

BRITAIN IN NO HURRY TO MAKE SECOND PROTEST

May Make Legal Test Of Right to Use Canal Free SOME DELAY INVOLVED Test Case Cannot Be Made Until Canal is in Operation -- Regular Negotiations Would Require Some Time.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 26.—Although Mr. Innes, the British charge and counselor of the Embassy, who was recalled from his vacation on the Maine coast to carry out certain directions of his government regarding the Panama canal legislation, remains in Washington, he has made no sign of a purpose to present any fresh representations to the state department on this subject.

The original British protest having been ineffective in preventing the enactment of the objectionable legislation and there being now a year and a half to elapse before the question of the actual payment of tolls in the canal can become a practical one, there does not appear to be special reason for urgency in negotiations. These may be expected to develop the position of both governments and possibly indicate the future course of the British in the event that a satisfactory arrangement cannot be reached with the United States, for the removal of the threatened discrimination against British shipping.

Although President Taft was not himself convinced of the soundness of the assertion by Chairman Adamson of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, and other congressmen that foreign ship owners already have at hand the means of testing legally their right to use the Panama canal on even terms with American shipping, it is believed that he is perfectly willing to allow this issue to be made up and tried out.

The possibility of the adoption of this method of securing a judicial determination of the British right, may prevent the negotiations between the two governments from being carried to the point of an ultimatum for several years at least. The test case could not be made up until the canal is in operation. Then when a British vessel protests against the imposition of tolls, her owners, if represented by any agency in this country, might apply to a United States circuit court for a determination of their rights and from that court an appeal might be taken by either party to the United States supreme court.

Weather Not All That Could Be Desired, But Results On the Whole Were Good.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—With a record list of entries, over 750 riflemen being in attendance from every province of the Dominion, and also from Canada's navy, the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association got away to a splendid start this morning. While the weather for the two matches in the morning was anything but pleasant, the squads shooting for a time in a terrific downpour of rain, the sky cleared towards noon, and during the afternoon conditions were excellent.

THREE KILLED IN STORM. Cleveland, Aug. 26.—Three people lost their lives during a terrific wind and rain storm that swept over the city today. Trees were blown down and much property loss suffered.

NEWS OF DAY

Tramways Company Begins Extension Work—Petitcodiac Pastor Called to Railway Town—Wedding in Toronto.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Aug. 26.—The Tramways Co. today began work on the extension of the street railway to the Moncton and Buteouche Railway station for the purpose of utilizing the tracks of that road for suburban traffic to Humphrey's, Lewisville and Sunny Brae. In accordance with an arrangement recently effected.

Rev. E. H. Cochrane of Petitcodiac, has accepted a call from the Highfield street Baptist church in this city and will enter upon the pastorate here next Sunday. Mr. Cochrane is a B. A. of U. N. B., an M. A. of Acadia, and this year graduated from Newton. The Highfield street pastorate was recently vacated by Rev. E. B. McLatchey's retirement to his farm at Petitcodiac.

Miss Sybil Story, daughter of D. A. Story, general freight agent of the I. C. R., and Collingwood S. Clark, barrister of Moncton, were united in marriage at St. Peter's church, Toronto, this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Story were present at the ceremony. After a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and other points Mr. and Mrs. Clark will make their home in Moncton.

Mr. Borden's Secretary Says Premier's Health Has Not Suffered from Arduous Duties in England.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—Premier Borden and Mrs. Borden are expected to arrive in Ottawa on September 7, after a two months' visit in the old country. Mr. Borden's secretary, A. E. Blount, returned this morning. For the past week Mr. and Mrs. Borden have been enjoying a holiday in the north of Scotland. His secretary reports the Premier to be in splendid health, his constitution having been in no way impaired by the many conferences which he was forced to attend, the numerous social functions at which he was compelled to be present and the long speeches which he was called upon to deliver.

Many important questions which have been laid over, pending the Prime Minister's return, will be discussed in cabinet council. Chief of these will, of course, be the navy question.

JOURNALISTS FROM BRITAIN INVITED TO VISIT DOMINION Convention Now in Session at Brighton Cabled to Hold Next Meeting in Montreal—Four Hundred May Come.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—An invitation was extended by cable today to British journalists, in preparation for a visit to the Dominion, to hold their meeting next year in Montreal. The cable was sent from Toronto, by Harry Bragg, of Montreal, chairman of the Canadian Division.

STARTLING DISCOVERY OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Hon. W. T. White, Acting Minister of Justice, Finds Militia Department is Also His.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 26.—The versatility of the Hon. W. T. White, which has passed triumphantly through every test to date, is now being put to another trial. Mr. White, besides being Minister of Finance has performed the duties of Acting Minister of Justice during the absence of Hon. C. J. Doherty. He has now discovered that he is also Minister of Militia in the room and stead of the absent minister, Col. Hon. Sam Hughes.

