LITTLE RIVER DOWN BY ROCKS

peared From Municipal Home, Thought—Identified by Super- Home—Had Been Searching

After Superintendent Woods had identified the body it was removed to the home and Coroner Berryman notified.

Crowley was about fifty-seven years of age. He had been in the Municipal Home for some years. On one occasion he left the home and for weeks the superintendent kept up a search for him. It was almost a year later when he returned and explained that he had shipped on a coastwise schooner and went to Nova Scotia.

When he again disappeared from the institution on April 11, it was thought that something similar had happened. Nevertheless, the superintendent kept up a search for him, but the searching parties met with no success. When the news of the drowning came to the home, the officials there were greatly surprised. It is thought that Crowley left the home, and in a state of despondency went directly across the fields and after securing the rocks, jumped into the river and drowned himself.

Valencia 714	5.75	"	6.00
Malga grapes	6.50	"	7.00
Onions, Valentia, per case	2.50	"	3.00
Onions, American, bag	1.40	"	1.25
Canadian onions	0.00	"	1.25

FISH.

Small dry cod	4.00	"	0.00
Medium dry cod	5.00	"	5.25
Pollock	3.75	"	4.00
Grand Manan herring, bbls	5.25	"	5.50
Grand Manan herring, half-bbls	2.75	"	3.00
Fresh haddock	0.02½	"	0.03
Pickled shad, half-bbls	8.00	"	12.00
Fresh cod, per lb	0.02½	"	0.03
Bloaters, per box	0.55	"	0.60
Halibut	0.10	"	0.15
Kippered herring, per doz	0.30	"	0.50
Finnan haddies	0.06	"	0.07

OILS.

Pratt's Astral	0.00	"	0.20½
White Rose and Chester	0.00	"	0.18½
High grade Sarnia and Archlight	0.00	"	0.18½
Silver Star	0.00	"	0.18½
Turpentine	0.00	"	0.62
Raw oil	0.00	"	0.60
Boiled oil	0.00	"	0.63
Extra lard oil	0.87	"	0.90
Extra No. 1 lard	0.61	"	0.00
Motor gasoline	0.00	"	0.27½

HIDES.

Beef hides (green) per lb	0.10½	"	0.11
Beef hides (solid) per lb	0.00	"	0.12
Calfskin	0.17	"	0.18
Sheepskin (one dealer's price)	0.80	"	1.10
Sheepskin (another dealer's price)	0.80	"	1.20
Tallow	0.00	"	0.05½
Wool (unwashed)	0.00	"	0.14
Wool (washed)	0.00	"	0.22

IN THE COURTS

Cases Before Mr. Justice McKeown Thursday.

Friday, April 25.

Before Mr. Justice McKeown in chambers yesterday argument on the return of the summons for directions in the case of the A. R. Williams Co., of St. John N. B., Limited vs. Dunbar and another was heard. The question in dispute was where the venure should be laid. The defendants asked to have the cause tried at Woodstock as their defence was by way of a counter-claim which they allege arose in Carleton county. The plaintiff opposed the application and asked that the cause be tried here. Judgment was deferred until after the pleadings had been delivered., G. Earl Logan appeared for the plaintiff and M. G. Teed, K. C., for the defendants.

Application Granted.

In the case of the South West National Bank of Kansas City, vs. Hughes and others, before Mr. Justice McKeown yesterday morning, M. G. Teed, K. C., made application for a new commission for the taking of evidence in Kansas City. A previous commission had been issued but it was said, proved abortive. The application was granted and the order issued. Mr. Teed appeared for the plaintiff and G. W. Fowler, K. C., R. St. J. Freeze and H. H. Pickett for the defendants.

HOPEWELL HILL NOTES

Hopewell Hill, April 24—Rev. Mr. Love, who has been pastor of the Hopewell Baptist church for the past two years and a half, will preach farewell sermons on the field next Sunday, April 27. Rev. Mr. McLatchey, lately of Highfield street United Baptist church, Moncton, who has been engaged for three months, will be here on the first Sunday in May. Mr. McLatchey will probably reside during the summer at Hopewell Cape.

Rev. Thos. Stebbings, pastor of the Methodist church, is conducting special services this week at the Hill.

