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ANOTHER SLAP AT GERMANY

France and Japan Negotiating a Treaty in Regard to Far East Interests

STRONG COMBINATION

Britain's Diplomacy Credited With the Latest Alliance Which Makes Isolation of Kaiser's Country More Complete—Mikado Calls on Vanquished Foe to Clear Out of Korea.

Paris, May 6—Official confirmation has been obtained by the Associated Press of the report that negotiations are in progress between France and Japan looking to an understanding mutually guaranteeing the political and commercial interests of the two powers in the Far East.

The conferences on the subject have been going on in Tokyo and are proceeding harmoniously, but some time will probably elapse before they are concluded. France has recognized her possessions in Indo-China and Siam, as well as her commercial interests in the Far East, would be vulnerable in the event of war and deemed it wise to conclude an arrangement with Japan, which is willing to guarantee French interests in return for the recognition of the Japanese claims in Korea and Formosa.

At the same time it is explained the entente will be strictly limited to the maintenance of the status quo. It does not touch China and has not anything resembling an offensive or defensive feature. Nevertheless, taken in connection with the Russo-Japanese understanding which shortly will be concluded and the Anglo-Russian agreement, both of which and Franco-Russian alliances and the Anglo-French, the entente creates a combination in the Far East and a new group of the powers in Europe of great significance. It constitutes in effect, another signal evidence of the success of Great Britain's diplomatic manoeuvring for the isolation of Germany.

Japanese Protest to Russia.

St. Petersburg, May 6—The foreign office today applied to the war office for information as to what grounds, if any, there were for the reported Japanese protests against the non-withdrawal of the Russian troops from Korea, and if the Russian remain there, what is the reason for it. The officials profess to have no knowledge of the presence of Russian troops in Korea and say they supposed that practically all the post bellum controversies would be settled by the negotiations now approaching completion, one of the few outstanding points being the navigation of the Sungari river, which Russia still insists should remain a prerogative of Russia and China alone.

It is anticipated here that the signature of the various conventions will be signified by the elevation of the respective legations at Tokyo and St. Petersburg to the rank of embassies. The Japanese overture on this subject failed, but the bitterness of defeat has abated in Russia and if Japan promote Dr. Motono, Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, for the success of his negotiations, Russia probably will follow suit.

WESTERN MINE OFFICIALS SIGN A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, May 6—The Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, minister of labor, received the following despatch this afternoon from W. L. McKenzie King, deputy minister of labor:

"Fermio, B. C., May 6, 1907. Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, minister of labor, Ottawa. Am pleased to inform you that an agreement has been reached between the executive of the United Mine Workers and the operators, as a result of the conciliatory proceedings of Tuesday last, and was endorsed upon a referendum vote by a majority of 377 out of a total vote of 1871 in the different mining camps. The result of the voting having been official, I announced on Saturday, the operators signed the agreement during the afternoon. All the members of the executive board of the United Mine Workers met in conference this morning, and authorized their officers to sign. They have just come to my room at the hotel and added their signatures to the agreement. District President Sherman informs me that the board has issued instructions for the men to return to work immediately. All mines in the district should be operating tomorrow. The conciliation board will meet this afternoon to receive notification from the parties that their differences have been satisfactorily adjusted, and that a contract has been signed covering the conditions for two years. (Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING."

BORDEN BEGINS POLITICAL TOUR AUGUST 1

Ottawa, May 6.—(Special)—It is said that the Dominion Conservative convention is off and that R. L. Borden will make a tour of the Dominion. He will start about the first of August.

TRAGIC DEATH OF AMHERST MAN

James Hickey Found Dead in Fredericton Police Cell

TOOK POISON

Doctor Thinks He Took Overdose of Hydrocyanic Acid in the Dark—Evidence at Inquest Monday Night Showed That Deceased Was Only Drunk When Locked Up.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, May 6—Last night at 11 o'clock Officer Wright found two men in an intoxicated condition on Westmorland street and placed them under arrest. As the police station the men gave their names as Patrick Nugget and Arthur Brown, and they were placed in separate cells. At 11 o'clock this morning when the cell occupied by Brown was visited he was found on the bench dead.

