

MR. SEMLIN'S CABINET

Forecast of the New Ministry Published in Vancouver.

MR. MARTIN REFUSES TO ACT.

This Was a Set-Back for Mr. Semlin at the Start-The World Announces a Coalition, With Mr. Turner as Finance Minister-Another State Outlined.

Vancouver, Aug. 15.—Mr. C. A. Semlin, the Opposition leader, who was called by the Lieutenant Governor Friday to form a Cabinet after the failure of Hon. Robert Beaven, is here at work, but he experienced a setback at the very start. He wired Mr. Martin offering him the position of Attorney-General, Mr. Martin wired back refusing. It is stated in the Daily Mail that Mr. Semlin's refusal was due to the fact that he has been offered the position of Chief Justice, vacant since the death of Hon. Mr. Davis. Mr. E. Y. Bodwell of Victoria has been asked to accept the Attorney-Generalship, and his answer, as he gave on Monday, is said, will be favorable.

Mr. Semlin, interviewed Saturday morning, said: "In view of the fact that Mr. Martin, in his interview with the Lieutenant Governor, stated distinctly that there was no friction in the Opposition ranks, I should have little hesitation in accepting the task of forming a Ministry, and had I done otherwise it would surely be construed as a confession on my part of dissension among the Opposition. I am addressing myself to each of the elected members explaining my position, and requesting that they co-operate in the work of taking hold of the reins of government."

Mr. Semlin went up to Victoria on Saturday, with the object, it is believed, of discussing the situation with Mr. W. W. E. McInnes, M.P., son of the Governor.

In his own column the World says: "The latest news to the personal of his Cabinet, which is reported to be a purely Conservative one, a result which has been forced upon Mr. Semlin, the new Premier met Mr. Turner, who, it is reported, along with Mr. Eberts is to remain in the new Cabinet, the members of which, it is said, will be as follows: Mr. Charles A. Semlin, Premier and Minister of Lands and Works; Mr. J. H. Turner, Minister of Finance and Agriculture; Mr. D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General; Mr. F. L. Cotton, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education; Mr. F. Green, Minister of Mines."

Following is the state as given by a prominent Opposition member: Mr. Charles Semlin, Premier; Mr. E. Y. Bodwell, Attorney-General; Mr. W. W. E. McInnes, Minister of Finance; Mr. F. L. Cotton, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education; Mr. F. Green, Minister of Mines, and Mr. Alex Henderson, New Westminster, will be given a portfolio.

The Province (Opposition) says editorially: "Mr. Semlin is not in a position to undertake the formation of a permanent Government, for the reason that the party has not yet determined that Mr. Semlin is to be its leader."

A PREMIER'S LIFE THREATENED. New South Wales Election—Union Jack Over Santa Cruz Islands.

Vancouver, Aug. 15.—The Royal Mail steamer Ararat has arrived at Vancouver from Sydney, N.S.W., and Wellington, N.Z.

A general election was proceeding in New South Wales when the Ararat left. Premier Barton, who is recovering from fear of his life, he stated in the House of Representatives that the police had to watch a man who was dogging him to protect him from personal violence. He also stated that a threat had been made that there would be no peace in the country till the Premier was shot.

At Gormanston, Tasmania, on July 11, Lynch's Criterion Hotel was burned to the ground, and six of the inmates were burned to death in their beds. The fire started on the Claverton Station Arthur Leeds endeavored to drive a madman away, but the latter rushed at Leeds with a knife. Leeds was at last compelled to fire in self-defence and shot the stranger.

H.M.S. Royalist has been ordered to leave for Fiji to embark a commission appointed by the Governor-General of the Western Pacific to investigate the case of the settler who is said to have thrown his wife over a cliff.

The warship Monitor has hoisted the Union Jack on the Santa Cruz and Duff Islands.

The South Australian Postmaster-General estimates in the colony from the penny postage to Great Britain will be \$1,000,000 per annum.