The Albert train was between three and four hours late on Tuesday night, getting in to Albert only a little before 10 o'clock.

There has yet been no activity this season, along the Shepody Bay, but there is likely to be a change shortly when the first deal steamers arrive at the island in a week or so, when there may be expected pretty lively times on the water front among the lightermen and shippers of dealers. It is reported that two steamers will be in at once, and if so lighters are likely to be in good demand.

NEWCASTLE NEWS

Newcastle, April 24—In the St. Andrew's Anglican church at 9 o'clock last night, the rector, Rev. W. J. Bate, united in marriage Miss Annie, daughter of Jas. S. Russell to F. Uncles, of St. John.

Tuesday afternoon in St. Mary's church, Miss Sadie McGowan was married to Joe Comfort.

Mrs. John Kanghan, of Douglastown, is confined to her bed as the result of falling from the barn loft and cutting her leg badly on a pile of wood on which she fell.

Mrs. Elmer Delano, of Douglastown, is seriously ill.

Charles Pittman, of Douglastown, who has been ill two months is slowly recovering his health.

Hutchinson's mill at Douglastown, started yesterday morning.

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DELAY SERIOUS FOR THE HARBOR

Great Need for More Berths

Congestion Explained at Board of Trade Meeting

Commissioner Schofield and Others Make Practical Suggestions and Committee is Appointed to Urge on the Government the Necessity of Immediate Action.

Tuesday, April 29

The pressing need for instant action to relieve the congestion of traffic at the west side docks and to prepare for the steadily increasing business, was forcibly presented at the public meeting held in Keith's Assembly rooms under the joint auspices of the board of trade and the city commissioners last evening. While the attendance was not so large as the importance of the subject might have led one to expect, the gathering was a representative one and comprised those most prominent in the various interests affected by the situation.

The discussion of the problem seemed to indicate as the most important steps which should be taken the calling for tenders by the dominion government for the immediate construction of one or more additional berths and the erection of grain conveyors, to supply berths No. 5, 6 and 7.

Commissioner Schofield reviewed the situation in a comprehensive manner and urged the need of calling for tenders for new wharves within the next fortnight if they are to be completed in time to be of any service next season. As other steps to relieve the congestion, he suggested the construction of grain conveyors to other berths of the new government pier, the use of the old C. P. R. berth, the erection of a warehouse on the northern side of No. 7 to provide accommodation for the use of the berth on the northern side of that wharf; the straightening on No. 1 berth to enable it to accommodate larger steamers and the removal of the ferry terminus to the foot of King street and the construction of a long deep water berth on the present side of Rodney wharf.

William Downie said that the present facilities are already five years behind the development of the port and, after submitting figures showing the large increase of both import and export business during the past five years, predicted that the traffic would double in the next five years. He announced that the C. P. R. expects to have additional sidings in Union street, west end, to accommodate 250 cars, by next year.

Mayor Frink suggested that if there is no other way to provide the grain conveyors the city might put up the money and do the work. Another interesting suggestion which he made was that the city might tender for government contracts for wharf construction to make sure the work was done to their own satisfaction. He urged the desirability of calling for tenders for two new wharves instead of only one.

Captain Gillies advocated the closing of the western channel to protect the new wharves.

P. W. Thomson suggested the extension of No. 6 berth to the harbor line.

Senator Daniel spoke briefly and predicted that the final solution would be found in the government taking over all the harbor facilities.

A committee was appointed to give effect to the sentiments expressed at the meeting and to forward a resolution to the dominion government.

The Congestion.

In calling the meeting to order, the chairman, J. M. Robinson, president of the board of trade, drew attention to the congestion which had existed in the harbor this winter and which had grown worse as the season progressed. He predicted that with the growth of trade, the congestion would be much worse next year unless prompt steps were taken to remedy the matter.

A large number of pictures, taken at Sand Point within the last few weeks, showing the actual conditions, were then thrown upon the screen and were explained by Harold C. Schofield. The pictures showed the slip with seven steamers crowded into it on several different occasions and several pictures of steamers double banked with two at each berth.

