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POSER FOR GASCOIGNE.

Col. Strathby Puts on the Official Records the General's Remarkable Public Deliverance.

He But Followed His Superior Officer's Example in Talking Through the Press.

MONTREAL, Nov. 26.—(Special)—Major-General Gascoigne having exposed his head again Colonel Strathby has hit it. On the 23rd instant Colonel Strathby received a communication from the D. O. C., asking for the information of Major-General Gascoigne, for an answer to the following questions: "1. Is the alleged interview in the Montreal Daily Star of the 20th instant correct, or substantially correct? 2. If only partially correct, in what particulars is it incorrect or complete?" Paragraph 3 of the demand upon the Colonel intimated that "You will furnish a reply to the above within the least possible delay." He has done so, and the following is a copy of Colonel Strathby's answers:

MONTREAL, Nov. 26, 1897.
"From Lieutenant-Colonel Strathby to the Royal Scots of Canada, Montreal, to the D. O. C., M. D. No. 5. Montreal:
"Sir,—I have the honor to state for the information of Major-General Gascoigne, in reply to your communication No. 65115 of the 22nd Nov., 1897, that on the 18th November instant there appeared in the Montreal Daily Star, a marked copy of which is herewith enclosed, a paragraph reading as follows:

"THE GENERAL'S STATEMENT.
"Major-General Gascoigne made the following statement to the Star this afternoon regarding the investigation into the Royal Scots trouble. He had reprimanded Lieutenant-Colonel Strathby for lack of tact and want of consideration towards his junior officers, and had reprimanded Major-Isobson for over-sensitiveness. Further than that he could not go as there had been no military offence, but if any further trouble of the same kind arose measures of a drastic kind will be taken to put a stop to the matter, and if that did not succeed the corps would be disbanded. The general, when he first arrived in the country, conferred with the two officers concerned, in the hope, as he expressed, that they would be able to come to a satisfactory agreement. They had been advised to sink their differences, and as they had not done so, he had to reprimand them. He had come to Montreal and reprimanded them both in the natural course of events. Lieutenant-Colonel Strathby would not be March next and Major Isobson would then be sent to the front. The general's remarks were summarily dismissed from the service and the corps of Canada were disbanded. The general added that the whole trouble was simply one such as might have arisen from a squabble of some common wash-tub, but if it had occurred in the imperial service drastic measures would have been taken long ere this to put an end to it.

"This statement was made by Major-General Gascoigne, for publication, to the Montreal Star, and the Montreal Star, and Montreal Gazette, from each of whom I have their verified personal statements. "My remarks are a reply to the above verified public statement of Major-General Gascoigne's and are correctly reported. "I would never have referred to the matter publicly if General Gascoigne had not departed from the judgment set to deliver his personal criticism for publication in the press. "I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,
"L. STRATHBY, Lieut.-Col.,
Comd. 5th Royal Scots of Canada.

MR. BLAKE'S DESIRE.

He Looks for a Time When He May Return to Public Life in Canada.

TORONTO, Nov. 26.—(Special)—A full report of Mr. Blake's Strathby speech, which appears only this morning in the Globe and Mail, contains some sentences in which he says, speaking of his severance from Canadian public life, that he still looks and longs for the time when, perhaps, his duty may approximate closer with that pleasure. This is taken by many to be a statement that he will return to Canadian public life.

W. D. Macpherson, a prominent Toronto Conservative, speaking after Mr. Blake at Strathby, took this meaning from his remarks and expressed the pleasure with which all Canadians would welcome him back.

CHURCHMEN HOPEFUL.

The Advent of Archdeacon Pentreath Likely to Work for Good in the Mainland Diocese.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 26.—Great things are expected by the Churchmen of the diocese of New Westminster from the appointment of Rev. Canon Pentreath, late of Winnipeg, as archdeacon and diocesan missionary. The funds of the diocese are in an almost bankrupt condition and the zeal of the clergy and laity is, with some notable exceptions, at a very low ebb, as a result of the general despondency and grave personal differences on matters of church polity.