An examination of the unfortunate man's clothing went to establish the fact that his real name was James E. Hickey. His key tag bore this name as well as other articles. There was also found in the pockets a railway ticket from Hartland to Fredericton Junction, a five-cent piece, a number of postal picture cards addressed to Miss Gillespie, Parrishboro (N. S.), and a small empty vial which the physician announced had contained hydrocyanic acid.

An inquest was commenced by Coroner Weaver this evening, and after the evidence of several witnesses was taken, adjournment was made until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning to await the arrival of J. Hickey of Amherst, who this evening notified the Police Magistrate Marsh by wire that he would arrive by the morning train from Fredericton. Deputy sheriffs stood by to offer protection to the prisoner in case an attack was made, but it was generally believed that, despite their presence if Cooke had arrived he would have been mobbed.

The Evidence.

The evidence in brief showed that the deceased arrived here by Gibson train Friday night and registered at Long's hotel as Fred Brown. He was seen by a debarca and did not leave his room on Saturday. Landlord McKenzie visited him that evening and Brown said he was not feeling very well but hoped to be all right in a day or two. He gave McKenzie \$3 in payment of his bed. The stranger left his hotel early Sunday morning and soon afterwards fell in with a young man named Patrick Nugget with whom he shared a bottle of liquor. They were found lying in the gutter on Westmorland street at 11 o'clock that night and locked up in separate cells at the police station. At 11 o'clock this morning when the policeman Chapman visited Hickey's cell he found him lying on the bench dead. There was no evidence of a struggle and the appearance of the body showed that he had been dead some hours. The post-mortem on the body, testified that in his opinion the young man's death had resulted from drinking hydrocyanic acid in a small bottle of which a labelled poison having been found on his person. He found the heart and lungs in a normal condition and there were no marks of violence on the body.

The three policemen all testified that when locking up the man on a charge of drunkenness they were not in his hands and going through his pockets but only felt the outside to see if they had any bottles of liquor in them.

Officer Wright swore that Hickey did not complain of being sick at any time during the night. Tankford Good identified deceased as the same man who had registered at Long's hotel as Fred Brown, and the evidence of the policemen went to show that he gave the name of Arthur Brown after his arrest.

Policeman Chapman testified that the sum of \$3.00 was found in the pockets of deceased when his clothing was searched at the undertaking rooms of Geo. W. Adams. A previous search at the police station had revealed two handkerchiefs, a Roman Catholic prayer book, fountain pen, cigar, railway ticket, baggage check, postal cards and the general theory here among those familiar with the details of the case that Hickey had been taking the hydrocyanic acid as a medicine and in the darkness of his cell he swallowed an overdose.

Dr. Bridges in his evidence stated that the acid was sometimes used by persons recovering from the effects of a sprain and that a few drops could be taken with safety. The victim of the tragedy is a young man of good appearance and well dressed, apparently about twenty-three years of age.

Identifies Dead Man.

H. I. Woods, representative of the International Correspondence Schools in this city and formerly of the Moncton Times reporter staff, this afternoon identified the deceased as James Hickey, of Amherst (N. S.). Mr. Woods says that Mr. Hickey was well known to him, that he was a drug clerk in Greave's drug store in Amherst, where he had worked for a number of years. His father and mother are living in Amherst, where his father is employed as a turner in the Rhodes, Curry & Co. factory, No. 1. He was a young man of good habits and Mr. Woods never knew him to drink. He was a first class drug clerk and was for years an active member of the Young Men's Catholic Club of Amherst.

MRS. COOKE, WIFE OF ELOPING RECTOR, COLLAPSES WHEN SHE NEARS DESERTED HOME



FLORETTA WHALEY

REV. SARAH COOKE

Hempstead, L. I., May 5—Followed by a cheering crowd of Sunday school children and adults, Mrs. Jere K. Cooke, wife of the untraced rector of St. George's church, yesterday afternoon walked from the railway station to the old Colonial mansion which had been her home since her marriage and fell in a faint in the hallway.

