

ON THE FIRING LINE

Pulsebeats of the Warriors Shown by Tongue and Pen From Ocean to Ocean in Canada's Greatest Conflict.

"Pa, what is annexation?" asked the boy as soon as he could cross his school cap on the hook. "Come here, my boy," said the father. "Do you remember last New Year's night when you woke us all up with that horrid cry of anguish and told us that Jimmy Jicksky had broken in the back window and had tried to strangle you?"

"Well, this is August, and some of the people haven't got over it yet."

THE BUSINESS ASPECT.

The opponents of reciprocity admit that the agreement between Canada and the United States would result in an increase of business between the two countries, and as we are already trading with our neighbors to the extent of \$225,000,000 and over a year, it is difficult to understand why they should have any objection to it.

NO OTHER WAY.

President Taft has vetoed the farm bill sent up to him by Congress. The members of Congress have failed to pass the bill since he vetoed it. These two moves on the part of the United States indicate that all possibility of radical tariff reform for two years at least. They utterly destroy the Conservative argument that had Canada "sat tight" the Democrats would have been able to pass a measure through Congress.

HOPELESS BATTLE.

A movement like the emancipation of the American slave, or the complete reversal of a fiscal system, like the repeal of the corn laws, might be expected to encounter the opposition of many prophets when time would prove to be false; but remitting a few taxes on the food of the people is not the reversal of a fiscal system, nor is it a great economic movement like the freeing of the slaves. It is a difficult proposition for reasonable people to understand the present outcry. If the taxes which Mr. Borden is so eager to continue had been paid in the past into the treasury of Ottawa, he would hardly have found it necessary to appeal to the country at present. But the people, besides what they have paid into the treasury in taxes, have had to pay indirect taxation to certain special interests, and these special interests, fearing that the end of their unjust profits is in sight, are sending Mr. Borden and his party into battle in the vain hope that the Liberals may be prevented from giving the farmers, the fishermen, and the lumbermen, and the consumers generally, their turn.

LOSING ITS PATIENCE.

The real unifying indeed to have politicians standing up on eastern platforms calling the farmers of Western Canada "distillers" there is more real hostility in the little finger of the average western farmer than in the whole make-up of blather-skiting stumpers who shout annexation.

BORDEN'S BAD LOGIC.

We may put aside the question as to where Mr. Borden and his followers have derived the impression that "the leading newspapers and statesmen of the United States" are unanimous in accepting reciprocity as the entering wedge for annexation. The problem is not what people in the United States think, but what the people of Canada think. Even Mr. Borden will concede that annexation will come by armed invasion and conquest. Canada will have to be a consenting party to annexation. And what will the Canadian people over to annexation? Why, this treaty of reciprocity which, as Mr. Borden declares, will benefit the people of the United States at the expense of the Canadian people. In other words, reciprocity being a very bad bargain for Canadians, it will make them fonder than ever of the people that got the best of them.

CANADIAN APPLES.

In reply to an inquiry from East London, James E. Johnston, secretary of the Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association, and a prominent Conservative, sent the following view of the effect of reciprocity upon the apple market of Canada: "Will say that I have shipped apples from the U. S. markets nearly every year since 1888, and I consider the U. S. market is so near at hand, in the case of Lieut. Phillips Schuller, a German army officer arrested here August 19 last charged with spying, the prisoner was committed for trial.

COLONIST FALSEHOODS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Colonist this morning devotes a front page to an ingenious misrepresentation of cases now before the courts in an endeavor to implicate the Government of Canada and its immigration officers in alleged violation of the Alien Labor Act. It publishes partial court proceedings and utters conclusions in a case in which the magistrate conducting the trial has reserved judgment. It also publishes the form of what it alleges to be a contract entered into by a local firm or agents of the local firm with alien laborers whom it alleges came into Canada in pursuit of the alleged contract. Further, it publishes a letter signed by the superintendent of immigration which it falsely alleges gives authority for the admission of laborers into Canada in violation of the Alien Labor Act.

Without commenting on the desperation which forces the Colonist into such proper odium for commenting on a case which is still before the courts the Times will recite the facts. From the following clause in the letter quoted it will appear that no relaxation of the Alien Labor Act has been made. The exceptions relate only to the clause requiring certain money qualifications of railroad laborers entering Canada. Here it is: "This year railroad laborers going to assured permanent employment at construction will be admitted to Canada from the 1st of May until the 30th of September, both dates inclusive, irrespective of money qualifications or continuous journey provided they are natives or citizens of the countries, or some one of the countries, in which immigration effort is made by Canada."