It is hoped that Archdeacon Pentreath will not only prove a capable conciliator, but also a very useful aid in encouraging church progress as to lessen materially the present grave difficulty of obtaining the funds absolutely necessary.

A Discredited Report.
PARIS, Nov. 26.—M. Lebon, the minister of colonies, has received no information of a collision between the British and French troops at Nikki, in the Niger region, and discredits the report of trouble.

A BOOM IN EXPORTS.

United States Buying Less From Abroad and Sending Out More Grain, Cotton and Manufactures.

New York, Nov. 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say: "The heavy exports of wheat with the renewed advance in prices, is the most interesting and important feature of the week's events. Since August 1, when the extent of the foreign deficiency became realized, exports have been larger than in the corresponding weeks for any previous year. The cotton exports also have become very heavy and average of corn falls but little below last year's unprecedented record, while in exports of manufacturing products, especially machinery, all records for the season have been surpassed. While the aggregate for November last year was over \$109,000,000 shipments from New York for three months have been but slightly smaller, with a fair prospect that the known increase in cotton and other products from other ports may make up the deficiency. Meanwhile imports are running behind last year's at New York nearly \$200,000,000 this month, so that another excess of exports over imports amounting to about \$40,000,000 is probable. This would make an excess of about \$25,000,000 in four months. Another shipment of \$1,357,000 gold from Australia is announced, making \$10,938,500 in four months, and the reserve exchange bills held by New York banks have increased to \$8,600,000, while it is believed large amounts are also held in the same way at other chief points. Foreign operations in securities have made no appreciable difference, but with Russia, Germany and France able to draw gold from London, while the rates of interest here are low because of net receipts of \$2,000,000 from the interior, and commercial loans restricted by unusually satisfactory payments, including large amounts of gold from England is not a matter of surprise or regret.

Besides, pelagic seals have been amicably settled by this time; but instead of this, the French have been permitted boldly to invade the admitted limits of British Lagos territory, fight the natives and occupy the territory which is the subject of dispute. For this the country press, even Conservative newspapers, are demanding reprisals, for instance the seizure of the town of Bousa, lately seized by the French, though believed to be unmistakably British territory, and also the breaking off of negotiations in Paris, until the acts of the Dahomey officials are formally disavowed. It is completely in favor of the forces in process of being despatched are joined to the troops already there Great Britain will have 250 officers and non-commissioned officers and 4,000 men in West Africa.

ECONOMIES IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Civil Servants Removed and Loans to be Rearranged to Lessen Current Expense.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 26.—The government of Sir James Winter has appointed a civil service commission to inquire into and reorganize the various public departments. Dismissals are being made of unnecessary officials and the cabinet is confident of being able to do this. The total colonial expenditures by \$100,000 a year. Sir James Winter intends also to begin negotiations for imperial assistance to convert the public debt into a long term interest, which would probably reduce the annual charge by \$150,000.

THE SMELTER BONUS.

Ratopayers and Promoters Alike Becoming Shy of the Proposition.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 26.—(Special)—The Vancouver city council's delay in submitting a smelter bonus law is seriously endangering the prospect of its passing and of the early tabling in consequence, of a smelter and refinery on Burrard inlet. So-1 opinion, once strongly in favor of the proposal, is growing apathetic and many now state that they will vote against the bill, in the belief that Vancouver presents so many opportunities for smelting and refining, as to render the offer of a smelter bonus of \$65,000, unnecessary to attract such an institution. Many, too, think the proposal of a great metal firm of the Vivians of Swansea, South Wales, to establish smelting works in Vancouver, means that that firm may in due course establish a smelter and refinery, and for this reason those who so think are growing very cold in regard to the smelter bonus proposal, which somehow also seems to hang fire in London, Eng., the place of its promotion.

LIBERAL ALLIES.

Allegation That a Gang of Beaters Are Being Marched for Duty in Centre Toronto.