Four times in the course of a half hour she swooned, and a physician declared her to be in a state of almost complete collapse.

While the sympathetic crowd followed her and stood in front of her home an angry throng waited at the railway station to deal summarily with Cooke, who they believed was on his way to Hempstead from Peabody. Deputy sheriffs stood by to offer protection to the prisoner in case an attack was made, but it was generally believed that, despite their presence if Cooke had arrived he would have been mobbed.

Excitement was intense early this morning after word had come from Peabody that a man supposed to be Cooke had been captured. District Attorney Coles went to the home of the missing girl's grandmother and had her swear out a warrant charging Cooke with abduction. This was given to Constable George F. Smith and Deputy Sheriff William Cooper, and they started for Peabody. In a few minutes word had spread through all the villages near by that Cooke was in arrest, and men and women began to arrive from all directions. At noon there were several hundred at the station, and all the afternoon, despite the fact that

the Peabody crew had been found to be false, these persons stood about the station. It was while they were waiting the arrival of Cooke that Mrs. Cooke unexpectedly stepped off a late afternoon train. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Henry H. Damon, of New Britain (Ct.), and Mrs. Damon's husband. The latter is a lawyer and will look after Mrs. Cooke's interests here.

Recognizing Mrs. Cooke instantly, the crowd greeted her with a cheer, and as she turned down the broad walk many of them followed after her, assuring her of their sympathy. As if to show everybody that she is not humiliated by the outrage perpetrated by her husband, she flung her veil high upon her hat and with head erect walked a mile through the principal street to her home. As she stepped into the yard she saw the sexton, Mr. Green. He came forward to shake her hand, and as she did so Mrs. Cooke said:

"Henry, how could this ever have happened?" Tears filled her eyes, and as she crossed the threshold she fainted. The crowd that had followed her from the station pressed against the fence and waves of other persons meantime to pack up all her personal things in the afternoon that deputy sheriffs dispersed it.

Mrs. Cooke could not be seen, and it was stated by those with her that she would make no statement of any kind. It is her intention to remain here until Monday and meantime to pack up all her personal things to be taken to her father's home, in Hartford. She does not intend to take away any of the belongings of her

husband. It is her determination to blot out as well as possible everything that suggests him. That there was something else in Cooke's life to cause him worry besides his infatuation for Miss Whaley is quite generally believed. In fact, reports have been gaining in strength during the last few days that he was in love with a widow who lives in the Hempstead colony and that it was his desire some time to elope with her. Denials of this report have been given on several occasions, but there are many persons in Hempstead who believe it, nevertheless.

Mrs. Cooke knew her husband was in love with this widow and she was shocked by his attentions to her. Speaking of this development in the sensational case today, Mr. Clarke, father of Mrs. Cooke, said:

"Cooke hoodwinked my daughter unmercifully. His infatuation for this widow was the talk of the town. It was an open scandal. I visited the place but twice, and yet I learned all about it. He spent hours riding with her and held her home when she went shopping. Many times he spent more than he could afford for a horse so he could go horseback riding with her."

Bishop Burgess refused steadfastly to give out the contents of Cooke's farewell letter. There is a growing belief that this letter Cooke made reference to his association with the wealthy widow. It developed that the man whom the Peabody authorities had watched, believing him to be Cooke, was a merchant named Barnes, of Poughkeepsie, who was driving through the country with his daughter.

INJUNCTION TO ISSUE AGAINST BOSTON TEAMSTERS

Judge Loring Will Restrain Strikers from Cutting Harness; Inciting Assaults, Etc.