The chairman remarked that pictures showed better than he could tell the conditions which existed in the harbor. The city and the board of trade had been active in their efforts to secure more rapid progress in the extension of the facilities, but with little success. They were told that the government was hurrying the work, but the fact remained that it was not being done. He then called upon the city commissioner of harbors to address the meeting.

The Situation.

Commissioner Schofield expressed his disappointment regarding the size of the meeting. He felt that it showed what he had always felt, that the citizens did not appreciate the seriousness of the situation. Since he had filled out a year as commissioner of harbors the fact had been emphasized in his mind that the average citizen did not realize the situation. However, it was nothing to get excited about or to be heralded abroad as something to make the port avoided. To his mind it was something that could very easily be dealt with if everybody would put their shoulders to the wheel.

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SEEDING ABOUT FINISHED IN SOUTH ALBERTA

Lethbridge, Alta., April 28—Seeding is practically finished in Southern Alberta and by May 1 there will be very little to be done.

The southern section of the province has established an early seeding record this year, with favorable conditions an early harvest may be looked for.

TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL CODE

Securing Goods by False Statements Will Be an Indictable Offence

AFTER WHITE SLAVERS

Stiffer Penalties Provided For—Minister of Finance Tells of Big Profits from Canada's Mint—Conservation Commission to Have a Deputy Chairman With Big Salary.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, April 28—The government today again steered clear of both navy and supply. In the business brought before the house, non-contentious measures were taken up exclusively.

Finance Minister White asked that Canada's allowance for the operation of the Ottawa branch of the Royal mint should be increased from $75,000 a year to $110,000 a year. He stated that the increase was wanted to enable the mint authorities to refine all the gold produced in Canada, that it might be minted here instead of being sent to the United States for refining. When gold was sent there to be refined it stayed there and was minted by the United States.

Five years ago there were only 219 ounces of gold received at the Canadian mint, while last year a steady increase had brought the amount to 105,000 ounces. The mint made money chiefly through seignorage on silver, and the profit last year was $800,000.

To Mr. Devlin, he stated that Hon. Mr. Fielding's plan of paying the banks a small fee to return American silver to the United States was being continued as most satisfactory.

Dr. Thompson said that the gold production of the Yukon which was but three millions two years ago had increased to five millions last year, but of this only a million and a quarter was coined in Canada. He complained that in Canada most of the gold held was in American currency.

Finance Minister White said that it was the most convenient form for exchange. There was about a hundred millions of gold held in Canada and of this over ninety millions was in American coin. If a change was desired the only way to deal with it would be to melt it down and recoin it, a process which would involve great expense.

W. F. MacLean declared that within the few years the production of Porcupine camp would make Canada one of the great gold countries of the world.

To Amend the Criminal Code.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, has given notice of a bill to amend the criminal code. The chief amendment proposed is with a view to further stiffening the law against the white slave traffic. Penalties against procuring for immoral purposes are made more severe and procurers are made liable to the lash, in addition to imprisonment. The new law will be practically the same as now obtains in Great Britain. By a clearer wording it will facilitate the securing of convictions.

Another amendment makes it a criminal offence for anyone to obtain goods under false pretences through furnishing a false statement to commercial or financial rating agencies and thereby obtaining a higher credit rating than he is entitled to.

A third amendment still further strengthens the law against the carrying of revolvers or other concealed weapons. Canada's legislation in this respect is already considerably in advance of nearly all the countries.

The minister of justice has also in view some amendments to the code in relation to wife desertion, but the terms of this amendment are not yet fully decided upon.

Premier Borden has given notice of a resolution providing for the appointment of an officer who shall have the rank and salary of a deputy minister, assistant to the chairman and secretary of the conservation commission.

It may be noted in this connection that efforts have been made of late by the government to introduce politics into the administration of the commission and to make it another field for the exploitation of patronage. So far these efforts have been strictly resisted by the chairman of the commission, Hon. Clifford Sifton, and by the officials of the department. The appointment of a deputy-head, of the government's own choosing, may be a step towards introducing the machine element into the work of the commission, which has hitherto been absolutely non-partizan.