TORONTO, Nov. 27.—(Special)—The Mail warns Conservatives that a gang of Brantford toughs and beaters and disreputable characters from Detroit and Buffalo are being got ready to bring to Toronto on Monday, and says the same crowd got possession of the polling booths in Brantford at the last election, overpowered the officers and imperious strike of employees in the cotton industry now seems inevitable.

The employers a month ago stated that the emergency demanded a reduction of five per cent. in wages, as without reduction of expenses business could not be continued with profit. If the cotton masters remained firm there will likely be a general strike, involving 200,000 operatives, which will paralyze one of the greatest industries of the Empire.

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THOSE AFRICAN RAIDS.

Belief That Collision is Bound to Occur Between British and French Forces.

France Started the Game of Grab and Mr. Chamberlain Quickly Followed.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—In spite of the cheery optimism of the colonial offices of both Great Britain and France, the rumor of a conflict at Nikki between French and British forces is a matter of the greatest gravity. The reasons for disbelieving the reports are far from convincing. Since the initiation of the policy of sending armed bands from Dahomey and Lagos, led by officers, to assert the authority of their respective governments, and grab anything in sight which might still be unoccupied, it has been obvious that collision has been bound to occur sooner or later. Both governments have repeatedly been warned to recall those roving expeditions and await the report of the delimitation commission now sitting at Paris. It is difficult to apportion the blame for the state of affairs.

That the French initiated the system of raiding the contested territory in West Africa is indisputable. The late Colonel Columbus, as Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the Liberal leader, has nicknamed Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, has made what some think a false statement following it. If a diplomatic protest on the subject had been promptly lodged in Paris and vigorously pushed, the whole question probably would have been amicably settled by this time; but instead of this, the French have been permitted boldly to invade the admitted limits of British Lagos territory, fight the natives and occupy the territory which is the subject of dispute. For this the country press, even Conservative newspapers, are demanding reprisals, for instance the seizure of the town of Bousa, lately seized by the French, though believed to be unmistakably British territory, and also the breaking off of negotiations in Paris, until the acts of the Dahomey officials are formally disavowed. It is completely in favor of the forces in process of being despatched are joined to the troops already there Great Britain will have 250 officers and non-commissioned officers and 4,000 men in West Africa.

SEALING SCHEME BLOCKED.

Canada Firm in the Refusal to Suspend Hunting While Negotiations Proceed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—No word of the reported refusal by the Canadian government of the proposition of the United States for a modus vivendi to stop the killing of seals while a commission is engaged in arranging the other issues between the United States and Canada has come from the state department or to the British embassy here. There is, however, no disposition in official quarters to disavow the statement coming from Ottawa to that effect, and it is feared that the end of the negotiations is yet a long way removed.

SPINNERS MAY STRIKE.

Prospective Paralysis of the Great Cotton Industry of Lancashire.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—A count of ballots cast in the cotton spinning districts of Lancashire upon the question of the acceptance of the reduction of wages proposed by the employers, shows an overwhelming majority against the proposal of the manufacturers to submit the wage question to arbitration, and a general strike of employees in the cotton industry now seems inevitable.

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THE TURBULENT REICHSBATH.

The People Won't Stand Much More and the Premier May Be Dismissed.

And the Grand Mission of Canadian Ministers to Washington Ends in Nothing.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—Dispatches which have been received to-day from members of the Austrian reichsrath say Emperor Francis Joseph intends to demand the resignation of Count Badeni, the Austrian premier, to dissolve the reichsrath, and to order new elections. Dr. Leuger, the anti-semitic burgo-master of Vienna, also visited the Emperor and reported to him the dangerous state of the temper of the population, pointing out that the people were becoming more and more excited and that something must be done if serious trouble was to be averted. After to-day's session the reichsrath will meet and will agree to a joint commission for the discussion of the subjects mentioned by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Washington with a view of arriving at an amicable understanding on the subject of seal.

TONG HAKS UP AGAIN.

