ON THE FIRING LINE

Remember that the Polls Open at 9 a. m. and Close at 5 p. m. On September 21

It is at least amusing to find the Tory organ, mad in an endeavor to reinstate itself in public favor, abandoning the cry of disloyalty and repudiating the danger of annexation. At last public sentiment has so strongly manifested its revolt from the insult which has been heaped upon it sufficiently to force the Colonist to turn another breakneck somersault. To-day, for the first time since May 9, it proclaims Canada loyal. In doing so it repudiates Premier McBride and Mr. Barnard, who have both heaped insult upon the people of Victoria and of the Dominion by declaring that in a bargain with United States, Britons are incapable of caring for themselves. It is too late. The insult is resented and no evasive explanations can now re-establish the defamers of loyal Canadians in the confidence of the electors.

Reciprocity is a trade issue, and trade knows no sentiment. Let the consumer have his day.

FOR THE TAXPAYER

True, we have a very fair share of the world's business; but do you know that we pay a handsome subsidy to our ships to enable them to get that business? And do you realize that subsidies are expensive? Reciprocity will increase our foreign business without increasing our subsidies. Do you want that? Or do you want to pay more subsidies to wealthy ship owners?

FOR THE NATION

The price of wheat in Chicago and Minneapolis is admitedly higher than in Winnipeg. The difference approximates 9 cents a bushel. On a basis of 200,000,000 bushels, the value of our crop would be $18,000,000 more. Do you want that, or any part of it? Or do you want to practice self-denial?

FOR THE BRITISH BORN

England's greatest friends agree that England's great struggle for continued supremacy will be with Germany. If that struggle ever must be made England's greatest friends agree that the friendship of America will be of great assistance. Reciprocity will enhance the friendship between the English-speaking nations. Do you propose to vote for that friendship or against it?

FOR THE PATRIOT

If reciprocity loses it will be a confession by Canada that Canadians are afraid that prosperity will prostitute their loyalty. Do you agree to that? That is the argument the anti-party is using. If you repudiate that rubbish, repudiate it at the polls.

FOR THE CONSUMERS

Sixty per cent of all Canada's imports come from the United States. Do we want to pay the highest possible prices for all these goods or do we want to reduce their cost?

FOR THE MERCHANTMEN

They tell us that Canadian commerce per capita is the highest of any nation. The Commercial Handbook of Canada tells us that in this particular we occupy fourth place. Do we want to improve this standing or not? Your votes for reciprocity will improve it.

JUST "NONSENSE."

(Mail and Empire.)

"There is nothing in the annexation cry so far as Canadians are concerned," said Sir James. "Our people are too loyal to British connection to permit it, and will stop it if the Yankees try to bring it about, even if reciprocity does pass." From report of speech by Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, at Mount Forest.

THE TARIFF FIRST.

(Canadian Co-operator.)

For a generation or more the North American continent has been the happy hunting ground of parasitical interests in industrial life. Firstly we have the protective tax, then the merger, and then the trust or monopoly. Both as a producer and consumer has the worker been taxed for private profit. The "interests" which enjoy these huge unearned emoluments, have burrowed themselves into the political life of the United States and Canada. But, first, the protective tax.

A RURAL VISIT.

(Simcoe Reformer.)

Borden wanted to go to the country, and evidence accumulates daily that he will stay there.

INQUIRY INTO FREIGHT RATES

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION BY CANADIAN PACIFIC

Company Replies to Application by Vancouver Board of Trade

Calgary, Sept. 9.—The railway commission, in opening the session at the court house yesterday, plunged at once into the consideration of matters of considerable importance to the people of Calgary and district, and before adjournment for lunch on was taken eight separate matters had been given a hearing and disposed of for the time being.

Commissioner J. McLean, who is sitting here, gave over most of the morning to a hearing of a reply by the railways operating in western Canada to the charge of the Vancouver board of trade that the C. P. R. and other companies are charging discriminatory rates on Alberta grain to the Pacific coast as compared with grain rates to Port Arthur and Fort William. The other applications presented required but a short time to be disposed of.

