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GLOOMY VIEWS OF A LUMBERMAN

Well Known Operator Predicts Low Wages and Small Cut This Winter.

RIVER RISES A FOOT.

As a Result 12,000,000 Feet of Logs Will Be in Safe Waters This Week—York County Doctor Held Up by Tramps—Other News of rederiction.

Fredericton, Aug. 15.—(Special)—As a result of the recent rains the water in the river here has risen more than a foot since Saturday and is still coming up.

The corporation drive containing about 12,000,000 feet, is now being shogomoc, and with the present pitch of water should be in the boom limits by the last of the week.

A prominent lumberman, who operates for a St. John firm in northern Maine, in conversation with the Telegraph correspondent today, expressed the opinion that the present depression in the lumber market continues the highest wages workmen will receive during the coming winter will not exceed \$25 per month.

Last season as high as \$35 per month was paid. He also predicted that operations on the St. John and tributaries would be greatly curtailed.

Rev. F. G. Hartley, at the close of the service in the P. O. Baptist church last night, read a letter to the clerk of the congregation resigning the pastorate, which he has held since 1880, and resignation will take effect October 1. Mr. Hartley has recently received a call from the Aboufou P. C. Baptist church, but has not yet decided as to whether he will accept. During Mr. Hartley's pastorate in Fredericton the church debt has been wiped out and over 300 members have been received.

Rev. X. Rogers, pastor of the Baptist church at Margville, preached a farewell sermon last night. He intends taking a theological course in a New England institution. Mr. Rogers has been pastor of the Margville church for three years. He will be succeeded by Rev. W. H. Smith, of Florenceville.

Charles and Dell Gunter have purchased leased Goding's livery stables and business on York street and will take control at once.

Joseph Guthro, well known to the police here and St. John, was arrested yesterday by Detective Roberts. He appeared today in the police court and was remanded till Wednesday to be tried for stealing a hat from Hiram Marmo.

Dr. Saunders, of Hawkeston, was held up while driving on a lonely road a few miles from his home on Saturday night. Two men seized his horse by the head and demanded his money, but he got away from them unharmed. The doctor was without a weapon of any kind with which to defend himself, but says he will not be caught that way again.

This makes the third or fourth "hold-up" which has occurred in the upriver parishes and it is about time that a posse was being organized to round up those who are responsible for the series of outrages.

The nuptials of Dr. W. J. Weaver and Miss Blanche Dible, will be celebrated at the bride's home, at Woodstock on Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Archdeacon Neale. The prospective bride is a sister of Mrs. Lewis Dible, of this city, and of Rev. H. E. Dible, rector of Oranecto.

FATAL DIVING ACCIDENT AT OTTAWA

Ernest Sandion Broke His Neck as Water Was Too Shallow—Two Bold Burglaries—Other News of Dominion Capital.

Ottawa, Aug. 15.—(Special)—Ernest Sandion, aged 17, a waiter at the Hotel Victoria, died in St. Lab's hospital at 9 o'clock this morning as the result of a diving accident. The young man dived off the wharf in front of the pier yesterday, but the water was only three feet deep and he landed on his neck with terrible force sustaining a dislocation of the spinal column and a fracture in the region of the neck.

Watcheff (Que.), was visited by burglars Saturday night, who stole jewelry to the value of about \$100 from Alex. Macdonald's general store. Two men were seen driving fast toward Hall after 11 o'clock Saturday night and they are believed to have been the burglars. The other two have been traced. It is suspected that the same parties committed the robbery in Mr. Kenny's store at North Wakefield, a couple of weeks ago, when about \$50 worth of goods were stolen.

Major E. H. T. Howard has been temporarily appointed aide-de-camp to Lord Lytton, who at present commands the militia.

The competition for the Gowan challenge will take place at Long Branch range, Minnico on Friday, 26th inst.

PROROGATION OF BRITISH HOUSE

An Uneventful Session of Parliament Brought to a Close Monday.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

He Refers to the Japanese-Russian War, and Also to the Complicated Questions That Have Arisen in Connection Therewith—The New Treaty Between France and Britain, and the Tibet Mission is Touched On.

London, Aug. 15.—After an admitted barren session, marked by no less than seven fruitless attempts on the part of the opposition to turn out the government on votes of censure, parliament was prorogued this afternoon, no more than 25 members being present, including one member of the cabinet.