A Leading Feature of an Oriental Budget—A Japanese Wedding Notice.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—The steamer Gaelic, which arrived last night from Yokohama and Hongkong via Honolulu, brought the following Oriental advice: "The Tong Haks have again risen in the Korean provinces of Ching-hong and Fata Do. A detachment of Korean soldiers were despatched from Seoul to suppress them October 21. "With reference to the marriage of Sir Edwin Arnold and a Japanese lady, in London recently, a Tokyo despatch says that the bride is probably Miss Tama, who while a pupil at a Tokyo seminary met the late Sir Edwin Arnold, who was successfully launched at the Yokohama ship-building yard November 8. "Besides, pelagic seals have been amicably settled by this time; but instead of this, the French have been permitted boldly to invade the admitted limits of British Lagos territory, fight the natives and occupy the territory which is the subject of dispute. For this the country press, even Conservative newspapers, are demanding reprisals, for instance the seizure of the town of Bousa, lately seized by the French, though believed to be unmistakably British territory, and also the breaking off of negotiations in Paris, until the acts of the Dahomey officials are formally disavowed. It is completely in favor of the forces in process of being despatched are joined to the troops already there Great Britain will have 250 officers and non-commissioned officers and 4,000 men in West Africa.

MR. CHARLESON'S TRIP.

All the Way From Ottawa to Look at the Victoria Park Buildings.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 27.—(Special)—J. B. Charleson, supervisor of public works at Ottawa, is in the city on his way from the coast. Mr. Charleson went West to examine the new Dominion government buildings at Victoria. He found the buildings excellently constructed, but some changes will have to be made to get in the heating pipes and gas fixtures. Mr. Charleson also visited Crow's Nest Pass to look into complaints of ill treatment of the men there. He found the reports greatly exaggerated and that the men were being well treated. Any difference in the matter, Mr. Charleson adjusted on his return from the coast.

A LIBERAL REVERSE.

Turtle Mountain Returns an Opponent of the Greenway Government.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 27.—(Special)—The Greenway government received a reverse at the polls to-day. In the election for Turtle Mountain, Mr. Johnson, Conservative, was returned by 150 majority with two polls to hear from. The vacancy was caused by the death of Kettel, Liberal, who was elected last year by 23 majority. The Conservatives are jubilant over the victory as the government put forth every effort to carry the election.

SWAPPING GOVERNORSHIP.

Mr. Patterson May Have His Term Extended by Moving to Regina.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 27.—(Special)—A move is on foot to transfer Governor Patterson from Winnipeg to Regina. He is now on his way to Ottawa to discuss the matter with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. If Mr. Patterson accepts he will be appointed for a full term in the Northwest.

A BRILLIANT FAILURE.

Mr. Flynn's Estimate of the Canadian Premier's Trip to England.

QUEBEC, Nov. 25.—The debate in the legislature on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was closed last night. Ex-Premier Flynn made a severe attack on Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and on the reference in the speech from the throne to his visit to England, Sir Wilfrid's trip, he said, had been more brilliant than successful, and from the point of view of preferential trade had been a distinct failure.

FIRE AT SANDON.

The Newspaper Office the Sufferer and There Was No Insurance.

SEAL BARGAINING OFF!

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The United States Will Not Involve the Sealing Question With Other Issues.

OTTAWA, Nov. 27.—The government has reached a decision in regard to the United States' proposal for the suspension of pelagic sealing, and a despatch has gone forward stating that Canada cannot consent to General Foster's proposition. It was thought that if Canadian sealers were prohibited from pelagic sealing during the season beginning January 1, the United States would stop the killing of seals on the Fribolyf islands, and would agree to a joint commission for the discussion of the subjects mentioned by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Washington with a view of arriving at an amicable understanding on the subject of seal.

TO FORESTALL ENGLAND.