In the case of the Vancouver board of trade W. B. Lanigan, assistant traffic manager of the C. P. R. for western lines, presented the case of the railroads to the commission attempting to show the resemblances of the mileage tariff now charged. Mr. Lanigan declared that the rates were lower in Western Canada, taking into consideration the existing conditions, than over the western lines in the United States. He presented figures of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railways to aid the case of the C. P. R., showing that the scale in Manitoba was slightly higher than in North Dakota for a haul up to 75 miles, and that from there west the scale varies sometimes higher in Canada and with other times higher in the United States.

To show the existing conditions which fixed the rates charged by the railroads, he gave the figures of the destiny of tonnage, population and cost of hauling in the United States and Canada. From these figures it was evident that the railways of western Canada serve only 33 1-3 per cent. as great a population as the roads in the northwestern part of the United States.

On summing up his case, he stated that in consideration of conditions existing the rates west were lower than the rates east. He said that it was to the best interest of the railways to make rates as low as possible, as they wished farmers to come into western Canada, and that low rates were an inducement. Under the circumstances he asked the dismissal of the case.

The United Farmers of Alberta, through their president, James Bowers, asked an order directing the C. P. R. to reduce rates on various commodities shipped between points in Alberta and British Columbia and vice versa. The matter was laid aside for consideration after the decision on the Vancouver rate case, which covers much of the matter contained in the application of the United Farmers of Alberta.

The Mountain Lumbermen Manufacturers' Association, through their secretary, W. A. Anslie, asked an order directing the C. P. R. to provide a tariff schedule on lumber shipments from the interior of British Columbia to points on the Grand Trunk Pacific via Camrose. A previous order of the board had directed the railroads to supply these through tariffs, but the two roads have been unable to reach an agreement. The commission ordered that the traffic managers should get together and attempt to reach an agreement so that the commission might settle it in the best way possible.

RIOTS AT BREST.

Street-Fighting Follows Demonstration Protesting Against High Cost of Living.

Brest, France, Sept. 9.—A fierce battle occurred here to-day when a large mob of cheaper-food manifestants engaged the troops. At least forty persons were injured.

Twenty policemen and soldiers were badly hurt by stones, bottles and missiles thrown at them by the mob. The troops repeatedly charged into the crowd and an equally large number of rioters were injured by being struck by sabres or by being trampled on by the cavalry horses. The soldiers were not permitted to use their guns.

SURRENDERS RAILWAY.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 9.—The value of the railroad between Port Arthur and Juan Chen Tsu, Manchuria, including the rolling stock, which Russia surrendered to Japan by virtue of the treaty of Portsmouth, has been placed at approximately $40,500,000.

Polls Close at 5 P.M.

In all Dominion elections the doors of polling booths open at 9 o'clock a.m. and close at 5 p.m. All votes must be cast between these hours. In provincial and municipal elections the polling stations remain open until 7 o'clock in the evening, a fact which sometimes creates confusion in the mind of the elector. Do not forget that on September 21 the doors of the polling booths will be closed sharply on the hour of 5.

THE FORGED TELEGRAM

Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Telegraph

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Halifax N. S. Oct. 24-1908.

The Colonist,

Victoria.

Reports from all parts of Canada indicate victory for the Liberal Conservative party on Monday. In the eastern provinces our friends declare that it will be a repetition of 1878.

We expect to make considerable gains in Quebec and with the exception of that province and possible Saskatchewan we anticipate a majority in every province. Any Liberal majority in Quebec will be more than offset by our majority in Ontario. We have every confidence that British Columbia will do her duty.

R. L. Borden.

9 p. m.

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 24—1908.

The Colonist,

Victoria.

Your message received. The Conservative party stands for a White Canada, the protection of white labour and the absolute exclusion of Asiatics.

R. L. Borden.

For the enlightenment of strangers or others who may have forgotten the facts, we reproduce two telegrams which appeared in the Victoria Daily Colonist on the Sunday previous to the last Dominion elections and were read by Mr. Barnard at a public meeting held on the Saturday evening preceding. The one indicates how much faith should be placed in Mr. Borden's predictions as a political prophet. The other is the notorious forged telegram which Mr. Borden repudiated in the House of Commons immediately after the elections.