The king's speech proroguing parliament was brief. After mentioning his visits to the King of Denmark and the German Emperor, at which, his majesty said, his reception in each case was most cordial, and the agreement between France and Great Britain, which he pointed out to be advantageous to all concerned and materially strengthen the friendship uniting Great Britain and France, his majesty said:

"Hostilities, I regret to say, are still in progress between Russia and Japan. Upon the outbreak of war I issued a proclamation declaring my neutrality and enjoining all my people to a strict observance thereof. Important questions involving the treatment of neutral commerce in the hands of belligerents have arisen in connection with the operations. The issues involved which are the gravest moment to the trade of the empire will, I trust be amicably settled without prejudicing the vast commercial interest of this country. My government will energetically support any subjects in the exercise of rights recognized by international law as belonging to neutrals."

The king said the scheme for the reorganization of the Macedonian gendarmerie under foreign officers promised satisfactory results and expressed the hope that the introduction of the elective element into the legislative council of the Transvaal which was a "step in the direction of ultimate self-government" would meet the united support of all his subjects in that colony.

In regard to Tibet the king said that the arrival of the "political mission" at Lhasa afforded him the greatest satisfaction and reflected credit on the officers and men of the small force. He hoped the conference at Lhasa would result in an arrangement of terms which would end the difficulties and friction on the northern frontier of the Indian empire.

After commenting upon the satisfactory situation in Somaliland and enumerating the bills to which his majesty had assented the speech concluded with the king's thanks to both houses of parliament.

EARLY MORNING FIRE STARTLES SUSSEX.

Old Milk House Near I. C. R. Station Was in Flames, But Firemen Soon Put it Out.

Sussex, N. B., Aug. 15.—(Special)—At about 1 o'clock this morning Bernard C. Mullins, of St. John, discovered that the old milk house situated near the I. C. R. station was on fire. An alarm was rung in and the fire department promptly responded.

Conductor G. M. Armstrong, of the Sussex express, who was early on the scene being awakened by the alarm, requested the night express to be held to haul the Sussex train out of danger in case it was needed, but the flames were so quickly checked by the efficient work of the fire department that it was not necessary to do so.

The old building burning made quite a blaze and the reflection caused a large crowd to assemble. The fire department, under charge of Chief Daly, again distinguished themselves as a colony proved that any fire in Sussex is bound to be easily checked unless extraordinary circumstances are against it.

PROF. ROBERTSON ON INSPECTION TOUR.

Will Leave Ottawa Aug. 23, and Visit Macdonald Schools at Kingstons and Other Places.

Ottawa, Aug. 15.—(Special)—Prof. Robertson leaves Ottawa on the 23rd for the purpose of visiting the Macdonald schools and address a number of meetings. He will go first to Kingston (N. B.), then to Canimog and Halifax and to the Islands.

PORT ARTHUR IS IN DESPERATE STRAITS

Japanese Raining Shells on the Doomed Fortress from All Sides.

ST. PETERSBURG LOOKS FOR ITS FALL AT ANY MOMENT—THREE RUSSIAN POSITIONS CAPTURED AFTER A FIERCE BATTLE, AND THE BESIEGERS ARE NOW NEAR THE INNER FORTS—GERMANS COMPEL THE CZAREVITCH AND THREE DESTROYERS TO Haul Down Flag and Lay Up Till War is Over.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The expectation here is that Port Arthur will fall at any moment. Especial significance is attached to the fact that Lieut. General Stoessels wife and children went to Chefoo on board the torpedo boat destroyer Ryschitskii.

THREE RUSSIAN BATTERIES CAPTURED AT PORT ARTHUR.

Berlin, Aug. 15.—A dispatch to the Local Anzeiger from Tokio, dated today, confirms the reports that heavy fighting has occurred at Port Arthur during the past few days.

The Japanese captured three Russian batteries and secured good positions close to the inner fortifications. Both sides were reported to have been wounded. The Russian troops are refreshed by their long rest but they are demoralized at the absence of news from Port Arthur and the impossibility of going to the rescue of the fortress.

RUSSIA MUST SETTLE FOR SINKING BRITISH STEAMER.

London, Aug. 15.—In connection with the Knight Commander case the British government will instruct Ambassador Hardinge that it cannot admit the contention that the steamer was rightfully sunk and will insist that there was no justification in international law for so treating the British steamer which was occupied then after fifteen hours' fighting.