Emperor William Presents a Good Reason for the Recent Grab in China.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—The presence of Emperor William at Kiel, upon the occasion of swearing in the naval recruits, has had the effect of clearing the situation so far as Germany's attitude towards China and Hayti is concerned. Within two months a squadron of eight fine cruisers, having on board 3,500 men, will be assembled in Chinese waters, and the fact that Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of his majesty, is to command this force, lends probability to the reports current in government circles that hot work is expected, as Prince Henry's great ambition for years past has been to win naval laurels. Furthermore, the correspondent here of the Associated Press has been told by a gentleman who was at Kiel upon the occasion referred to that Emperor William in conversation with Admiral Von Knorr, commander in chief of the imperial navy, and with Prince Henry, made use of the expression, "We must forestall England." This remark was made while the Emperor was enlarging on the fact that the advantage gained by the quick action of the German naval force in Kiao Choo bay must be followed by an adequate strengthening of the squadron by the forces available.

PRINCESS CHIMAY'S MOTHER.

There Can Be No Reconciliation With the Prince and Her Daughter Won't Marry Her Friend Rigo.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Mrs. John Morrow, of Toronto, mother of the Princess of Chimay, arrived here on the steamer Paris to-day. She was accompanied by her husband, Captain Morrow, formerly an officer in the Canadian Grenadiers. Mrs. Morrow said that there was no possibility of a reconciliation between her daughter and Prince Chimay. Mrs. Morrow expressed her belief that the Princess Chimay had not married Rigo, the Hungarian musician, and had no intention of doing so. Mrs. Morrow and her husband are on their way to Chicago, and conclude the consideration of half a dozen questions to be submitted, such as the free exchange of certain commercial products, the extension of the seal operation of the alien labor law, joint action as to protection of the lake fisheries and revision of the regulations respecting seals.

KAMLOOPS POLITICS.

Explanation of an Inland Paper's Faultfinding With the Present Representative.

KAMLOOPS, Nov. 26.—Disension is imminent in the provincial opposition ranks in this section. F. J. Deane, the editor of the Inland Sentinel, wants to be the candidate at the next election, and is puffing himself in the Bostock paper. But there are many who do not like Deane, and don't want the man. Other names mentioned are those of Messrs. Carrington, Lee, Dr. Wade and R. Macpherson, but Hon. G. B. Martin probably has a sure thing here.

GERMANY'S COSTLY AMBITION.

Government's Naval Bill Involves a Great Contribution for Each of Seven Years.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—A semi-official forecast of the government's naval bill was issued this evening. It endeavors to make it appear that the scheme gives scope to the Reichstag's judgment and provides for a total fleet of nineteen seagoing ironclads, eight coast defence ironclads and forty-two cruisers, an increase of five sea-going ironclads and ironclads spread over seven years, when the warships are to be completed, and the Reichstag is to decide yearly the number of vessels to be commenced and the amount of the naval bills. There is an increase in the budget from 118,000,000 marks to 150,000,000 marks, but the forecast declares that the additional expense will not necessitate the levying of any special taxes.

OPERATIONS ON 'CHARGE.'

A Strong Market With Larger Volume of Dealings Than for Some Time.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The stock market awoke from its lethargy to-day and did a lively business in second hour of the Saturday session. The volume of the dealings and the general movement of prices were greater than have been seen for several weeks past. Prices moved up strongly and the buying was aggressive and well distributed. The Evening's Post financial cable from London says: "The stock markets here were lifeless to-day. Americans were steady to firm. The weak spot at the moment is Glasgow, which is still suffering from the fall in Cotes shares, and selling other stocks. The Consols settlement will begin on Monday. India treasury bills for \$2,500,000 are in the market during the week, but involving considerable cash disbursement. Closing prices: B. & O. 94 1/2; C. G. 93 1/2; N. W. 122; U. S. 104; L. & N. 5 1/2; Lac. Gas. 4 1/2; L. S. 17 1/2; L. & N. 5 1/2; Man. 103 1/2; M. P. 29; N. F. 19 1/2; do. pd. 24 1/2; N. Y. C. 106 1/2; N. Y. O. & W. 109 1/2; Om. 78 1/2; R. G. 2 1/2; T. Pac. 11 1/2; Bar silver, 58 1/2; Mexican dollars, 45 1/2; Silver certificates, 92 1/2.