Boston, Mass., May 6—Judge Loring at the equity session of the supreme judicial court announced today that he would issue a temporary injunction tomorrow against the officers and members of the local teamsters' union, restraining them from certain acts in connection with the strike now in progress, against nine teaming firms. Judge Loring said he would confine the injunction to enjoining the officers and members of the union from inciting assaults and cutting harness, from taunting persons in the streets and for the expenditure by the union of its funds, for any purpose whatever in connection with the strike. In making the announcement, Judge Loring stated that the firms involved in the strike had a perfect right to hire men to take the places of those who had left their employ. As to the right of the union members or the strikers to peacefully persuade men not to work, Judge Loring called attention of counsel to a decision against it.

In conclusion the judge said that he was actuated in reaching his decision because he found that the union was not seeking to disorganize assaults.

To the counsel for the struck firms, who are the petitioners for the injunction, Judge Loring stated that the bill would tend to be amended very early tomorrow, before the injunction could be issued.

INHUMAN GERMAN GOVERNOR DISMISSED

Berlin, May 6.—The Imperial disciplinary court today sentenced ex-Governor Horn of the Togo land colony, to dismissal from the service because in 1903 he punished a native so severely that the man died from the effects. The native stole a cash box containing about \$200 for which he was sentenced to receive fifty strokes from a whip while tied to a stake. Horn confirmed the sentence and left the man fastened to the stake, without food or water, in the burning sun, for 24 hours. Finally, seeing that the native was on the point of collapse, Horn ordered his release. The man's death followed.

LIKE CANADIAN FLOUR BUT NOT THE PRICE

American Product Sold Cheaper in Newfoundland and Japan

Dominion Apples Growing in Favor in England, But Nova Scotia Barrel is Too Small to Be Popular.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, May 6.—A report received from Canada's trade agent at St. John's, Newfoundland, says that Manitoba flour is getting more popular but American flour is cheaper and is sold in larger quantities on the island.

Canada's imports from Japan, according to a report from Mr. Mackenzie, Canada's trade agent, is increasing, but Canada's market for flour is decreasing. This is because of American flour being cheaper. Canada's commercial agent in Leeds, England, writes the department that there has been an enormous increase in the importation of Canadian apples in the north eastern counties of England, where there is a population of nearly as many as the whole of Canada, depending upon foreign sources of supply. Three-fifths of the apples offered for sale in these counties are from Canada. Fruit salesmen are said to be making preparations for a large importation during the next season. Strict inspection by the dominion government is giving Canadian apples the preference in the English market. The Nova Scotia barrel, being smaller in size than the one in general use, is not viewed with favor, although no fault is found with the apples.

MRS. SMITH, MURDERED BOSTON WOMAN, WAS NATIVE OF HOULTON

Boston, May 6.—The body of Mrs. Judith (Sadie) Smith, wife of George Smith, of Somerville, who was killed in a lodging house on Hancock street here Saturday, was taken to Houlton, Maine, her home, for interment today. The body of Albert L. Smith, her nephew, who took her life, and who poisoned himself yesterday morning at the home of Alton A. Littlefield, in Medford, will be buried in Hermon, near Bangor, tomorrow. Brief funeral services were held over the body today.

PUT THE SCREWS ON WINNIPEG BUCKET SHOP MANAGER

Mr. Wood Freed From Arrest After He Deposited \$20,000 to Cover Claims, Quits Business and Drops Libel Suit.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Winnipeg, May 6.—The crown has dropped prosecution against the Wisconsin Grain and Stock Company for running a bucket shop here, the conditions being that Manager Wood of said company deposit in court \$20,000 to pay all claims against it, agree to cease operations in this country and to withdraw a libel suit against the Winnipeg Telegram. He has complied with their demands.

WILL ARBITRATE TORONTO MILK PRICE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, May 6.—Toronto's milk famine may be relieved at last. The retailers and producers this afternoon agreed to settle by arbitration, selecting Judge Westhefer and C. C. Jones, deputy minister of agriculture, who will choose a third arbitrator. In the meantime milk will be forwarded at the price hereafter agreed upon by the arbitrators.

