE OF UNFAVORABLE WEATHER

Large Number Journeyed to Belyea's Point Yesterday and Heard Questions of the Day Discussed in Excellent Addresses by Speakers Well Qualified.

E. N. Rhodes, M. P., for Cumberland, N. S., Dr. Edwards, M. P., for Frontenac, Ont., and Our Own Premier, Hon. J. K. Fleming, Contrast Borden Government's Rule of Performance With Late Liberal Regime of Freshy Promises Lightly Given.

In spite of the unfavorable weather in the morning the excursion to Belyea's Point yesterday was well attended, and proved an interesting and enjoyable way of celebrating the natal day of the Dominion. Owing to the uncertainty about the weather the boat which went up in the afternoon was delayed, and the full programme of speeches which had been arranged for the occasion was not carried out, but Premier Fleming, E. N. Rhodes of Amherst and Dr. Edwards of Frontenac, Ont., delivered interesting addresses, their reference to the Borden naval policy and the work of the government in the development of the Maritime Provinces being received with generous applause.

Among the members of the local legislature who were present were L. P. D. Tilley, George B. Jones, Hon. J. A. Murray, Speaker Clark, W. B. Dickson, H. V. Dickson and H. W. Woods. George W. Powell, M. P., acted as chairman of the open-air meeting. In the morning at ten o'clock, although it was raining at the time, the May Queen left Indiantown with a party of about 100. At first the committee in charge of the arrangements decided that it would be best to take the party for a sail on the river, but by the time they reached Belyea's Point the rain had ceased, and the party was landed. The boat was then sent back to the city with a portion of the Sons of England Band, which boarded a street car and went for a trip about the city, playing various airs with the idea of letting the public know that the picnic had not been postponed. The boat was kept waiting until nearly three o'clock, and on her second trip up had quite a crowd. The number of the picnic was augmented by the fact that during the afternoon Com. Grieve and quite a number of yachtsmen came in their boats to the point and joined in the festivities. In view of the circumstances the outing was a success in every way and added to the prestige of the Borden Club. The Sons of England band was in attendance and played a large number of selections both on the boat and on the grounds, and certainly did all that could be expected of them to add to the enjoyment of the affair.

THE WARMEST DOMINION DAY IN MONTREAL

Canadian Metropolis Celebrated Yesterday in Sweltering Weather—One Death and Several Prostrations.

Montreal, July 1.—Dominion Day, the hottest on record, was quietly celebrated here today. One of the notable features was its general observance by the French. Practically every business house in the city was closed and the parks, sports, ball games and race tracks were thronged by record breaking crowds. Giuseppe Digliano was the only victim of the sun sweltering rays, although a few prostrations were reported. The temperature reached 92.20. Aside from the royal salute on the Champs Des Mars there was no official observance of the day.

DIES AT AGE OF 150 YEARS

Dr. Cho Chay Died at Ellis Island on Way to Canada—Was in His 150th Year.

New York, July 1.—Dr. Cho Choy, late of China, died yesterday in his one hundred and fiftieth year. With a party of Chinese he was on his way to Ellis Island, having arrived here only yesterday from Havana. His health was excellent, and he had no apparent signs that his age was exaggerated. Last night he became suddenly ill and death came shortly before noon today.

WILL NOT VISIT HALIFAX. Buenos Ayres, July 1.—The intended visit to Halifax, N. S., of the Argentine training ship, Presidente Sarmiento, has been cancelled by order of the minister of marine. The Presidente Sarmiento is on an extensive cruise and is at present in American waters.

This decision of the marine minister has given rise to criticism in the English newspapers in Buenos Ayres, which consider it a display of pan-Americanism. London, July 1.—The Japanese steamer Maseki Maru, which plies between Portland, Oregon, and Yokohama and Shanghai, is stranded near Hakodate, Japan, and broken in two.

THE G. T. P. AND THE PORT OF ST. JOHN

Statement that Line Has Asked and Been Granted Running Rights Over I. C. R. to Halifax Absolutely Untrue.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, July 1.—The statement that running rights have been applied for and granted to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway from Montreal to Halifax is absolutely denied by the highest official authority. No such application has yet been made, but it is the intention of the company at an early date to take up, simultaneously, the question of running rights to both St. John and Halifax. Those in intimate touch with the situation, however, are of the opinion that running rights between Montreal and St. John will be of comparatively little importance, as the company's business to and from St. John will undoubtedly be handled over the St. John Valley Railway.

PRINCE BIDS FAREWELL TO ST. JOHN'S Sails Today After Visit to Ancient Colony—Four Hundred at Garden Party in His Honor.

