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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Committees Are Appointed and General Organization **Work Done**

MAMENT OUESTION IS SHELVED

The Hague, June 19.—The second session of the peace conference to complete the organization and appoint the general committees where the actual work will be done, began behind closed work will be done, began behind closed dears this afternoon. The programme was carefully arranged in advance to avoid the possibility of surprises. with the subjects of arbitration.

M. Melidoff, Russia, communicated to the conference despatches from Emperor Nicholas and Queen Wilhelmina thanking the conference for its mess-

he would be unable to be present be-cause of the state of his health, and he will be represented by John Foster. M. Meildoff made a few remarks in commemoration of the late M. De-Staal, the former Russian ambassador in London, and the rules of the conference, including publicity for the preliminary session, were presented and unanimously adopted.

To prevent friction at the outset, the cuestion of the limitation of armanimously and the conference of the limitation of armanimously and the limitation of armanimously and the limitation of armanimously armanimo

question of the limitation of armaments will be ignored. There is a well defined plan to bring it up at the first favorable opportunity in the form of a proposition to reiterate the resolution adopted by the last conference recommending that the governments again study the subject and postpone its consideration until the next conference. ries except Mexico seems prepared to submit anything in their interest. The conference to them app are to be con-fined to the extension of the nut pla-of arbitration and to the Monros doc-

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Statements by Railway Men Regarding Car Shortage.

Banff, Alta., June 17.—The coal commission today dealt with the car shortage. General Superintendent Jamieson, of the western division of the C. P. R., and Car Distributor Harris appeared for the railway and pleaded the severe winter, but said the C. P. R. had done better than other roads. Mr. Jamieson thought the strict observance of the Lord's day act would seriously interfere with cars being supplied to the mines. Br. Richardson said boys under 16 should not be employed in mines, and that miners should have regular meal hours.

SEVERE BLOW TO HILL.

C. P. R. Decide to Handle Through Passengers Vis Sco to Pacific.

St. Paul, Minn., June 18.—The Canadian Pacific has dealt the Hill road a severe blow in its determination to get a large share of the passenger traffic between here and the Pacific coast. The Canadian Pacific to the northerly route around Lake Surely of the portland, Spokane and Seattle, diverting a large volume of its traffic from the northerly route around Lake Surely of the northerly route around Lake Surely of the portland. It comprises the Soof from this city across the Canadian border, then the Canadian Pacific to the international boundary at the northart of Idaho. then the Spokane and Seattle, diverting a large volume of its traffic from the northerly route around Lake Surely of the complete to submit to a conspiracy of selfishness. Fortunately, like Paul, Lhave a, business training as well as a theological training. I can make tents as well as preach servants of Idaho, then the Spokane and Seattle, diverting a large volume of its traffic from the northerly route around Lake Surely of the properties of the passenger traffic between here and the Pacific is boasting that this new line will be the shortest one in existence between here and Portland. It comprises the Soof from this city across the Canadian border, then the Canadian Pacific to the international boundary at the porthant of Idaho, then the Spokane and Seat border, then the Canadian Pacific to the international boundary at the north part of idano, then the spokane and International into Spokane and after that Harriman's Oregon navigation line along the south bank of Columbia river into Portland. The Spokane and International is one of the most important elements in this combin-ation. It is understood that 51 per cent, of its stock is favorable to the Canadian Pacific, which road has a ten-year option to purchase. The great bulk of the business of the new line will consist of passenger traffic.
The proposition is regarded as one of the severest blows James J. Hill has received in his whole career, and he is phe

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TAKE PRINCE

Big Cruiser Anchored in Esquimalt Harbor Yesterday Afternoon

She is One of the Most Modern Vessel Affoat-Leaves For Yokohama Tuesday.

hims Tourist, and the congregation in the cong

ter on their trial. The coal was husbanded, however, and there were 700 tons left in the bunkers when the cruiser steamed into Esquimalt yesterday afternoon. For the first part of the voyage fresh weather was experienced and near the Vancouver island coast dirty weather with fog was encountered. On arrival the big cruiser dropped two anchors in Esquimalt harbor. The usual naval moorings which were used by the Esquimalt warships having been lifted a few days ago by order of the marine department at Ottawa to whom they had been given by the admiralty. The usual mooring arrangement was made, with the anchors holding at either side of the bow, allowing the yessel, which is drawing 25 feet of water, a free swing. The steam launches and boats were put overside with far less work than has been customary on the vessels of old-time model formerly on this station. The Monmouth has all the latest appliances, including electrical hoists and cranes, so that the lowering of launches and boats were put overside and swung from the booms in readiness for use, the usual arrangements were made.

It is unlikely that shore leave will "REVERENDS" IN BUSINESS of the surface of the purpose of inducing them to emisgrate.

REVERENDS IN BUSINESS**

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DECEIVING EMIGRANTS Scotchmen Said to Have Been Given YET BEFORE

Emperor Had Intended More Drastic Treatment of Douma

Stolypin's Interposition Prevented

More Decided Alterations—the

Election Prospect

St. Petersburg, June 17.—From a well-informed source the Associated Press hears that the decision to dissolve the Douma and abolish the form-