BUFFALO LITHOGRAPHERS BEATEN IN LONG STRIKE

Buffalo, N. Y., May 6.—The strike against the shops in the Buffalo group of the National Association of Employing Lithographers is settled and the men are back to work this morning," said Secretary William H. Means, speaking for the employees' association today. When the men struck last August, they demanded a forty-eight hour week and refused to arbitrate. In returning to work they men have resigned from the union, known as Lithographers International Beneficial and Protective Association, have signed an anti-strike agreement and go back to work with the non-union men employed since the strike, and on a 23 hour week schedule.

MONCTON PRIEST "IAI MACLAREN" WELCOMED HOME

Father Savage Presented With \$500 Purse by Parishioners Monday Night

BEEN ON VISIT TO ROME

Moncton Exhibition Association Decided Monday Night to Hold a Maritime Fair in 1908 Just Preceding the Halifax Show—Prominent Men Chosen Directors.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Moncton, N. B., May 6—Father Edward Savage, pastor of St. Bernard's church, arrived home this afternoon on the English mail special, on his return from Rome and was given a very hearty welcome by his congregation. He was met at the depot by a deputation of parishioners of which P. Gallagher was chairman, and driven to the parochial house in a barouche. This evening St. Bernard's church was crowded with members of the congregation to welcome Father Savage's return. An address in English was read by H. F. Hamilton and one in French by R. S. Legere. Accompanying the address was a purse of \$500.

In his reply Father Savage described briefly his trip to Rome and his tour through other parts of Europe, referring particularly to incidents of ecclesiastical interest. His impression of the Holy Father and description of the religious exercises during Holy Week were among the interesting events described. Father Savage returns refreshed mentally and bodily, and had a most enjoyable trip.

Father Dufour, of Notre Dame, Kent, who accompanied him, took a trip to the Palestine and will return later. Father Savage returned on the mail steamer Virginian, landing at Rimouski and reports a rough passage. He was absent two months, one quarter of which was spent in the Eternal City. The Moncton Exhibition Association at the annual meeting tonight, decided to hold a maritime exhibition in Moncton in September, 1908, immediately preceding the holding of the Halifax exhibition. Preparations for holding the exhibition are to be commenced at once. The clerically elected Hon. C. W. Robinson, Senator McSweney, E. C. Cole, R. Clark, F. W. Sumner, directors.

BRITISH PEERS TRY TO HEAD OFF THE WRATH OF COMMONS

Bill Discussed in Lords to Make That Body Partly Elective.

London, May 6—The discussion in the house of lords this evening was devoted to Lord Newton's bill proposing the reconstitution of the house on a partly elective basis. He seeks to remove the excessive preponderance of hereditary peers by stipulating qualification through service to the state or previous election, and he provides for a certain number of elected peers and for the nomination by the crown of life peers, these not to exceed 100 in number. The public as well as the galleries of the peers were thronged, showing the interest aroused by the Conservative proposal to anticipate government action and the possibility of the debate provoking a statement of the intentions of the government. This, however, did not come to pass.

FOUR ATLANTIC LINERS ICE-BOUND IN CABOT STRAITS

Cape Ray, Nfld., May 6.—Four transatlantic steamers, bound for St. Lawrence River ports are off, unable to enter the gulf on account of great ice fields in Cabot Strait. The vessels are so far off shore that their identity cannot be made out. The Allan line steamer Virginian, Liverpool, for Montreal, with the English mails, was assisted through the ice blockade yesterday by the Canadian government ice breaker Montcalm and entered the gulf of St. Lawrence, where there is much clearer water. The Newfoundland sailing steamer Viking and Nimrod were fast in the ice, but escaped last night.