St. Johns, Nfld., July 1.—With Prince Albert, second son of King George of England, aboard, H. M. S. Cumberland will sail from St. John's at daylight tomorrow. The visit of the young Prince closed with a garden party at Government House this afternoon. Four hundred guests attended including the Catholic archbishop of the diocese, the Anglican bishop, cabinet ministers, judges and other dignitaries.

Former Sydney Man Has Better Staying Power and Springhill Fighter Quits at End of Fifth Round.

Amherst, N. S., July 1.—Before a very large audience at the Empress tonight, D. McDonald of Springhill, but formerly of Sydney, defeated J. Price of Springhill in a five-round boxing bout.

The first two rounds seemed quite evenly matched and after this McDonald, who seemed to be in better shape and having the staying power, seemed to outclass Price. Price quit in the middle of the fifth round, complaining of a lame hip and side.

MACINTYRE LOST LOST FIGHT ON A FOUL

Sydney, July 1.—The bout between Mickey MacIntyre and Billy Griffiths at Glace Bay, tonight, scheduled for 15 rounds ended in the fifth round when MacIntyre landed a blow below the belt. Referee Joe Francis awarded the fight to Griffiths on a foul.

The bout was exceedingly fast and hard, and it was difficult to choose between the men. The large crowd present was keenly disappointed, not only because of the popularity of the local boy, but also because the fight promised to be the fastest ever seen in Cape Breton. It is not learned whether arrangements are to be made for another meeting.

COMMISSION WILL BEGIN WORK THIS WEEK

Ottawa, July 1.—The commission consisting of Prof. Haskell, of Carroll, Mr. V. W. Fournier, and Mr. W. J. Stewart, which has been appointed to investigate the problems connected with the procuring of a 35 foot channel in the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Quebec will begin work on Thursday. It is expected to report by the end of the season.

JAPANESE STEAMER STRANDED. London, July 1.—The Japanese steamer Maseki Maru, which plies between Portland, Oregon, and Yokohama and Shanghai, is stranded near Hakodate, Japan, and broken in two.

WHOLE NORTH COUNTRY WEATHERED BY FIRE

FATAL ENDING TO MILKMAN'S USUAL SPREE

John J. Brown, of Ampror, Ont., Wounded Chief of Police.

OFFICER WANTED HIM FOR DRUNKENNESS

Brown Fired at Police Chief from Window in His Home Then Turned Gun on Himself.

Ampror, Ont., July 1.—John J. Brown, a local milk dealer, shot himself dead with a rifle in his yard here today after sending a bullet from the same weapon into the shoulder of Chief of Police J. W. Hunt, while the latter was attempting to arrest him for drunkenness. Chief Hunt's injury, though serious, is not fatal, but he had an extremely narrow escape from death. The bullet entered at the right shoulder and lodged near the spine. It was located and removed after about an hour's probing by Doctors Jamieson and Cameron. The chief is resting well tonight and barring complications is not thought to be in danger.

Brown, who was well known about town, was a quiet, inoffensive man. He was seen in a public drinking bout in which he displayed a manly temper. The dead man had been on a prolonged spree and yesterday put his wife and children out of the house, the family going to Mrs. Brown's parents at Haley's Station. Home yesterday to take the man in charge, but found that he was asleep and thought it advisable to let him sleep off the effects of the liquor. The chief went back again this morning to see how the man was getting on, but receiving no response to calls for him concluded he was still asleep and drove off.

A few minutes later some of the neighbors reported that they had heard Brown fire a shot and the chief hurried back to the scene. Without getting out of the buggy he took up a position where he could watch both doors of the house, and called upon Brown to come out. There was no reply, but he noticed a sudden movement of one of the upper windows followed almost instantly by a shot, and the chief was notified of a sudden movement of a rifle bullet in his shoulder. Realizing that he had been badly wounded, the chief had the presence of mind to drive rapidly to the residence of Dr. Jamieson, where he was given immediate medical attention. Over shooting created a sensation in the locality and a crowd quickly gathered around the house. Within a couple of minutes Brown rushed down stairs and into the yard, where he turned the rifle upon himself and was shot before anyone could reach him. The deceased was about thirty-eight years old. He and Chief Hunt were well known to each other and on the best of terms of friendship. The only explanation of the sad affair is that the unfortunate man was in an insane condition from the effects of liquor.

GOLFERS AT TORONTO FOR BIG MATCHES

Royal Golf Tournament Opened on Toronto Club Links—Ontario Team Easily Won Inter-provincial Match.