TOGO REPORTS SINKING RUSSIAN CARRIER.

Togo, Aug. 15.—Admiral Togo reports that a vessel of the type of the protected cruiser Pallada was torpedoed and sunk in the engagement of Aug. 10th.

GERMANY ORDERS RUSSIAN WARSHIPS TO DEPART.

Using Chou, Aug. 15.—The Russian flag has just been pulled down from the battleship Knyazevich and the three cruisers which took refuge here. The lowering of the colors was done in the presence of the German government.

RUSSIANS DIDN'T RELISH HAULING FLAG DOWN.

Being Tau, Aug. 15.—The Russian battleship Zarevitch and three torpedo boat destroyers are now in the hands of the local German government for repairs, but it is impossible that these vessels will fight again in this war.

BALTIC CRUISERS GET SAILING ORDERS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The cruiser division of the Baltic squadron has received sailing orders. Some of the vessels have already left. Cronstadt and others, including the Oleg, will leave in a few days.

JAPS PREPARING FOR PROLONGED CAMPAIGN.

Washington, Aug. 15.—According to a report to the state department from Consul Warner at Leipzig, Germany, Japan is preparing for a prolonged land campaign. Speaking of the Leipzig textile trade with Japan and Russia he says:

"Although the export of woolen goods to Russia has fallen off considerably for several months past the orders which have been received from Japan never have been so large. Indeed they are of such proportions as to keep the woolen mills in this vicinity busy for some months to come. The goods being exported are such as are suitable for making winter uniforms for the army."

PACIFIC SERVICE FOR ALLAN LINE

Company Likely to Run Steamers in Conjunction With G. T. P. When Built.

HUGH ALLAN FAVORS IT.

He Has Accepted a Position on the Directorate of New Transcontinental Road, and Thinks There Would Be Sufficient Trade With Far East to Warrant Establishing the Line.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—(Special)—It is expected here that the Allan line will establish a Pacific Ocean service upon the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

Hugh A. Allan, who has taken a place on the G. T. P. directorate, said today that the question of operating a Pacific Ocean fleet in conjunction with the new transcontinental railway had been considered but had not yet assumed tangible shape.

This announcement is of special importance owing to the Allan Steamship Company being the pioneer Canadian line on the Atlantic and as it has proved a great factor in the development of trade between Canada and Great Britain, it is now certain of greatly increasing the amount of business between Canada and the orient.

The present plan to operate the Pacific fleet in conjunction with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and to run a service from the Pacific terminal of the railway to different ports in Japan and China and possibly Australia.

Another incident showing how close the relations between the railway and steamship company will be is found in the fact that H. A. Allan, who is strongly in favor of his company making this important departure, has accepted a position on the board of the directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

A member of the Grand Trunk Pacific board said today:

"For some time the company has been looking into the feasibility of navigating a service on the Pacific and the information obtained showed that there would be more than sufficient trade to justify the inauguration of a fleet."

GREAT RECEPTION FOR B. L. BORDEN AT HALIFAX MONDAY NIGHT.

Two Bands and a Large Crowd Greet Opposition Leader on His Return Home.

Halifax, Aug. 15.—(Special)—R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, arrived here tonight, accompanied by Mrs. Borden. He was accorded a great reception by his friends and supporters. A procession of carriages, two bands and lots of red fire accompanied him to his residence.

NEW LONDON DOCTOR CHARGED WITH MURDER

He Carried \$20,000 Insurance on His Wife, and Her Suspicious Death Led to His Arrest.

New London, Conn., Aug. 15.—Dr. James Watson has been arrested, charged with the murder of his wife on July 5, her death having been under investigation since that time. The doctor carried insurance amounting to \$20,000 on the life of his wife. In an alleged runaway near New London, Dr. Watson asserted that his wife was thrown from the buggy into Salt River at the edge of which she was found.

STEERAGE RATES AT \$7.50.

American Line Cuts Fares to Philadelphia.

London, Aug. 15.—A telegram from Liverpool says that the American line announces that commencing on Monday the steamer rate to Philadelphia will be \$7.50 instead of \$10. This reduction caused considerable consternation among the lines not in the combine, but it is not likely that they will do anything at present to combat it.

