

GERMANY MAY JOIN IN TREATY

Action in Favor of Arbitration Principle Expected at Washington—Developments Alter Situation

WASHINGTON, July 3.—That Germany will not be far behind Great Britain in her acceptance of the principle of unrestricted arbitration of all disputes, including those involving national honor, is regarded here practically as certain in view of recent developments.

When Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, departs for Berlin, it is expected he will be charged with a new presentation of the question that will insure favorable consideration. From the first the German foreign office has looked doubtfully upon the proposition because it is that while Germany, under its treaty, would be absolutely forced to accept an issue to arbitration, the American government could avoid such responsibility because the United States senate was privileged to pass upon the issue. A hasty reading of the copy of the treaty supplied the German office through Count von Bernstorff confirmed this belief, hence there was no manifestation by Germany of its purpose to press the negotiations.

It appears that there has been a radical misunderstanding in this important point. The treaty provides that even after the action of the senate upon a "project," or upon a definition of the exact limits of the matter to be arbitrated, the issue shall not go to actual arbitration until there has been an exchange of notes between the two governments, and an objection by either to the form would result in stopping the proceedings.

This point has been misunderstood by the German ambassador, and now it is expected the way has been cleared for adhesion of Germany to the convention.

DRIVER KILLED

Second Fatality Occurs in Connection With Brighton Beach Automobile Races

NEW YORK, July 3.—In the first of a two day's automobile race meeting at the Brighton Beach motor-drome today, five fatal accidents were thrived by the speed of many of the drivers, one of whom, E. H. Frey, was fatally injured while making a practice spin.

In avoiding a car which stopped dead ahead of him, he went through the paddock fence. The machine turned turtle, pinning Frey underneath, while the mechanic escaped with a few bruises. Frey suffered from a dislocated shoulder and serious internal injuries. He died at County Island hospital shortly before midnight. His home was in Trenton, N.J.

The fatality is the second in connection with the Brighton Beach meeting, Charles Robinson having met death in a collision with an oil sprayer while practicing last Saturday.

Later Louis Disbrow had a narrow escape from a similar accident at the same place, when a front wheel flew up in the fifty-seventh mile of a mile event. He and Ralph De Palma held the lead until the accident. De Palma was an 800 mile winner, his time for 60 miles being 1:27.

Bob Burman made a new mile record for the track from a standing start, later, from a flying start, Burman went around Harroun in 49.36.

HELP IN CELEBRATION

British Cruisers Kent and Challenger at Honolulu to Take Part in Festivities Today

HONOLULU, July 3.—His Britannic Majesty's cruisers Kent and Challenger will remain in port tomorrow and will participate in the Fourth of July celebration here. The British ships will salute the American flag by firing due form a ceremony in the morning, and their officers will attend the official public reception and ball given by Governor Walter F. Frear, officials of the port and American army and naval officers in the evening. It is said that the salutes of the Kent and Challenger will mark the first time in history that a British ship has participated in the celebration of American Independence.

Fire in New Westminster

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 3.—Starting almost in the same spot as the great fire of 1898, a blaze broke out tonight in the buildings of the city market, and caused damage to the extent of \$5,000. The firemen speedily had the fire under control.

Customs Revenue

OTTAWA, July 3.—Canadian customs revenue for June totaled \$5,767,966, against \$5,052,928 for June, 1910, an increase of \$704,967. The total for the first three months of the fiscal year is \$18,220,264, compared with \$18,887,093, in increase of \$2,338,171.

Robert Swasey's Fate

OTTAWA, July 3.—A report that Robert Swasey, a Canadian, has been burned at the stake by Mexican bandits near Fort Summerville for refusing to reveal the whereabouts of money belonging to the railroad which employed him, has reached the department of external affairs. Through Earl Grey, a request has been sent to the British minister at Mexico City to have the affair investigated immediately.

WITNESSES ARRESTED

Three Men who Testified in Wapenstein Case are Held to Appear Before Grand Jury

SEATTLE, July 3.—E. B. Benn, former mayor of Aberdeen, and detectives Joseph Day and William H. Hyde, of Portland, were arrested late today to be held as witnesses before the grand jury which will reconvene Thursday. The three men, who were witnesses for the defence in the trial of former chief of police Charles W. Wapenstein on a bribery charge, were released under \$2,000 bonds.