This comes as something of a shock to Mr. White, who claims to be a man of peace. He, however, as he is a soldier, obeying orders and tomorrow night, he will speak to the visiting cadets from England at a dinner to be given by Colonel Percy Sherwood. On Wednesday he goes to Rockcliffe to see the shooting of the D. R. A. meet and will likely address the marksmen.

ROYAL PARTY AT FORMAL OPENING OF DOMINION FAIR

Reach Toronto and Spend Quiet Day Prior to Ceremony at Big Show — Weather Unfavorable.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—Devoid of all ceremony, entering the city as the most casual visitors, the Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia arrived before breakfast this morning. At the express request of the royal party there was no formal reception. They went at once to the residence of Sir Wm. Mackenzie. At 2:15 p. m. after lunching with the directors at the exhibition grounds the formal opening of the fair took place before a large crowd, notwithstanding the gloomy weather.

GREAT NORTHERN TO JOIN UP WITH THE GRAND TRUNK

Railroad Extension from Niobe, N. D., to North Portal, Sask., Will Connect the Two Systems.

St. Paul, Aug. 26.—Work has been begun in North Dakota on a railroad extension that will connect the Great Northern with the Grand Trunk Pacific on the Canadian side of the border. The extension, which is twenty-two miles long, begins at Niobe, Ward County, N. D., and will join the terminus of the southern extension of the Grand Trunk twelve miles west of North Portal, Sask.

SENATE APPROVES PLAN TO EXTEND THE SCOPE OF ENQUIRY Resolution to Investigate Correspondence and Transactions Between Archbold, Perkins and Roosevelt.

REDUCTION OF DEBT OF THE UNION

Government Proposes to Wipe Out Big Loan

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 26.—The Dominion government has today prepared to extinguish outright the loan of \$1,235,000, which matures on October 1st next. The money to meet it has been forwarded to London to the Bank of Montreal, the financial agent of the government.

This is a practical illustration of the favorable position in which the finances of the Dominion stand at the present. During the period from the beginning of the fiscal year on April 1st last, to August 20th last, the revenue have increased over that of the same period last year by approximately \$12,500,000, or at the rate of about three millions a month. During the same period the expenditure had increased by approximately \$5,000,000; the increase of revenue principally causes like the increased subsidy to Manitoba and the aid to provinces in respect to agriculture. A serious condition of one of the Newfoundland canoe men who had injured a leg in running rapids. His disability increased the hardships of the portage, the longest and most difficult in all my experience. The topographical specimens and photographs received me to the disappointment that I was unable completely to cross the southwestern part of the Labrador Peninsula.

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VANCOUVER MAN IS BELIEVED DROWNED; SOME THINK NOT

Howard B. Spence a Good Swimmer and Insurance Companies Refuse to Settle—Quite Wealthy.

Vancouver, Aug. 26.—Four months ago Howard B. Spence, a well known business man was supposed to have been drowned from a launch in Vancouver harbor. He was said by his wife and several friends to have fallen overboard.

It developed today, however, that the two insurance companies are fighting against payment of policies of \$20,000 which Spence took out on his life two weeks before he disappeared. In affidavits printed in court, counsel for the insurance companies declare that Spence's body was never found, that the accident occurred 40 feet from shore and that he was such a good swimmer that he had at one time held a position as instructor. The case is causing unusual attention for Spence was well known and to outward appearances, quite wealthy.

YOUTHFUL THIEVES TAKE JOY RIDE IN PROSECUTOR'S CAR Escape from Reformatory and Enter Four Garages Before Finding Satisfactory Machine—Were Captured.

FIRST NEWS FROM PARTY IN LABRADOR

Henry C. Bryant's Expedition Returns to St. Augustine After Fairly Successful Exploration.

New York, Aug. 26.—Herbert L. Bridgeman, of Brooklyn, announced today that he had received a telegram from Henry C. Bryant, president of the Philadelphia Geographical Society, giving the first news of Mr. Bryant's exploring trip in Labrador. Mr. Bryant left this city June 22nd last and St. Augustine, Labrador, July 12, for a reconnaissance in a part of Labrador never before traveled by a white man. Mr. Bryant returned to St. Augustine on Saturday and the following telegram was received today by Mr. Bridgeman:

"August 24.—Arrived today. The expedition was fairly successful, and we are the first to explore and map the St. Augustine River from the sea to its source, a distance of 141 miles. We traversed a region fairly timbered, but unsuited to agriculture. The scenery of the central plateau of Labrador is of surpassing beauty, our provisions were ample. The Indians deserted after four days but we successfully covered two thirds of the distance to Hamilton Inlet, when we were obliged to return, owing to the serious condition of one of the Newfoundland canoe men who had injured a leg in running rapids. His disability increased the hardships of the portage, the longest and most difficult in all my experience. The topographical specimens and photographs received me to the disappointment that I was unable completely to cross the southwestern part of the Labrador Peninsula.