A Farmer Killed by an Engine. Inglewood, Ont., Aug. 15.—About 11 o'clock Saturday afternoon John Clarendon, a prosperous farmer near here, was struck and almost instantly killed at a crossing on Main street by a northbound Grand Trunk engine. In making the steep grade to the crossing he failed to notice the approach of the engine, and he kept on his way regardless of the engine's repeated whistling and the scolded shouts of persons who witnessed the accident. The engine struck him from every direction. The horse alone escaped without injury. Dr. Emerson of Claude was immediately summoned, but when he arrived the unfortunate man was beyond the reach of his skill. The accident had been traced, the collarbone broken in several places, and a number of ribs broken. After hearing one witness the coroner's inquest was adjourned till Thursday evening, Aug. 18.

Election Protests Again. Toronto, Aug. 15.—A large mass Saturday morning in Osprey Hall protesting the election protests of South Perth and Halton until the Judges fix another date. He will hear the case at North Perth next Friday. Centre Stinson, Edna Smith and West Elgin were also present.

Diago de Viro, born at Reno, Italy, and an impresario who once managed the great German tenor, Rigotti, Carlesse and Faldi, is dead at New York, aged 75.

THE LION SWARLING.

Growing Indignation Over the Chinese Affair—A National Humiliation—Some Strong Language.

London, Aug. 15.—The morning papers express the growing indignation of the country at the position of affairs in China.

The Daily Graphic says: "If this state of things continues, the game will go off to ourselves."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail who professes to divulge the terms of a long existing secret treaty between China and Russia, says: "It is a horrible and an offensive alliance. China undertakes to regard Russia as having a preponderating influence in all questions of commercial and internal politics, while Russia will support China against all 'open door' demands. Russia finances China in internal developments; and China grants Russia preferential rates in certain areas; and railways built in the joint interests of the two countries will be under Russia's practical control."

"Russia will assist China in developing her military and naval forces and China will co-operate with Russia as she since Li Hung Chang visited the Queen. That it has become operative at the present moment in respect to the Ekin-Hankow and New Chungweng contracts is significant."

The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial which reflects the general opinion of the London morning press, comments upon the fact that the Marquis of Salisbury and all the responsible officials are leaving London at such a critical moment. "The curtain is deliberately dropped upon a scene of national humiliation and national indignation."

G.T.R. MANAGEMENT. London Papers on the Manager's Report—Canadian Officers Amateurs.

London, Aug. 15.—(Telegram's Saturday Cable)—The Financial News says the report of the Grand Trunk Railway manager, William Mackenzie, is so disappointing. Relatively it is much worse than the most cautious expected, and creates grave suspicions as to managerial methods. The manager's statement is extremely disappointing to those who made optimistic calculations.

The Statist says the report is an unpleasant surprise. But the general opinion is that Mr. Hays' management of the Grand Trunk is excellent and the best that can be done for the road.

William Mackenzie, Canada's Postmaster-General, will fall from Queen's town on the 21st.

The Broad Arrow, commenting on an article in the Canada Military Gazette on Gascoigne, Laird and Herbert, former commandants of the Canadian militia forces, says many of the senior Canadian officers are little better than amateurs. This, the Broad Arrow observes, is because political considerations are allowed to intervene in military affairs.

ELEVEN LIVES LOST.

A Captain, His Wife and Two Children Among Those Drowned.

London, Aug. 15.—Advices from Melbourne report that the American barque C. C. Fank, Captain Nison, which sailed from Tacoma, May 29, for Mel Island, Tasmania, eleven of those on board the barque, including Capt. Nison, his wife and two children, were drowned.

Are Wearied of Mahdism. Athaba, Aug. 15.—A most significant omen of the Khalifa's impending downfall is the large band of refugees who have just arrived at Athaba. Old Donoghue, after a journey of 400 miles across the desert from El Obeid, the capital of Kordofan, whither Hicks Pasha's army was marching when it was cut up by the Mahdists. The party numbers eleven hundred souls, men, women and children, with their stock and effects. With them are certain influential sheikhs, who came as a deputation from the whole province, begging the Sirdar to occupy El Obeid.