JEWISH RIOTS NOT SO BAD AS STATED

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—7:15 p. m.—An investigation of the reports published in New York by a Jewish morning paper to the effect that twenty persons were killed July 31 in a religious riot at Ostrow, government of Redom, and that a riot in which 100 Jews were wounded occurred July 29 at Potseval, government of Sedlitz, dictated a statement from the department of police of the ministry of the interior today to the effect that one person was killed and twenty wounded in a Jewish riot at Ostrowetz and that a few persons were wounded in the province of Sedlitz. The disorders in the latter part of the country arose from a Jewish girl having been converted from Jewish to orthodox.

CABINET MAKES NO APPOINTMENTS

Matter of Vacancies Was Talked Over at Monday's Session.

WILL MEET AGAIN TODAY.

Hon. James Sutherland's Friends Worried Over His Continued Ill-Health—Sir Wilfrid Laurier May Open Toronto Exhibition.

Ottawa, Aug. 15.—(Special)—There was a meeting of the cabinet today and a number of appointments, to be made shortly, were talked over but no definite action was taken. Another meeting will be held tomorrow.

It is expected that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will open the Toronto Industrial Exhibition on the 28th inst. He will probably leave here towards the end of the week for a short holiday in the Gaspé peninsula and did not proceed from there to the Queen city to inaugurate the fair.

The friends of James Sutherland in this city regret that the news received from Danville (N. Y.) regarding the state of his health is not more encouraging.

Dr. Hanel, director of mines, and Prof. Barlow, of the geological survey, left this morning for Portland, Oregon, to attend the annual meeting of the American Mining Congress. They will be absent about three weeks.

PERSONNEL OF TARIFF COMMISSION.

There is an impression in political circles that the tariff commission when appointed will consist of Messrs. Fleming, Paterson, Sifton and Broder, no definite information is obtainable at present however.

The minister of inland revenue is having prepared a large map upon which the tables of the metric system will be displaced. Copies will be sent to the educational institutions so that the youth of the country may be brought the system.

A bill for the adoption of the metric system in Britain is before the house of lords and Canada may have to introduce a similar law at no distant date.

Hon. Wm. Patterson went west tonight. He will remain at Brantford for a couple of weeks.

BIRD'S ISLAND NOT WORTH ANNEXING

British Admiralty Denies Report of Flag-raising, and Declares it is of No Value.

London, Aug. 15.—The Admiralty denied today the report from Kensington (Ga.), Saturday, that a party from the British cruiser Tribune recently landed at Aves, or Bird Island (127 miles west of the island of Bonavia, West Indies), and annexed it as a British possession. The report is believed to have grown out of the fact that the Tribune sent a landing party ashore for target practice. The admiralty added that the island is of no value and that there is no intention of acquiring it.

CZAR ARRANGES FOR ACCIDENTS.

He Names His Brother Regent, in Case of His Death, Till Son Comes of Age.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—Emperor Nicholas has issued a manifesto determining the order of succession to the throne. In the event of the emperor's death, the czarvitch assumes his majority, the emperor's brother, Grand Duke Nicholas, is to become regent, the emperor assuming the guardianship of the czarvitch.

2,000 Clockmakers on Strike.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 15.—Two thousand clock makers went on strike here today. Increase in wages, recognition of the union and "closed" shops are demanded. Owners of a number of factories were willing to grant the increase, but declined the "closed" shop system. About 10,000 people are employed in the various departments, not including hundreds of contract clock makers, who also are out. Cleveland, next to New York, is the largest clock-making city in the country.

Wall Street Concern Suspended.

New York, Aug. 15.—The suspension of the firm of Hobbs Bros. was announced today on the stock exchange. The firm consisting of Henry G. Hobbs, S. and Julius H. Hobbs. The suspension was made to the effect that twenty persons were killed July 31 in a religious riot at Ostrow, government of Redom, and that a riot in which 100 Jews were wounded occurred July 29 at Potseval, government of Sedlitz, dictated a statement from the department of police of the ministry of the interior today to the effect that one person was killed and twenty wounded in a Jewish riot at Ostrowetz and that a few persons were wounded in the province of Sedlitz. The disorders in the latter part of the country arose from a Jewish girl having been converted from Jewish to orthodox.

New York Building Strike Spreads.

New York, Aug. 15.—Between 600 and 800 employed by the George A. Fuller Construction Company today joined the striking building trades workers. The unions affected were the Bricklayers, Marble Workers, stone cutters, marble workers and mosaic workers.