TROOPS SENT TO RESTORE ORDER

CHOLERA-STRICKEN TOWN SCENE OF RIOTING

Mob Incensed by Quarantine Rule, Invades Hospital and Removes Patients

Chiasso, Switzerland, Sept. 9.—Gioja del Colle, a city with a population of 20,000 in the Italian province of Bari de la Pugli, has, according to official advices received here, been the scene of savage excesses in consequence of the cholera epidemic now raging in Italy.

The disease is said to have reduced the inhabitants to desperation. The authorities ordered that all persons attacked by cholrea should be taken to a hospital and that those who have been in contact with cholera victims, be isolated in a neighboring building.

The population, incensed by the measure and convinced that it was the intention of the authorities to kill the patients and also those under observation, gathered to the number of several thousand to liberate their relatives and friends. The hospital was stormed and the building threatened with incendiarism when the mob was interfered with.

A small force of carabineers, aided by a few policemen, attempted to awe the crowds, but the police were inadequate to cope with the situation and in order to avoid another outbreak and further trouble the doors were thrown open. The crowds rushing into the building, brought out the cholera patients and carried them in a ghastly procession throughout the town. The streets were lined with people who acclaimed the cholera victims and shouted imprecations against the government. The cholera subjects under observation were also set free amid similar scenes of frantic enthusiasm enacted by the people. The Italian government has dispatched troops to Gioja del Colle.

SOLD SECRET DOCUMENTS.

Russian Office Sentenced to Eight Years in Penitentiary.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 9.—A military court at a private sitting yesterday tried and sentenced to eight years penal servitude and loss of his rights Capt. Postnikoff, of the general staff. The charge against him was selling secret documents to agents of three powers.

Capt. Postnikoff was president of the universal league of peace and the Russian Esperanto league. As a result of the conviction of Capt. Postnikoff the government has closed the Esperanto league, which is declared to be a convenient screen for international spies.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Columbus, O., Sept. 9.—Rodney J. Diegle, former sergeant-at-arms of the Ohio senate, who was convicted of aiding and abetting alleged bribery, was to-day given a sentence of three years in the penitentiary.

A QUESTION OF HUMANITY

During the tour of the Prime Minister a deputation representing the workingmen of the country waited upon him bearing two banners with the following devices: "Reciprocity is endorsed by twenty thousand labor union men of Canada" and "Thou shalt not tax the food products of mankind." In Toronto the candidates for Parliament are being asked the question: "Are you in favor of untaxed food for the masses? Anyone who can't answer this question in the affirmative will not get the workingmen's vote." Nine-tenths of the workingmen I know, says a labor leader in the East, are in favor of reciprocity because it involves the removal of all taxes from food. This is not a party fight by any means. "It is an issue far broader and deeper than politics; it is a question of humanity."

LISTEN

There is no limit to which the opposition leaders will not go in the present campaign.

Not content with trying to frighten the wage earners on the question of wages, they are endeavoring to intimidate real estate investors on the grounds that if reciprocity goes through there will be a panic and nobody will be able to meet his payments, and generally everything will go to smithereens kersmash.

They seem to overlook the fact that the C. P. R. says lands will increase 100 per cent in value.

There will only be one panic on September 21st, and that will be the panic of the Conservative leaders who will be running helter skelter for shelter from the onslaught of the votes of the people of Canada who are determined to run their own affairs and not to be intimidated or frightened either by the moneyed interests or by the tools whom they hire to accomplish the purposes of their inordinate greed.

MINERS' STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED

UNION OFFICIALS ON WAY TO CALGARY

It is Believed Way Will Be Found to End Struggle in Crow's Nest Pass

Fernie, B. C., Sept. 9.—All at once there has crept into the strike atmosphere here a tinge of optimism, as a result of the sudden departure this morning of Secretary Carter for Calgary and the knowledge that the other members of the miners' executive are travelling in the same direction, coupled with the fact that Manager Wilson and President Stockett have been away for two days. Their locality is being kept as secret as possible. This all tends to convince the optimistically-inclined that some important change in the labor situation is about to take place.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's presence in Calgary and the trades and labor council meeting at the same place, will, it is believed, have some bearing on the matter.