Cholera in Madras.

Madras, Aug. 15.—The cholera is epidemic here. Between Monday morning and Friday night there were 53 deaths from the disease, the fatalities prior to the day first mentioned having been 117.

Hungarian Cabinet Resigns.

London, Aug. 15.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "Honor Banffy, the Hungarian Premier, has gone to Ischi, Upper Austria, to see the Emperor-King, and to tender the resignation of the Hungarian Cabinet."

A Canadian Honored.

Bonheur, France, Aug. 15.—Mr. A. Turgeon, Commissioner of Colonization and Mines in the Province of Quebec, was banqueted by the municipal authorities at Bonheur yesterday.

Railway Disaster in France.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The night train on the railway to Lisleux, 24 miles east of Colons, was derailed last night near Bonvillers. Seven persons were killed and 41 were injured.

Sultan of Morocco Dead.

Gibraltar, Aug. 15.—It is reported that Mulai-Abd-El-Asiz, Sultan of Morocco, is dead.

Vesuvius in Eruption.

Naples, Aug. 15.—Mount Vesuvius is now in a state of eruption from a new crater.

Yachtsmen Drowned.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 15.—The sloop yacht Leone, with 17 men aboard, while anchored outside of Boston light, was run into by a large tug of the tug Honeybrook, and five men were swept from the deck by the heavy tow line. Two were drowned, one killed and two rescued.

3,500 Harvest Hands Required.

Winnipeg, Aug. 15.—The Provincial Department of Agriculture Saturday notified Immigration Agents South of Toronto that 3,500 extra harvest hands would be required to garner Manitoba's big crop.

Two Highwaymen Held up Two of the Tharville's baseball team and kept \$65 of them, and put a bullet through the tail of one of the ball tossers.

A THIRD-RATE POWER

The Sunday El Pais of Madrid in Mourning Borders.

SPAIN PREPARES TO EVACUATE.

The Honors, However, Were With Spain in the Last Land Fight at Porto Rico, and She Got in the Last Damaging Shot at Havana—U.S. Fleet Activity.

Madrid, Aug. 15.—El Pais Sunday printed the text of the protocol signed by the United States and Spain with mourning borders, and says: "Spain, without colonies, is reduced to the role of a third rate power."

El Imparcial says: "Peace will not bring to Spain even the rest she so much needs after three years and a half of war."

El Nacion says, bitterly: "If Spain had at least been vanquished only after a furious and heroic struggle, she could resign herself. Peace with the United States will only be a momentary respite from our misfortune."

El Tiempo (Conservative) says: "Peace is an accomplished fact. The bitterness of defeat does not prevent us from seeing with satisfaction the end of the war."

SPAIN PREPARES TO EVACUATE.

Instructs Her Governors-General to Carry Out the Terms of the Protocol.

Madrid, Aug. 15.—The Government Saturday evening telegraphed instructions to the Governors-General of Porto Rico and the Philippines for the carrying out of the terms of the protocol signed by the United States and Spain, and to prepare for evacuation. Instructions were also sent as to the policy to be adopted in the event of the insurgents refusing to observe the armistice.

THE LAST LAND FIGHT.

The Americans Repulsed by the Spaniards Near Comoro, Porto Rico.

Washington, Aug. 15.—A dispatch from Gen. Wilson, near Comoro, Porto Rico, tells of a reverse to the American arms on Friday. A Lancaster battery fired the first shot, and captured a mountain stronghold and the Spaniards opened fire. The American troops, which included the Third Wisconsin, rushed forward and drove the enemy back, but reinforcements were compelled to retire at a gully under a deadly fire. Corporal Swanson was killed and several were wounded.

A later dispatch says all hostilities have ceased, the signing of the peace protocol having been published throughout Cuba and Porto Rico.

The Closing Bombardment.

Santiago de Cuba, Aug. 15.—Advices received by General Shafter Saturday morning to capture the town of Manzanillo was bombarded Friday day and night, and again in the morning. General Maudslayi, who had been in command, was also called to the Spanish commander. He had been in command of the American forces, and he had been in command of the American forces, and he had been in command of the American forces.