The letter is clear. It only abates the legal requirement that each laborer entering Canada be relieved from the compulsion to show the required amount of money. It in no way affects the provisions regulating contract labor. If it is held by the court that the arrangement under which these men entered Canada is of the nature of a contract the court has no option but to impose the proper fine. If it is held by the court that these men did not enter under contract there has been no violation of the law.

In any case the matter is on the shoulders of the Attorney-General and we are sure the Colonist, in its desperation, has only prepared another road for its back, and the public will not fail to exploit its despicable tactics to the full measure of their deserts.

CUTTING GRAIN IN SASKATCHEWAN

Harvesting General in Province—No Definite Reports Regarding Damage

Regina, Aug. 30.—The ninth fortnightly telegraph report of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture indicates that cutting has commenced in all parts of the province, with the exception of some districts on the east coast, the northeastern and the northwestern crop districts. The date at which harvesting will be general is given as August 30. The portion of crop already in stock is 12 per cent., divided unevenly, of course, between different localities. It is impossible to give any definite estimate as to the damage to the crops from hail, rain, wind, rust or frost, but reports indicate that damage from these causes is more widespread in that portion of the province lying east of the 100 line and south of township 22, than it is on the remainder of the settled area. With the exception of a couple of points where there is a surplus of men and of one or two places where a few are needed, it would appear that labor is sufficient in supply and evenly distributed.

FIFTEEN MEN KILLED.

Five men were probably fatally injured when a bridge across a deep gorge at Bruil, in the Upper Engadin, six miles south of here, collapsed last night, carrying with it 30 workmen. Fifteen were taken out of the wreckage dead and the other fifteen are probably fatally injured.

ASPXYLATED IN HOME.

Quebec, Aug. 29.—F. G. Dautell, a broker, was asphyxiated by smoke in an early morning fire at his home. Mrs. Dautell and daughter were seriously injured by jumping from a third story window. The property damage was not great.

LOSES LIFE IN FIRE.

Fairfield, Ill., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Jennie Young was burned to death near here, when her home was destroyed. Three grandchildren were rescued severely burned, after Mrs. Young had lost her life trying to save them.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Plymouth, Eng., Aug. 30.—After the statement of the public prosecutor in the case of Lieut. Phillips Schuller, a German army officer arrested here August 19 last charged with spying, the prisoner was committed for trial.



"WE'RE VERY WIDE AWAKE, THE MOON AND I!" MISS CANADA (to Conservative Party)—Why, that thing has been buried so long you can't even raise a genuine ghost.

RETURNING TO CANADA.

London, Aug. 30.—The Western Canadian teachers who have been visiting Great Britain during the last two months, sail for home to-day on the Tunisian. On board are also Dean Bidwell and Professor Howard. The Laurentic also sailed with Lieut.-Col. Starke and Dr. Reeve on board. To-day the following Canadians left Euston Station by the boat train for Liverpool en route for Canada by the Empress of Britain: Lord and Lady Hindlip and Albin Richardson, M. P.

SUSPECTS RELEASED.

Kiel, Germany, Aug. 30.—Two Englishmen and a Dane, who for several days have been cruising near Kiel, were arrested yesterday by the harbor police on suspicion of spying. The suspects denied their guilt, and underwent a searching examination by the authorities and were released. The Englishman said they were respectively a professor and a teacher of a high school.

MR. BARNARD IMPALED

It is all very well for Mr. G. H. Barnard to assail the naval policy of the Dominion government, which he voted against in the House of Commons and will oppose again if he has the opportunity. As on all other questions of public import, whether considered from a merely local or a larger national point of view, Mr. Barnard and his friends occupy purely obstructive positions. Let us take the attitude which Mr. Barnard favors, the local aspect of the naval programme, and consider what it means to Victoria and Esquimaux. If Mr. Barnard should be elected, what is the character of the policy he will be found supporting? The Conservatives' only hope of gaining power lies in the possible triumph of their party in Quebec. Here is the policy of the Tories of Quebec as announced by one of their candidates, Dr. Pickley, in Missisquoi: "If I am elected I will give my word and my vote—I declare it emphatically in advance—to obtain the repeal of the naval bill. I will vote against any Prime Minister who will not repeal this bill in its entirety." Mr. Barnard, then, declares that the naval policy does not go far enough to suit him; his Tory colleagues in the province of Quebec demand the complete repeal of the naval bill. Mr. Borden has had several naval policies, his latest being not a dollar for defence until the will of all the people of Canada has been ascertained through a referendum. Now it is just possible that because of the attitude of the Nationalists and Tories of Quebec, coupled with the fact that the vast majority of the population of Canada live far from the seaboard on the Pacific and Atlantic and therefore are not impressed deeply with the necessity of naval defence, any naval policy might be negatived if submitted to a referendum. But the government recognizes its duty to Canada and to the Mother Country, and realizes that that duty transcends sectional feelings. It has acted, and is being condemned on the one hand for doing anything at all, and on the other for not doing enough. Should Mr. Barnard be elected he will, like a loyal Tory (in a party sense) follow the majority and vote for the repeal of the naval bill, in a referendum.