It is the belief here that the miners are prepared to go direct to the head of authority on mining matters in the C. P. R. organization in an effort to break the barrier which stands between them and opening of negotiations for the settlement of their difficulties with the local management of the mines in the district.

Statements are being made upon the street here that a settlement of the strike will be effected and work resumed by the first of next month.

BODY RECOVERED.

Nelson, Sept. 8. — Floating down stream near One Mile point, Captain Seaman of the Kuskanook, noticed the body of J. D. Simpson, who was drowned near Three Mile point. Captain Seaman informed J. D. Campbell at Duncan, who called up C. W. Young, chief of police, who notified J. T. Black, chief provincial constable, who went out and brought the corpse into Nelson. Simpson was drowned while in a rowboat on his way from Nelson to Kokanee, where he was employed on the government road work. The boat, half filled with water and containing some new underclothing and a bottle of whiskey, was found thrown up on the shore near William Waldie's ranch.

The most curious thing in the world is a woman who isn't.

CONSERVATIVE-NATIONALIST ALLIANCE DENOUNCED

Sir Wilfrid Condemns Methods Adopted by His Opponents in Campaign---Sir James Whitney Ridicules Talk of Annexation.

Stratford, Sept. 9.—"Sir James Whitney spoke at North Bay Thursday night," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday afternoon, addressing a great gathering of ten thousand enthusiastic people in Victoria park. "I had not the opportunity of hearing him, but those who did hear him report that notwithstanding the fact that he spoke from an anti-reciprocity platform and in opposition to the agreement, he stated frankly and fairly that this talk of the loyalty of the Canadian being affected and that there was danger of their being seduced into annexation was sheer nonsense. Canadians are of better stuff than that, and their loyalty to their Mother Land cannot be bought. Sir James Whitney is right in that. He represents the situation just as it is. He is in accord with Sir John Macdonald, Sir George Carter and the great Conservatives of the past who were not affected in their views on reciprocity by any such nonsense—not only nonsense but an insult to the Canadian people." (Prolonged cheers.)

The premier dwelt with outspoken emphasis with the Conservative-Nationalists alliance. "You are told," he said, "that the influence of Laurier in Quebec is on the wane, that a gentleman named Bourassa is waging war upon him with his compatriots. There is a measure of truth in this. Mr. Bourassa is the head of a school of so-called Nationalists which is doing its best to destroy Laurier, and every time the declaration is made that the influence of Laurier on account of the activities of Mr. Bourassa and his school is on the wane there is a shout of joy from the Tory organizers and Tory politicians. It may be that the influence of Laurier is on the wane, but if it is I have yet seen no evidence of it. (Cheers.)

"If it is, I say without hesitation that it would be no proud day for Canada and still less for the Conservative party if it is destroyed by the methods which are being used." (Cheers, hear.)

The premier charged the anti-reciprocity Conservatives with an unworthy alliance with the Bourassa school in the present campaign. The Montreal Herald, after investigating, had charged that the Bourassa workers were attacking Canada's contribution of contingents to the Boer war and that those attacks were being circulated in the various French Canadian parishes and paid for by the Conservative organization in Montreal, of which Mr. Ames is president.

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON TRAVELS 350 MILES

Zeppelin Aircraft With Six Passengers on Board Arrive at Berlin

Berlin, Sept. 9.—The Zeppelin dirigible balloon Schwaben, with six passengers on board, to-day arrived at Berlin at 11.45 o'clock, thereby completing its 350-mile journey from Baden-Baden.

The big airship circled the city and then proceeded to Potsdam, where it made a successful landing. The Schwaben will remain only one day at Potsdam, as the projected "harbor" for dirigibles has not yet been completed.

The Schwaben left Baden-Baden on the morning of September 6, and arrived at Gotha in the afternoon. After a two days stop the dirigible ascended at 6.15 o'clock this morning on the final stage of its trip.

WILL SEEK NEW TRIAL.

H. C. Beattie, Jr., Convicted of Wife Murder, to Carry Case to Higher Court.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Sept. 9.—A heavy guard patrolled the little Chesterfield jail last night, and to-day the guardsmen were the only persons Henry Clay Beattie, jr., convicted last night of the murder of his wife, saw as he looked from his cell window.