TORIES WILL SCUTTLE THE CANADIAN NAVY

To Release Naval Recruits

Rainbow and Niobe Will Likely Be Returned to Britain and Contribution Be the Settled Policy—Admiralty Suggests That Naval Bill Be Not Jammed Through for a While.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, April 28—The government is evidently preparing to return the Rainbow and Niobe to the admiralty, in pursuance of a policy of contribution, instead of a policy of a Canadian navy.

The steps taken by the Laurier government in 1910 towards organizing a Canadian naval force through the recruiting of Canadians to serve on the two training ships were promptly halted when the Borden administration came into power. Now the Canadians on board these ships are being officially told that they may leave the service without serving out their term of enlistment.

An official memorandum sent from the department of naval affairs to the commanders of the Niobe and the Rainbow, notifies them that it has been decided, as far as circumstances will permit, to grant free discharge to Canadian recruits who do not wish to remain in the service.

The regulations of the department provide that men and boys may obtain their discharge on payment of sums varying from $50 to $150. This requirement is now being dispensed with. All Canadians at present on board the two cruisers are told that they may leave the service if they sign a declaration that they forfeit all claim to any gratuity, pension or other payment which may hereafter be paid on account of service in the Royal Canadian Navy.

In a statement prepared by Deputy Minister Desbarats for presentation to parliament it is stated that several of the Canadian recruits on the Niobe wished to obtain their discharge, but were unable to purchase it, as required by the regulations. The department had, therefore, decided that since these men were dissatisfied it would be wise to allow them to leave if they could be spared "without affecting the efficient working of the ship." The memorandum further states that if these men were not allowed to leave they might desert or if they were compelled to stay they would spread dissatisfaction among the other members of the crew.

Canadians See No Future in Service.

Some seventy Canadians of continuous service rating are now on board the Niobe and it is estimated that probably thirty or forty of these will take advantage of the permission to obtain their discharge without payment. On the Rainbow there are at present very few Canadians. The permission to retire from the service does not apply to the men brought from England and now on board the cruisers.

The action of the department as noted above is practically tantamount to a declaration that no effort is to be made to continue the work of organizing a Canadian naval service.

Under the circumstances it is not to be wondered at that the Canadians who enlisted on the understanding that the Canadian navy was to be continued and to offer a permanent career are now desirous of retiring. With no Canadian naval policy in view the only other alternative of the government, if it is going to do anything at all in the way of naval defence, is the policy of contribution, on which the premier has already embarked.

But in regard to this latter policy new embarrassments have arisen steadily since it was first launched. The opposition of Liberalism and the wave of popular feeling against the contribution proposals necessitated the closure in order to force the bill through the commons. It is now understood that the situation is made still worse for the government by a direct intimation from the admiralty suggesting that for the present at least, it would not be well to force the bill through parliament.

The imperial government is now endeavoring to reach an understanding with Germany in regard to a mutual agreement for the limitation of any further increase in naval armaments. It is understood that the coming visit of Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill to Berlin at the end of May will be concerned not only with the royal wedding there, but also with confidential conferences with Admiral Tirpitz and the other German authorities along the line of carrying out the British admiralty's suggestion for a mutual naval holiday.

Since the naval bill was brought down events both in Canada and in Europe have been moving steadily to justify the opposition to the contribution proposals and to emphasize the muddling statesmanship of the Nationalist-Conservative coalition in regard to the whole problem of naval defence.

It is significant that despite the "emergency" and despite the passage of closure the government still hesitates to again bring its naval bill before the commons.

Magistrate Arrested for Bigamy.

Oshawa, Ont., April 28—W. J. Watson, police magistrate of this town who was placed under arrest last night on a charge of bigamy laid by his first wife, was admitted to bail today in two sureties of $15,000 each.

EARTHQUAKE ROCKS CANADIAN CITIES

Buildings Shook in Ottawa and Much Alarm Was Felt—Montreal Felt the Tremors—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's Residence Damaged Some—Other Places Felt the Shock More or Less Severe.

Canadian Press

Ottawa, April 28—A well defined earthquake of fifteen seconds duration was felt here tonight, but so far as is known no damage resulted. The tremors were felt in all sections of the city. A report gained currency that the big telescope of the observatory had collapsed with the dome of the building, and officials rushed to the experimental farm, where the observatory is located. Observers tested the machinery and found it working to perfection.