Toronto, July 1.—Premier honors at the opening day of the nineteenth Royal golf tournament at the Toronto club links today were carried off by Mr. Julian Sale, Jr., of Rosedale, who won the open handicap with a net score of 73. Mr. Sale, whose handicap was eight strokes, turned in the same score as Mr. George Webster, the popular Mississauga player, and as a result the pair had to play off another round before victory went to the Rosedale amateur. The lowest gross scores were turned in by the evergreen veteran, George Lyon, of Lambton, and E. H. Turpin, of Montreal, both of whom achieved the creditable performance of completing the round in eighty. Hovey for the course is 81, forty-one going out, forty coming in.

Mr. Sale's score, in view of the climatic conditions, was an excellent effort, and judging by the sterling game he put up, he should go a long way in the championships. Mr. Turpin, Montreal, was the only outside golfer to achieve distinction during the contest, though the fact that he came in in 38 strokes is the best proof of the excellent game he played. The inter-provincial match, which was the feature event of the afternoon, resulted in a runaway victory for Ontario by 8 to 2. But two Quebec players succeeded in winning their games. Mr. Keith defeated Fritz Martin, and W. I. Hogg vanquished W. J. James.

District of Kemigaming Ablaze and Many Bush Towns in Danger.

HUNDREDS HOMELESS; DAMAGE VERY HEAVY

Fire Not Far from Cobalt, New Liskeard and Haileybury—Unless Rain Comes Speedily Many Lives Must Be Sacrificed.

Cobalt, Ont., July 1.—The district of Kemigaming is ablaze with forest fires and every bush town north of New Liskeard is in danger. All along the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario, from Line Park to Cochrane, along the Transcontinental east to Bell River and west to Hearst, the bush is a roaring, fiery furnace, and fanned by a high wind may engulf towns at any time. The inhabitants have given up all idea of celebration of the anniversary of Confederation, and are fighting for their property and even their lives. For two days the red men have carried water and run to and fro in smoke and sweltering heat.

Even around Cobalt, New Liskeard and Haileybury wood smoke makes the air acrid, and Dominion Day crowds are covered with ashes. Pillars of smoke tower on the horizon and as the breeze strengthens great waves of flame redden the heavens. If there is no rain within the next day or so God help any settler or prospector, farmer or townsman within reach of flying embers from walls or flames.

Sending Valuables Aways. On the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario trains going south, the express cars are full of trunks containing valuable goods by the people who are leaving behind to fight the flames. Others are hastily burying treasures. There is no knowledge of loss of life, and probably may not be, for the pioneers, wiser than two years ago, are fleeing before the holocaust. But the loss will be enormous.

All lines are down north and south, where it is reported that fifteen families are homeless, and there is no communication except by train. Pupils are coming south. Blackened with smoke and flame at Thorneo, two women were directed to flee, those against the blaze, their men folk being away defending other vulnerable points. This afternoon it was reported that after all had been given up as lost at Cochrane, and the fighters were packing their goods on flat cars, there came a blessed and seeming miraculous ten minutes of rain, which slackened and finally drenched out the blaze. The fight is now renewed with better heart, although the wind is high. From Porcupine it is learned that fires that have been surrounding the towns have reached the outskirts and live work in that vicinity has been dropped in order to join the bucket brigade. Shacks have been destroyed on Dome Road, and it is reported that Porcupine or Golden City has been lost, but this cannot be confirmed. At Jacksboro, west of Cochrane, 100,000 loss, representing a year's work, have been destroyed. Forest fires are going all around Hearst and fears are expressed for its safety. It is impossible to communicate with the settlers, but it is certain that hundreds are homeless.

LAUTERBACH DENIES CHARGE

Grand Master Christie Performs Ceremony in Presence of Brethren from All Parts of Nova Scotia.

Windsor, N. S., July 1.—One of the features of Dominion Day here was a gathering of Free Masons from all the provinces to witness the ceremony of dedicating the new wing of the Free Masons' home at Fairfield. The ceremony was performed by Grand Master Christie.

BOY DROWNED WHILE BATHING.

London, Ont., July 1.—George Skelly, aged 12, was drowned while bathing in the river near the Hiffe Range this morning. Two companions did not miss him until it was too late. The body was recovered four hours later in dense weeds.

EDWARD LAUTERBACH

Resenting the accusation made in Washington against him by Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Union Pacific Railroad, that he had tried to force the Union Pacific to employ him as counsel in dissolution proceedings ordered by the Supreme Court under the alleged threat that Congress would interfere if he were not retained, Mr. Lauterbach asserts emphatically that he never approached any one connected with the Union Pacific to force him employment, as has been charged.