Some time to-day it was expected that Beattie would be taken to the state penitentiary in Richmond to await electrocution on November 24, or the granting of a new trial by the Court of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals meets early in that month. Many lawyers to-day discussing the possibility of a writ of error, were of the opinion that it would not be granted. The Court of Appeals, it is asserted, set a precedent in the famous McClue case in 1904.

Public feeling over the crime still runs high in this section and in Richmond, where Beattie lived. The verdict was received with little surprise by the community.

Expressions of sympathy were heard for the aged father of the prisoner, a prominent merchant and highly respected citizen. His grief to-day was heart rending.

ASTOR-FORCE WEDDING.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 9.—Col. John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeline Force were married here this afternoon by Edwin S. Straight, a retired Baptist minister of Providence. The ceremony occurred at Beechwood, the summer home of Col. Astor in this city. William Force of New York, the bride's father, gave her away.

Mr. Straight resigned the pastorate of a small Baptist church in Rhode Island many years ago and has worked as a carpenter since then, supplementing his wages by whatever fees he might receive by performing marriage ceremonies.

Others present at the ceremony were Miss Katherine Force, a sister of the bride and Vincent Astor, the son of Col. Astor.

REFUSED ENDORSATION.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria Building Trades Council last evening an effort was made to have the resolution in regard to the Alien Labor Act which the Trades and Labor Council passed the other night endorsed.

The council refused to consider it on the ground that it was bringing politics into their proceedings. In any case, it is understood that the resolution itself found little sympathy.

WIRELESS RECORD MADE BY ESTEVAN

SPEAKS CANADA MARU 1,700 MILES AT SEA

Also Communicates With Awa Maru 1,400 Miles Away and Marama 622

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Vancouver Island wireless stations have on several occasions during the past established notable records for long distance, but last night every former record was shattered to pieces, when the operator at Estevan got into communication with the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru, 1,700 miles from the west coast station. The Maru left this port last Saturday for Yokohama and was out from Victoria nearly seven days when spoken by Estevan.

The message received by the island station was not relayed by any other vessel and as a result Estevan may lay claim to the record for long distance talking on the Pacific. Some time ago it was believed that the Astoria station had won the laurels, as she spoke the Minnesota 2,090 miles at sea, but on the arrival of the vessel it was discovered that the message had been twice relayed, once by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, and the second time by the Pacific Coast steamship Umatilla.

Last night the air currents must have been exceptionally good for long distance talking, as the Estevan station was in communication with another Oriental boat, which was 1,400 miles out. The Nippon Yusen liner Awa Maru, due here on Wednesday next from the Orient at 10 o'clock this morning, gave her position as lat. 48.25 north and long. 142.03 west. Although not covering an extra long distance the operator at Estevan also entered into communication last night with the Canadian-Australian liner Marama which left here on Wednesday and was 622 miles from Estevan when picked up.

At the Estevan station is installed one of the largest and most powerful wireless instruments on the Pacific coast and the usefulness of it has on more than one occasion been shown. It is of great assistance to steamships and to the local agents of Oriental lines, who are able to figure out from the positions reported just when a ship will be at the dock in Victoria.

Undoubtedly the Awa Maru will report on Wednesday afternoon from Yokohama. She is bringing across the Pacific a large passenger list as well as several thousand tons of general cargo, together with a valuable shipment of silk.

About 4 o'clock this afternoon the steamship Sado Maru, Capt. Ross, of the same line, arrived at the dock from the Sound, outward bound for the Orient. She spent about four hours here taking on a number of passengers and a little freight. The largest part of her cargo is flour and wheat, which is consigned to Oriental ports. She also has on board a good deal of machinery, lumber and fish.

AGITATION IN FINLAND.

Helsingfors, Sept. 9.—General Langhof, secretary of state for Finland, replied to-day to a letter addressed to him by the citizens of Nikolaistad, the chief town of the Vasa, in which they asked what steps Finland's representatives of the throne had taken to avert the danger of partition which is threatening Finland.

The secretary of state told the citizens to wait until the question of partitioning the country had been decided and to turn to him anything they then found grounds to protest