The tremors were exceedingly well defined and distinct," stated Dr. King, dominion astronomer, "and I am sure we will have a splendid record when the seismograph film is developed in the morning."

Montreal Rocked.

Montreal, April 28—Montreal was shaken by an earthquake at 7.30 o'clock this evening. The shock was particularly violent in the northern and western sections of the city and Westmount, where houses swayed and furniture rattled for several seconds, though no damage is thus far reported other than the cracking of a ceiling in the residence of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

The shock was recorded on a small seismograph that was installed some months ago to record disturbances occasioned by blasting in connection with the Canadian Northern railway tunnel operations under Mount Royal. The seismograph at McGill has not been in commission for some time.

Tunnel engineers are making a survey of the tunnel works, but up to a late hour tonight no damage has been reported.

Other Towns Shaken.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 28—Earthquake shocks were felt in several villages in northern New York at 7.30 o'clock this evening, causing considerable alarm. At Canton, St. Lawrence county, the shocks lasted for a minute, houses were jarred and dishes rattled on the shelves, but no damage was done.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., April 28—The heaviest earthquake ever experienced in Ogdensburg occurred at 7.30 this evening. It lasted fully half a minute and was followed by a loud rumbling sound.

Buildings throughout the city shook so badly that the people ran into the streets in fear that they would collapse.

DEBATE ON THE TARIFF BILL IS FINISHED

Democrats Laud the Measure, While Republicans Predict Industrial Ruin.

Washington, April 28—General debate on the Democratic tariff bill in the house wound up tonight in a final outburst of oratory. Democrats spent the day lauding the measure, while alternately Republicans and Progressives attacked its provisions.

Representative Payne, of New York, the ranking Republican of the ways and means committee, and the father of the present tariff law, had a good sized audience on hand to listen to his denunciation of the bill. He painted a vivid word picture of ruined industry and impoverished labor, which he presented as the inevitable results of the Underwood bill. Republicans vociferously applauded when he declared that the reduction in the cost of living promised by the Democrats as a result of the tariff revision was a fallacy.

Mr. Payne criticized the ways and means committee for putting wool on the free list, while leaving on the dutiable list the hair of the Angora goats, intimating that it was the work of Representative Garner, the Texas members of the committee.

"There are three million goats raised in the United States," he said, "and I understand that 2,000,000 are raised in Texas."

NOVA SCOTIA VESSEL LIKELY A TOTAL WRECK

Schooner Francis A. Rice, of Church Point, Fast on Ledge at Nahant—Crew Rescued by Life Savers.

Boston, April 28—(Special)—Schooner Francis A. Rice, of Church Point (N. S.), which struck a ledge near Senator Lodge's estate, Nahant, today, was in a bad position tonight.

The crew, rescued by life savers, are Captain William Cleveland, Weymouth (N. S.); George Thibedeau, William A. Comeau, Charles Comeau, Ulisses Gaudet and Herbert Boudreau, all of St. Mary's Bay (N. S.)

The schooner which is owned by John A. Stewart, of Church Point, lost her way in a fog. She was bound from Weymouth for Boston with piling.

FOUR INJURED IN TORONTO AUTO CRASH

Two Likely to Die—Machine Collided With a Street Car.

Toronto, April 28—A. E. Britnell, Mrs. Britnell, E. E. Britnell and Miss Hazel Coad, were seriously injured tonight when a motor car driven by E. E. Britnell, collided with an east bound Carleton street car at College and Carleton streets.

A. E. Britnell, is not expected to live, while little hope is held out for Miss Coad. The others are not in a dangerous condition.

AMHERST EN FETE IN HONOR OF SIR CHARLES TUPPER

School Children Parade 1,000 Strong—Veteran Replies to Civic Address With Old Time Vigor.

Halifax, N. S., April 28—Amherst was en fete today in honor of Sir Chas. Tupper. It is his native town and everybody irrespective of politics, joined in the demonstration which had been arranged.

The school children, 1,000 strong, marched in procession, thus honoring the man who gave to Nova Scotia her free school system.