HON. F. OLIVER IS LIBERAL CHOICE

UNANIMOUSLY SELECTED FOR EDMONTON

Convention Largest Ever Held in City—Speeches in Favor of Reciprocity

Edmonton, Alb., Aug. 30.—Hon. Frank Oliver was yesterday tendered the unanimous nomination for Edmonton riding by a convention pronounced the largest ever held in a constituency. No other name was mentioned, and the minister of the interior was given an enthusiastic reception. There were present 235 delegates, with only eleven proxies. Delegates were in attendance from all sections, some coming from as far north as Peace River Crossing and Grand Prairie, and every spot being represented. The chairman was Senator Talbot, president of the Provincial Association and the separate school board, the scene of two previous conventions in the last three weeks, was crowded to the doors.

Before the committee reported, addresses in favor of reciprocity and eulogistic of the late member were given by J. I. Cole, H. W. McKenney, Lucien Boudreau, J. A. Macdougall, members of the local house, and others, including Stanley Jones, secretary of provincial organization. In accepting the nomination Mr. Oliver spoke at some length on the greater issues of the election. Before closing he referred to the campaign of personalities which had been conducted against him. Resolutions were passed expressing confidence in the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and integrity of Mr. Oliver.

At the close of the convention delegates formed in procession, and with flags and banner escorted the candidate to the King Edward hotel, where he again addressed the assembled crowds from the balcony. Rutherford Retires. Ex-Premier A. C. Rutherford, who was nominated several weeks ago by a section of the Edmonton Liberals, has retired. Yesterday he gave out the following statement: "The Liberals of the Edmonton electoral district: 'Gentlemen,—Owing to three candidates being in the field in the Edmonton electoral district, and as the reciprocity issue is paramount in the election throughout Canada, I have decided to retire from the contest. I am grateful to the Liberals for their nomination at a regularly constituted convention, and for many assurances of support from all parts of the district. (Signed) A. C. RUTHERFORD.'"

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Edmond Froude was nominated by Prescott Liberals. In Carleton County, Donald H. McLean was chosen Liberal standard bearer.

ARTILLERY COMPETITION.

London, Aug. 30.—The Territorial artillery competition will resume to-day, when six coast defence companies will compete for the two prizes offered. The first prize is the Prince of Wales prize of £21 to which is added £10 from the Duke of Westminster and £5 from Mr. J. Morrison. A cup will be presented to the commanding officer of the winning battery. The second prize is £20.

Y. W. C. A. CONVENTION.

A public reception and meeting will be held on September 11 in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium to welcome Miss Little, secretary of the World's Dominion Council, and the Y. W. C. A. and Miss Stevenson, World's Dominion representative. Both the visitors will deliver addresses at 8 p. m. After the speeches a reception will be held, and a good musical programme given. Refreshments will be served. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance as the meeting is free to everyone.

The convention will be held on the following Tuesday in the Y. M. C. A. building. The programme follows: Morning session—8:30 to 10:15, devotional hour; 10:20 to 10:45, "How to Know the Legitimate Field of Association Work"; 10:45 to 11, discussion; 11:40 to 11:45, membership discussion. Afternoon—2:30 to 3, "The Administration of a City Association"; 3 to 3:15, discussion; 3:15 to 3:45, "Our Relationship to the World's Committee and World's Week of Prayer"; 3:45, discussion; 4 to 5, social hour.

TWO KILLED BY FALLING TREE.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 30.—In falling a tree near Sumner, George Peterson, aged 45, was instantly killed, and Fred Purvis, aged 38, received injuries from which he died yesterday. The men were clearing land and came upon a high stump of a tree with a nest of hornets in it, so they waited until after darkness set in before starting work upon it. When it was nearly cut through the tree kicked back and caught the men. Purvis leaves a widow and four daughters, and Peterson leaves a widow and five daughters.

MISTAKEN FOR DEER.