Paraded in Pouring Rain.
Toronto, Nov. 25.—Pouring rain battle here to-day. General Gascoigne and the light postponed day, when the men decided to go on and marched out 738 strong. At the dinner to-night General Gascoigne spoke in strong terms of praise of Toronto's soldiers.

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HAWAII MUST PAY.

Japan Reported to Have Backing of the United States in the Emigrant Affair.

HONOLULU, Nov. 27.—(via San Francisco, Nov. 27.)—Advices received to-day from Japan state that no progress has been made in the negotiations about the emigrant affair, owing to the fact that Hawaii sticks invariably to the policy of procrastination in the hope, it is claimed, of transferring the responsibility of paying the compensation to the United States, after the proposed annexation. At this juncture another difficulty has sprung up. A certain emigrant company at Honolulu unlawfully appropriated deposit money of the emigrants and Minister Shimamura attempted to bring the matter before the tribunal. The company, greatly astonished at the attitude of the minister, threatened to disclose all the weak points of Japan in the negotiations with the United States, and the latter is inclined to advise the Hawaiian government to pay the indemnity at once to Japan.

OTTAWA, NOV. 27.

The appointments of Lieutenant-Governor James and Senator Templeman were gazetted to-day.

C. P. R. Shops Busy.
WINNIPEG, Nov. 27.—It is the intention of the Canadian Pacific railway company to keep the shops running in Winnipeg all winter, fitting up locomotives and cars for the spring traffic. These W. E. shops, carpenter in the C. P. R. shops, fed from a ladder and sustained lateral injuries.

Smallpox in Montreal.
MONTREAL, Nov. 27.—Another case of smallpox is reported, that of Sister Macdonald of the Pension St. Catherine, 76 St. Catherine street. She is in the civil hospital. Much carelessness was shown in connection with the convent, and the case was probably contracted some weeks ago when the first case developed.

Duck Hunters Drowned.
BEDFORD, Nov. 27.—George Cole and James Morden are believed to have been drowned while duck shooting near Northport.

Dangers of Boiler Testing.
HALIFAX, Nov. 27.—James Hennessy and John McIsaac, boilermakers from Truro, were testing a boiler at the Cold Lake mines near Keddore, when the boiler exploded. Hennessy and McIsaac and the manager of the mines, Dan McPahill, were killed instantly. No others were injured.

At the Catacombs.
LONDON, Nov. 27.—There was a great crowd of pilgrims and visitors at Rome on Monday, the feast of St. Cecilia, and gathered to see the catacombs, which are a thousand lights, and other orisons. Priests, sisters of various orders, German, Englishmen, Americans and tourists of many nations were present at the service at the little altar of the catacombs, which now resemble a mundane museum.

International Yachting.
LONDON, Nov. 27.—A meeting of the council of the yacht racing association has been called for December 2, to receive the deputation of the American Lake racing union, relative to the desirability of an international racing rule. The American views on the subject are not yet known.

Only Chestnuts.
LONDON, Nov. 27.—The newspapers were apparently too previous in crowding over the find of alleged important Venetian documents at Greyton. The colonial office now announces that the value of the documents is believed to be altogether insignificant and that they will not necessitate any alteration in the statement of the British case already submitted.

Something Concocted.
BERLIN, Nov. 27.—The police have concocted this week's issue of the Kladderadatsch because it contained a cartoon ridiculing Emperor William's recent speech to the recruits.

Absorbed in Yagrants.
BERLIN, Nov. 27.—J. F. Willard, a resident of Berlin, and nephew of Miss Francis Willard, has started an expedition to Bokhara and Asiatic Russia for the purpose of studying the habits of criminals and yagrants. The Russian government has furnished him with free transportation throughout the empire and Russian newspapers commend the enterprise.