Havana Has the Last Shot. Key West, Aug. 15.—The flagship San Francisco, the monitor Miantonomah and the auxiliary yacht Sylvia were fired upon by the Havana batteries shortly before 6 o'clock Friday morning. One 10- or 12-inch shell struck the San Francisco, and she turned to get the shot in the stern, and a hole about a foot in diameter, completely smashed the Commodore Howell's quarters and smashed the mainmast and being under orders not to attack the batteries, the ship retreated as fast as her engines could carry her.

THE CUBAN JUNTA

Recognizes the Armistice—Message to the Cuban Republic.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 15.—Senator Palma, the head of the Cuban Junta, has sent the following cable by way of Santiago: "Santiago, Cuba, Aug. 15.—The Cuban Republic, in the name of the Cuban Provisional Government, the armistice proclaimed by the United States, and to tender the resignation of the Cuban Cabinet."

A Standing Army of 100,000. Washington, D.C., Aug. 15.—The War Department will ask Congress to increase the standing army even beyond its present war basis. The department has decided that the 65,000 men now in service will not be sufficient for the needs of the Government.

The whole volunteer army will disappear as soon as the President issues his final peace proclamation. It is the understanding that 100,000 men will be needed at home, in Cuba, in Porto Rico and in the Philippines.

The News at Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, Aug. 15.—News of the cessation of hostilities between the United States and Spain was received here Saturday. The British steamer Australian, bound for Sydney, New South Wales, was chartered to carry the news to Manila. No other vessel was available for the purpose, owing to the prevalence of typhoons.

The Tug Anacleto Burned.

Owen Sound, Ont., Aug. 15.—Word has been received that the tug Anacleto, belonging to Matland, Pizon & Co. of Owen Sound, was burned to the water's edge, one mile from South Bay, Manitowish, which she had gone for a raft of logs. The tug was a valuable one and was classed "A1 1/2." She was rated at \$10,000 and was partly insured.

BASEBALL.

The Games Played in the Canadian, Eastern and National Leagues—Saturday, Aug. 15.

At Toronto—Toronto 2, Buffalo 2. At Montreal—First Game—Ottawa 3, Montreal 6. Second Game—Ottawa 4, Montreal 7.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 4, St. Louis 11. At Syracuse—Syracuse 3, Springfield 2. Sunday Games.

At Montreal—Ottawa 16, Montreal 5. At Syracuse—Syracuse 6, Springfield 4. National League.

Saturday's results—Washington 2, Louisville 1; Washington 2, Louisville 9; Baltimore 3, Pittsburg 3; Baltimore 6, Boston 3; Brooklyn 3, Cincinnati 1; Boston 4, Cleveland 2; New York 9, Chicago 2; Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 4. Canadian League.

At London—London 4, Chatham 4. At Hamilton—Hamilton 6, St. Thomas 2.

WORK OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSE.

Measures of Prime Importance Passed During Past Session.

London, Aug. 15.—The New York Post's correspondent cables: The session of Parliament has not been so infertile as the London press makes out. The following measures are of first-class importance, some being quite new departures: The Irish Local Government Act extends to Ireland all the rights and apparatus of self-government enjoyed by Great Britain, and contributes from the Imperial Exchequer over \$3,000,000 in relief of this year's taxation. Politically, the measure drives the teeth of the Home Rule Government.

The Vaccination Act makes vaccination a matter of conscience. The Criminal Evidence Act allows, but does not compel, the accused to give evidence in his own defence.

The Colonial Loans Act places the Imperial credit at the service of the Crown Colonies, subject to certain safeguards, and makes the Imperial Federation.

The London University Act provides the metropolis for the first time with a teaching university. The session is also memorable because it added 32,000 men to the British army, and to the British navy, 12 battleships, 8 armored cruisers and 12 destroyers.

Moreover, it should be realized that this is a session of revenue of over \$18,000,000; but the session produced no new parliamentary legislation, and in this respect, was disappointing.