Bakersfield, Cal., Aug. 30.—Mistaking his brother Henry for a deer, Charles Ward shot him dead while the two were hunting in the Plute mountains, 30 miles from here. The brothers were beating up brush on opposite sides of a canyon when Charles caught sight of Henry and fired. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental shooting.

THE ISSUES

Cheaper food may not greatly concern the millionaire, but it is of vital importance to the working-man with a family to support.

A full stomach and a contented mind are not likely to render a man less loyal.

The working-man has his wage; let him hold fast to it and fight for cheaper living.

The man short of argument usually resorts to an appeal to sentiment.

The working-man is not going to be bamboozled by people who care nothing about his vote, less about his wages, but are greatly worried over his loyalty.

Do not be frightened by the lip loyalists; while they have you worrying over your loyalty, they hope to run off with the swag.

The day of the consumer has come.

If I buy goods from the United States, I am, I declare, but if I give my money to the United States to build up their industries, I am loyal.

Citizens of Victoria, where do you stand?—Laurier, Templeman and the masses, or Borden, Barnard and the classes? A vote for Templeman is a vote for reciprocity.

ROUSING MEETING OPENS RALPH SMITH'S CAMPAIGN

Esquimaux Electors Hear Hon. William Templeman on the Navy Question and Liberal Candidate on Reciprocity

Esquimaux can always be trusted to do its duty by the Liberal party, whether in attendance at meetings when the policies of the party are expounded or at the polls. Many a rousing rally has the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home witnessed, and not least of these will be remembered the meeting on Tuesday when Ralph Smith, Liberal candidate in Nanaimo constituency, opened his campaign. He was accompanied by the Minister of Mines, Hon. Wm. Templeman. Both the gentlemen were cordially welcomed.

In the meeting, which was presided over by J. Charles McIntosh, president of the Esquimaux Liberal Association, were a great many ladies, who followed the speeches with close attention and evident interest. On the platform besides those mentioned, were ex-Mayor Lewis Hall and T. D. Patallo. There were several Conservative members present and some of them added to the life of the meeting by interruptions, not always relevant but all of which were quickly taken up, answered and turned to advantage by the speaker.

The Minister of Mines devoted his attention naturally to a consideration of the naval policy of the government, and he answered criticisms levelled at it by Conservative speakers in recent meetings. From this he went on to discuss the change in the attitude of the Conservative party since, in 1909, its representatives in parliament unanimously stood with the Liberal party

behind the policy which is now being put into effect, and concluded by pointing out that in the east the Conservative leaders are allied with the anti-navy, anti-imperial forces led by Henri Bourassa.

Mr. Smith dealt with the question of reciprocity in its broad aspects, giving a full and complete answer to the arguments of Conservative speakers.

Hon. Wm. Templeman. Hon. Mr. Templeman, the first speaker, was most cordially received. He began with a reference to Premier McBride's remarks on the retiring ministers, pointing out to the audience that Alan Aylesworth was retiring to private life on account of an increasing deafness which he found to militate against parliamentary life, and Hon. Mr. Brodeur had gone on to the supreme court bench, where his profound knowledge of the law would make him of even greater service to Canada than as a minister.

The Minister of Mines went on to say that as he was in Esquimaux, the great naval base of the Pacific Coast, he thought it would be right to confine his remarks to the naval question and continued: "I see that in the theatre the other night Mr. Barnard suddenly blossomed forth into a naval and military expert, into a critic of naval affairs, fortifications, big guns, and military matters. Among other things he tried to fasten some responsibility upon the Liberal Government in regard to alleged neglect of the fortifications and big guns. The naval station at Esquimaux was only taken over by the Dominion Government the day after the Rain-

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RESPONDENT MAN'S DEED.

Kills Three Children and Ends His Own Life.

Thomasstown, Me., Aug. 30.—Grief over the death of his wife led Edward Bennett, an Englishman and graduate of Oxford university, who had been a resident here for the last three years, to murder his three children and then take his own life.

Two of the children were killed by the use of chloroform and the third by cyanide of potassium and chloroform. To make his own death certain, the man went to the water's edge and there took a dose of cyanide of potassium and jumped in. His body was found when the tide receded.

The murdered children are Edward, aged 6; Barbara, aged 4; and Nancy, aged 2.

Bennett's wife died three weeks ago, and since then the children have been cared for by a housekeeper, Mrs. Thurlow.

After killing the children, apparently during the night, Bennett wrote a minute description of how the deed was done and also a long paper on the defence of his position.

The letter is addressed to the Rev. Russell Wood, rector of the Episcopal church at Rockland, where Bennett and his family attended.