MYSTIC SHRINERS AT LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Cal., May 6.—Several suburban towns today shared the honor of entertaining delegates to the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shriners, and the streets were crowded with weavers of the fez. The imperial potentate special carrying Alvin P. Clayton head of the order and many distinguished members of the council from the west arrived today. Roosevelt Opens Actors' Fair. Washington, May 6.—At 2 o'clock today President Roosevelt pressed a button at the White House which opened the fair for the benefit of the actors' fund at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

"IAI MACLAREN" DIED MONDAY

Well Known Scotch Author Succumbed to Blood Poisoning

CLASSMATE'S TRIBUTE

Rev. Thomas Fowler, Pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, Tells of His Brilliant Work While at College in Edinburgh—His Career and Productions.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Burlington, Ia., May 6—Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren), died at 11:15 a. m. today at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The cause was blood poisoning from tonsillitis. He was taken ill at Mount Pleasant, April 25.

Rev. John Watson, D. D., better known by his nom de plume of Ian MacLaren, was the oldest son of the late John Watson, of H. M. civil service. He was born in Manningtree, Essex, Nov. 3, 1850. He was educated in the Stirling Grammar School and graduated M. A. from Edinburgh University. He also attended the New College and the University of Tubingen, Germany. He was licensed by the Free Church of Scotland in 1874, and his first charge was as assistant to Rev. Dr. Wilson, Barclay church, Edinburgh. The other pulpits occupied by Rev. Dr. Watson were that of Logismond Free church to which he was inducted 1875; Free St. Matthew's, Glasgow, of which he took charge in 1877, and Sefton, Presbyterian church, Liverpool, where he preached from 1880 to 1905. Besides these pastoral charges Dr. Watson was appointed Lyman Beecher lecturer, Yale University, 1886, and moderator of Synod in the Presbyterian Church of England in 1900. He was a very prolific writer and it is, perhaps, safe to say that his reputation as a stylist is second only to that of Stevenson. His books have enjoyed a wide circulation on both sides of the Atlantic. A list of his works, with the date of publication is as follows: Beside the Bonny Brier Bush, 1884; The Days of Auld Lang Syne, 1885; Kate Carnegie and Those Ministers, 1886; A Doctor of the Old School, 1887; Afterwards and Other Stories, 1888; Rabbi Saunderson, 1888; Young Barbarians, 1901, and His Majesty, 1902. Besides these Dr. Watson was the author of a number of religious works as follows: The Upper Room, 1880; The Mind of the Master, 1886; The Cure of Souls (Yale lectures on practical theology), 1886; The Potter's Wheel, 1888; Church Follies; Doctrines of Grace, 1900; The Life of the Master, 1901; The Homey Virtues, 1903, and The Inspiration of Faith, 1905.

Classmate of Halifax Pastor. Rev. Thomas Fowler, pastor of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Halifax, made a special reference to the life of this city, he had many warm admirers. Rev. Thomas Fowler, pastor of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Halifax, made a special reference to the life of this city, he had many warm admirers. Rev. Thomas Fowler, pastor of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Halifax, made a special reference to the life of this city, he had many warm admirers.

ONTARIO NEGRESS AND WHITE MAN BURNED TO DEATH IN SHACK

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Palermo, Ont., May 6.—James Clark and Fannie Jones met an awful death in a lonely shack, near here, Sunday night. The place took fire getting the night and on searching the ruins this morning a few bones were found which told the tale. Clark was a white man and Fannie Jones a negress. Saturday evening, it is stated, the occupants of the shack were visited by Thomas Jones. About midnight he was aroused by the cries of the negress who called out "the house is on fire." He managed to crawl out but simply lay down in the bushes and was overcome. People in a farm house across the road were unaware of the fire until morning.

HALIFAX CANADIAN CLUB TO BANQUET REV. DR. FALCONER

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, N. S., May 6.—The executive of the Halifax Canadian Club at a meeting today decided to tender a complimentary banquet to Dr. R. A. Falconer, president-elect of Toronto University, before his departure from Halifax for Toronto. It is expected that many leading educationists will be present at the banquet, which promises to be one of the most brilliant in the history of the club. His brother, Rev. P. W. Falconer, of Port Massey church, Halifax, informs your correspondent that Dr. Falconer will probably arrive in Halifax about May 24. He expects definite word from him by next English mail.