M. PURCELL KILLED.

Brother of Pat Purcell, Ex-M.P. for Gleggarry, a Victim of the G.T.R.

Cornwall, Aug. 15.—Mr. Purcell of Glen Walter, brother of the late Patrick Purcell of Gleggarry, was struck and instantly killed by a train on the G.T.R., a few miles east of here, Saturday morning. He was driving across the track and misjudged the train, which was a pay car. His head was badly crushed and the body was thrown against the fence, 50 yards away. A hired man who was riding in the rear part of the carriage escaped unhurt. The remains were taken to Cornwall and an inquest is being held. The deceased was about 40 years of age, and one of the wealthiest farmers in Eastern Ontario. He returned home only last night from a trip to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. He was a married man, and leaves a wife and several children.

THE POPE IS VERY FEELER.

The Condition of His Holiness No Longer the Admits of Dispute.

Berlin, Aug. 15.—The Rome correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says: "The condition of the Pope no longer admits of dispute. His health has gradually gone from bad to worse, and His Holiness is now a decrepit old man. His voice is of the weakest; thinking tires and prayer fatigues him. He has been observed to communique the same prayer times without noticing the repetition. Cardinal Rampolla, Papal Secretary, conducts all Vatican business."

Produced a Commotion.

Rome, Aug. 15.—The Pope's extreme weakness has produced a great commotion. Dr. Laponi, the Pope's physician, thinks there is no danger if the Pope is able to pull through the hot weather. All the members of the family of the Pope have hurried to Rome.

Perils of the Arctic Ocean.

Winnipeg, Aug. 15.—Rural Dean Burman of this city has received a communication from Rev. T. O. Stringer, Herschel Island, Arctic Ocean, dated January 10, 1898. He says out of eleven ships bound west only three got through the ice. Three ships were total wrecks, one being burned and the others sank. Fourteen men were lost in trying to reach shore. Five other ships were frozen in near Point Barrow.

William Morley was Thrown from a Load, and Received Injuries from which he Died.

A Cleverest Drowns 17 People. Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 15.—A special train to the Banner from Knoxville says: "News has just reached here that a cleaverest has occurred at Beech Creek, a remote locality in Hawkins County, nearly 30 miles from Rogersville. Seventeen persons lost their lives. Thirteen of the bodies have been recovered. The dead were members of poor families. Their cabin in a narrow valley were swept away in the flood from the cleaverest."

They Paid \$2,000,000 Cash.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—It became definitely known on Saturday that the Goddard-Blackstock syndicate had purchased the Central Star mine at Rosland, paying two million dollars for it, and the deal was the chief topic in business circles.

Chester's Loss by Fire.

Chester, Ont., Aug. 15.—Yesterday at half-past 1 o'clock, Hietto & Co.'s steam sawmill and chow-chow factory was destroyed by fire. It is supposed the fire started in or near the furnace room. Loss over \$2,000; insured for \$1,000.

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Because of nervousness, dyspepsia, heart trouble, etc. Lots of people just have to sit and look on while their health, vigor and energy go to the wall. Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills will bring back health, strength, sleep, vim and energy to even the weakest and weariest of suffering humankind.

A BAD INVESTMENT MADE GOOD.

I have half a gross of empty bottles upon my shelves. Everything my neighbors and friends would tell me to try I would go straight away to try. I was about giving up all the time. I was discouraged, worse all the time. I was discouraged, worse all the time. I was discouraged, worse all the time.

Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills are sold at 50 cents per box, 3 boxes for \$1.50, by druggists, or mailed on receipt of price by The Dr. Ward Co., 7 Victoria St., Toronto. Book of information free.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Toronto and Local Express..... 5:00 a.m. Toronto, Montreal and Pacific Express..... 5:25 p.m.

Detroit Express..... 10:50 a.m. Local Express..... 10:50 a.m.

This train connects at Woodstock with the Express for Chicago, arriving at Chicago 7:05 a.m.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Chicago Express..... 2:30 a.m. Local Express..... 2:30 a.m.

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