An address was presented to him on behalf of the town, read by Rev. Dr. Steele, an old friend. The presentation took place in the auditorium of the Winter Fair building, which was crowded. Sir Charles replied in a vigorous speech of twenty minutes duration. Many telegrams were read, one of them from the governor of Dalhousie University, of which he is the oldest member.

The following is a resolution adopted unanimously by the Nova Scotia legislature on motion of C. E. Tanner, and Premier Murray, and which was wired to Sir Charles at Amherst:

"Resolved, that this house learning of the departure of Sir Charles Tupper, bart for England and recognizing his eminent services in the public life of Canada, desires to express to him its hearty congratulations on the continuance of his good health and its best wishes for a safe and pleasant voyage to the motherland."

During the proceedings, Miss Rose Smith, daughter of C. R. Smith, K.C., presented the statesman with a large basket of Mayflowers. H. J. Logan, ex-M. P. for Cumberland, acter as chairman of the meeting. Addresses were presented to Sir Charles by the Warden of Cumberland county, J. C. Purdy; by Mayor Fage of Amherst; Town Clerk D. C. McLeod of Springhill; Mayor Spicer, of Parrsboro, and Mayor A. Ross, of Oxford.

JAP STATESMEN TO VISIT CALIFORNIA

To Get Firsthand Information of the Feeling Against Their Country.

Tokio, April 28—The report that Viscount Kentaro Kaneko, privy councillor, is going to Sacramento in connection with the pending alien land ownership legislation, is untrue, but the Seiyukai (Constitutional) and (Kokuminto) opposition parties are despatching representatives to California to make a personal investigation of the situation.

The official view is more hopeful owing to Secretary Bryan's mission, but public opinion still insists that the present is the most suitable moment to settle the whole American-Japanese question, and thus prevent a recurrence of similar disputes.

An inspired article in the newspaper Asahi explains that the delay in putting in force the Japanese foreign land ownership bill of 1910, has been due to the discovery of imperfections, and the long list of these cited indicates that probably years will elapse before the amendments are approved.

POWERS ARE STILL HOPEFUL OF PEACE

TO OPERATE ON THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT AGAIN

London, April 28—A bulletin issued this evening by the surgeons in attendance on the Duchess of Connaught, wife of the governor-general of Canada, who underwent an operation for intestinal trouble on April 10, states that the intestinal obstructions have recurred, and that another operation is necessary.

C. P. R. PLANS VAST OUTLAY

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Says It Will Approach $100,000,000

MONEY ARRANGED FOR

President Says There is No Truth in Report That Mail Steamers Will Carry Guns—Contract is for Only a Year.

Canadian Press

Montreal, April 28—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., sent the following cable from London this morning to the Montreal office of R. M. Bauer, the New York stock broker:

"Since my arrival in England my attention has been drawn in a recently published cable message to the effect that the company contemplates an expenditure of $50,000,000 in Canada in laying double tracks, constructing branch lines and putting a tunnel through the Rocky Mountains which will provide an alternate route with a much easier grade than now exists and will enable the railway through the tunnel, to be worked by electricity if required.

"That report can only refer to western Canada for, as a matter of fact, our contemplated expenditure over the whole system during the near future will be more like $100,000,000 exclusive of new rolling stock.

"This will not involve another appeal to the London money market for fresh capital, because all our financial arrangements have already been made."

Referring to published statements that the new shipping agreement with the Canadian government provided for the construction of ships capable of being used as mail steamers in peace and armed cruisers in war, Sir Thomas, says:

"This is all mere speculation or an attempt at intelligent anticipation of some possible future scheme. As this contract is for one year only it must be obvious that nothing so costly and comprehensive as a fleet of mail steamers armored and equipped for use as cruisers forming a part of scheme, of imperial defence for the North Atlantic can be embraced within that agreement. It is only a mail contract."

BRYAN TRIES TO PLACATE ANTI-JAP CALIFORNIANS

Tells Legislature That Oriental Land Law Would Embarrass Federal Government.

Sacramento, Calif., April 28—California in the fullness of her right as a state may enact a rigid land law barring orientals from ownership, but such action would be against the earnest wishes of the national administration.

This is the substance of the message William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state and personal representative of President Wilson, delivered today to a secret conference attended only by Governor Johnson, Lieutenant-Governor Wallace, and 120 members of the California legislature.