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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER

Bramwell Booth Bids Salvation Army in Canada and Newfoundland Pray for Him—Father Loved Canada.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—The commissioner of the Salvation Army in Canada and Newfoundland received the following message today from the new leader, Bramwell Booth:

"Dear Commissioner:—The greeting you have sent me on behalf of yourself and the staff and field of officers and soldiers of the Dominion and Newfoundland, strengthens my heart in the presence of the mighty task which in the Providence of God, and by the appointment of our beloved General, is now devolved upon me.

My confidence is in God and I know I may rely on you. My dear father loved Canada and had hopes for the progress of God amongst you. Today it is my joy to believe that you will respond to his highest ambitions for you, in pressing the honor of Christ and the power of His salvation throughout the world. The army is moving and the future shall be Christ's. Let us fight for Him and never falter. Pray for me and Mrs. Booth. (Signed) "BRAMWELL BOOTH."

HARMONY MARKS END OF SIXTY-SECOND SESSION

MISSION MOST SUCCESSFUL

Hon. C. J. Doherty Tells of Cordial Reception Accorded Canadian Ministers in England—Mrs. Doherty Unwell.

Quebec, Aug. 26.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, who arrived in Quebec on Saturday morning last, by S.S. Virginian, is stopping at the Chateau Frontenac, with Mrs. Doherty, and intends leaving tomorrow for Montreal. He is delayed here by Mrs. Doherty's serious illness. Interviewed about his trip to England, Hon. Mr. Doherty stated that the trip of the Canadian ministers was a most enjoyable and successful one and that they had been the object of a very hearty reception wherever they went. Naturally he had nothing to communicate to the press just at present on any thing concerning the navy question.

RESURRECT AN OLD SPEECH

To Test Acoustics of Commons Chamber Western Members Request for Date of Prorogation is Read.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 26.—A familiar sound was heard today in the House of Commons. A western member requested information from the government as to the probable date of prorogation. He wanted to make sure of getting his berth. He was assured that the close of the session would not be unnecessarily delayed.

FAILURE TO HELP SHIP IN DISTRESS PUNISHABLE NOW

British Board of Trade Notices Captains Violation of Regulation Renders Them Liable to Two Years in Prison.

London, Aug. 26.—Failure to go to the relief of vessels in distress is a misdemeanor punishable by two years imprisonment according to a notice sent to ship captains today by the British Board of Trade.

MARITIME TENNIS CHAMPS OPEN TODAY The Maritime Tennis championships will open today on the courts of the local club. The drawings for the day are as follows: Men's Doubles, 10.30 a. m. W. R. Turnbull and J. H. Chipman vs. A. C. Wiswell and W. A. Foster. Ladies' Singles, 10.30 a. m. Mrs. H. R. Babbitt vs. Miss M. Lawson. Ladies' Doubles, 2 p. m. Mrs. J. R. Thomson and Miss M. Thomson vs. Mrs. Fraser Harris and Miss F. Rubeta. Men's Singles, 2.30 p. m. T. M. McAvity vs. A. C. Wiswell. Mixed Doubles, 3 p. m. Mrs. H. R. Babbitt and W. R. Turnbull vs. Miss F. Lydard and W. N. Price.

Congress Adjourns And Members Are Happy

Old-Time Animositie Evaporate when Time for Leave-taking Arrives -- Penrose Campaign Fund Resolution Passed Without Opposition.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Bored by the embarrassments of Saturday's all-night session of filibusters and disagreements, congress adjourned its differences today, invited president up to the capital one more and at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon voted "nisi" after the proceedings of the second session of the 62nd congress.

The end was marked with a return of harmony and an end of filibusters. Senator LaFollette, demanding action on the Penrose campaign fund resolution, found all opposition smoothed away in front of him, and the resolution passed almost without discussion. In the last half hour of the session while President Taft waited in his special room to sign the measures of the dying congress, an attempt was made to rush through a special resolution giving the employees the extra month salary, but the house again blocked it.

The session just flizzed out in the senate. A comparative handful of members occupied their seats and a call for a quorum in either the house or senate, would have forced a return to the embarrassing situation of last week.

A wild outburst of applause greeted Speaker Clark's announcement of adjournment as his gavel fell in the house. The floor immediately became an animated scene, members bidding each other good-bye and shaking hands. Old-time political feuds buried all differences and all feuds apparently were forgotten in the general leaving.

While waiting for adjournment time in the senate later in the day there were an even score of senators on the floor. When a resolution for adjournment at 4:30 was brought through, a recess was taken until 4:10. Then began a twenty minute wait.

Secretary MacVeagh, of the Treasury Department, was on the floor. He wandered about the little group of senators who were making their farewells and discussing campaign plans. In the center of the group Senator Clapp were deep in discussion of the prospects for the Penrose-Roosevelt investigation.

FIRE LOSS IS GREATER

First Seven Months of Year Saw Thirty-Two More Fires in Canada Than in 1912.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—That Canada's fire losses this year will be greater than ever, is forecasted in the report submitted by Manager E. P. Heaton to the insurance committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Number, Amount. Totals: 688, \$66,148,900.