BRITISH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Premier McBride Says Institution Will Be Ready for Students in Fall of 1913.

Vancouver, Aug. 30.—Hon. Richard McBride, with whom was Hon. Dr. Young, minister of education, and other prominent gentlemen and ladies interested in educational matters, yesterday morning formally opened the new Lord Selkirk school building at South Vancouver. In the address which the premier made he dwelt particularly on the great necessity of facilities being provided for education, and mentioned additionally that it had been definitely decided that the new university at Point Grey should be ready for the reception of students by the fall of 1913.

LOYALISTS TAKE TOWN.

Guayquil, Aug. 30.—Gen. Trevino, at the head of 800 troops loyal to Estrada, the president-elect of Ecuador, has occupied Jipi Japa, province of Manabí, without resistance. The rebels under Col. Carlos Alfaro, who have flocked to General Plazvivo's standard in his attempt to wrest the office of chief executive from Estrada, evacuated the town on the approach of the government troops. The government's losses were two men killed and seven wounded.

MASTERPIECE STILL MISSING.

Paris, Aug. 30.—The Louvre was reopened to the public yesterday for the first time since the disappearance on August 22, of the painting "Mona Lisa." Everyone entering the museum went to the salon Carré to stare at the vacant place on the wall where Leonardo Di Vinci's masterpiece had hung, and to discuss the theft.

The police continue to follow the multiplicity of alleged clues to the whereabouts of the famous picture that have cropped up. A man carrying an object of a size or shape suggesting the picture has been heard of from nearly every frontier station in France.

GOES TO KINGSTON.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Angelina Neapolitano, the woman whose sentence was recently commuted, has been removed from the jail in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and departed for Kingston penitentiary, where she is destined to spend the remainder of her life for the murder of her husband on Easter Sunday last. Her young baby was taken from her and placed with a children's aid society.

TOURING CONTINENT IN AUTOMOBILE

Sir Henry and Lady Blosse Visiting Cities in Canada and United States

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Covering the United States and Canada by motor car, Sir Henry Blosse and Lady Blosse of Ireland, have reached Ottawa. They are making perhaps the most complete tour of the North American continent ever made by automobile. They arrived at New York in February last, and went directly south in the car. They toured the south in a westerly direction and finally reached the Pacific. They then travelled north to Vancouver and from there came east, part of the time journeying in the United States and part in Canada. They do not expect to complete their tour until December.

OMITTING DANGEROUS CALLS.

Alaskan Steamship Companies Will Guard Against Accidents This Year.

Seattle, Aug. 29.—Announcement was made yesterday that, effective September first, the routing of the steamships Alameda and Northwestern, operated between Seattle and Vancouver, will be changed, and the vessels will go by way of Cape Ommaney, omitting Juneau from their calling ports.

In early September the inside passage for vessels of the line of the Alameda and Northwestern being dangerous from floating icebergs, and as pieces of ice have been breaking off Muir and Brady glaciers, the vessel owners have decided to change the routing of the two steamers. The steamship Yucatan was wrecked on the icy strait by striking a submerged iceberg, and the Alaska Steamship Company is not going to take any chances.

The other vessels of the fleet which the inside passage, however, will continue on their present routes to and from the north.

The steamship Victoria, of the Alaskan Steamship Company, Captain John A. O'Brien, will sail at 10 o'clock this morning on another voyage to Nome and St. Michael. The Victoria is the last vessel for the far north this season which will carry freight and passengers for interior points up the Yukon.

The freighter La Touche, of the Alaskan Steamship Company, will sail today for Alaska ports with coal and cannery supplies. She will have a cargo of lumber from Cordova and La Touche on her return voyage.

MORE LUMBER GOES NORTH.

St. James and Washougal Leaving Tacoma at End of Week For Prince Rupert.

Tacoma, Aug. 30.—With 1,400,000 feet of lumber and 700 tons of tiling, the barges St. James and Washougal of the Alaska Barge Company will leave Tacoma the latter part of the week for Prince Rupert, B. C. The cargo of lumber, of which the St. James is to carry 1,000,000 feet, is part of a 3,900,000 foot contract between the Alaska Barge Company and the G. T. P. Railway.

Negotiations for the shipment of tiling are not yet closed, but George M. Savage, manager of the line, said last night that if the deal was completed the cargo of tiling would be the first consignment of its kind ever to leave the local port. This is to be used also by the G. T. P. Railway. Until negotiations are completed the name of the firm which probably will send the tiling will not be given out.