Secretary Bryan arrived in Sacramento at 6 o'clock this morning. With his consent, plans were laid for an immediate hearing and shortly after 11 o'clock the first session of the conference began. Those who expected Secretary Bryan to expound a new theory of state rights were disappointed, as were those who expected predictions of war. Advice in the name of President Wilson was all that Mr. Bryan had to offer, and the paramount question here tonight is whether such advice will overcome the previously announced determination of the Progressive Republican majority to enact an anti-alien land-holding law along lines already agreed upon.

Postmaster-General's Father Dead.

Quebec, April 28—The death occurred at Trois Pistoles today of Hon. Thomas Philip Pelletier, father of Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster general. He was 89 years of age. He leaves two sons, Hon. L. P. Pelletier, and Napoleon Pelletier, a retired member of the civil service.

Ambassadors Meet Again May 1

Alarming Reports That the Allies Are at Each Other

London Correspondent Wires That Several Bloody Battles Have Been Fought Between Bulgarians and Servians.

Canadian Press

London, April 28—"There is no cause for pessimism even now." This was the only official utterance that could be obtained regarding the result of the momentous conference of the ambassadors of the powers on the Balkan situation today.

The conference lasted more than three hours, and another, arranged for May 1, indicates that the diplomats still expect to find a peaceful solution of the problem created by Montenegro's defiance of the powers.

Are the Allies at War?

London, April 28—The mystery surrounding events in the Balkans is becoming deepened. No further news has been received of Essad Pasha's exploit in Albania, and the situation at Saloniki is difficult to understand.

A despatch from Saloniki of current date confirms the report that orders were given for the Bulgars to evacuate all places occupied by the Grecks, but later these orders were countermanded, and that official attempts were being made to pretend they were never given.

A Bucharest despatch dated April 29 to the Daily Telegraph, expresses the opinion that immediately peace is signed between the allies and Turkey, a new war will commence between Servia, Bulgaria and Greece.

A Bulgarian correspondent says that large concentrations of opposing troops are in readiness for these new campaigns, and adds that he has heard from reliable sources that considerable fighting has already occurred, and that three important engagements were fought during the past week, concerning which the greatest secrecy has been maintained. He describes fighting with heavy losses on both sides between Bulgarians and Servians to the northeast of Monastir on April 10 and fighting between the Greeks and Bulgarians for a week in the vicinity of Nigrita, Serres, and Saloniki.

The Daily Telegraph calls attention to the fact that whereas a few weeks ago the Servians were endeavoring to defeat and capture Djavid Pasha's army, these operations appear to have ceased, and suggests that the cessation of the Servian attack is connected with Essad Pasha's coup.

Apparently the ambassadorial conference in London today postponed its decision until the next meeting, which is set for May 1.

Montenegro Prepares to Fight?

London, April 29—A Vienna despatch to the Chronicle says:

"News has reached here that Crown Prince Danilo is marching northward with the Montengrin army in connection with the preparations which are being made to resist an Austrian attack on Cettinje.

All the heights dominating the road from Caltaro to Cettinje are being hastily equipped with heavy artillery, and strong Montenegrin forces supported by Servia troops are taking up positions in the mountains.

"Montenegro has been furnished by Servia with sufficient provisions for the Montenegrin army to last three months."

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Trieste, says that 80,000 Austrian troops are assembled near the Montenegrin frontier.

The Mail correspondent at Gratz, Austria, says it is stated that Austria is planning for Tuesday a military advance which will not be confined to Montenegro. Troops will be sent in transports to southern Albania. Meanwhile troop trains crowded with riflemen from the Austrian Alps are proceeding to the south.

STRIKE TIES UP QUEBEC HARBOR COMMISSION WORK

Four Hundred Quit Because Refused Increased Pay—Hope to Hire New Men.

Quebec, April 28—All the work of the improvements of the Quebec harbor have been suspended today as a result of 400 men, laborers, carpenters, carters, going on strike. The men want more pay where the harbor commission refuses to give them.

It is stated that the harbor commission will pay off the strikers and engage new men tomorrow providing police protection so that they may not be hindered in their work by the strikers.