The arrests were made by order of Superior Judge John F. Main on motion of Prosecuting Attorney John F. Murphy, who said they were wanted as witnesses before the grand jury. Benn is a brother-in-law of Wapenstein. Day and Hyde, the Portland detectives, hearing that their detention was imminent, ran out of the courthouse down Yeeler Way and into the Jackson street grade district. A deputy sheriff captured Day, while Hyde ran in another direction. Later a woman told the deputy that Hyde was hiding behind a barrel in the grade district, and there the officer found him.

Successful Aviators

LONDON, July 3.—The first half of the International aviation race, which ended at Hendon park aerodrome, in Hendon, just outside London today, Andre Beaumont, a Frenchman, made the speediest trip from Paris to Hendon, and was awarded the London Standard's purse of \$12,500. Mr. O. G. Albert, another Frenchman, won the Dover trophy for the fastest passage across the English channel. Vedrine, Vidary, Kinnemelin, Beaumont, Valentin and Garros reached Hendon closely bunched.

To Be Tried for Murder

VANCOUVER, July 3.—That Levi McCutcheon, who 30 came to his death by a shot wound from a shotgun in the hands of "Dad" Taylor at his shack in Hastings townsite, was the jury's verdict at the inquest held tonight in the tragedy. Taylor, who is of patriarchal appearance and is said to be 92 years old will be tried for murder. McCutcheon died to death on the floor of the shack and Taylor, who was partially intoxicated, slept all night close to his dying victim. No motive for the shooting developed at the inquest.

WANT FURTHER TARIFF CHANGES

Insurgent Republican Senators Promise to Make More Efforts at Revision at Present Session

WASHINGTON, July 3.—That the insurgent Republicans will not be satisfied with the passage of this province is illustrated in a series of bills after the final disposition of the Canadian reciprocity bill, but will demand further tariff legislation, was indicated today by a statement of Senator Bristow of Kansas.

Mr. Bristow has had conferences with other insurgents regarding their programme. He said he would never consent to the adjournment of congress until duties are reduced on "trust" controlled products, naming cottons, woolsens, steel, sugar, lead, leather, rubber manufactures, etc.

Amendments making such reductions he will attach to the reciprocity bill, he said.

RECORD OF FATALITIES

Hazardous Character of Employment in Logging Camps is Illustrated

The extra-hazardous character of employment in the logging camps of this province is illustrated in a series of reports reaching the Attorney General's department yesterday from Coroner Dr. Jeffs, of Vancouver. These refer to the deaths of George Anderson, Robert Dunbar, and Eskel Gustafson. Anderson met his death at the Northland Timber Co's camp at Forward harbor, about ten days ago, through injuries accidentally brought about by carelessness on his own part, as was abundantly shown by the evidence. Robert Dunbar died at St. Paul's hospital in Vancouver a few days ago, through injuries accidentally received at McNaughton Bros' camp near Sechart on the 20th ultimo. Gustafson was killed at the Islet Point camp, near Rock Bay, through a log rolling over him.

Dr. Jeffs also reports, concerning the case of Fred Wallace, whose body was found in a lavatory of the Leland hotel—the throat cut, a razor on the floor, and the door locked—that this was plainly a case of suicide, the termination of a protracted drinking bout. Steven Anderson, a Vancouver shinkler, was accidentally killed by falling from the roof, and a verdict of death was returned in connection with the death of John D. Delmore, whose body was found recently in the Fraser river near Stevenson. Papers in the clothing establishment the identity of the remains and the fact that Delmore hailed from Superior, Wis., to which point the body was sent for interment by request of relatives.

Ontario Member Dead

LINDSAY, Ont., July 3.—S. J. Fox, M. P. for West Victoria, died today.

Princess Mary in Fort

Steamer Princess Mary of the C.P.R. arrived in port last night after spending two months in a service between Seattle and Nanaimo.

LABOR MINISTRY LOSES SUPPORT

Independents in New South Wales Legislature Decide to Withdraw Their Support from Government

MELBOURNE, July 2.—The Independents, upon whose support the Labor ministry in New South Wales has been dependant since it took office, have become dissatisfied with the policy of the government and have decided to withdraw their votes. In consequence of this decision the party in power can only count on a majority of one, and is liable to be defeated at any time. The government is anxious to avoid dissolution, but the Independents are doing their utmost to bring it about, as they feel certain of regaining the treasury benches in the event of an appeal to the country. The rock on which Mr. McEwen's supporters split was the compulsory arbitration bill, which the Labor party had pledged itself to carry.

Condemning Cigarettes

Deputations from the Women's Reform League in Adelaide have waited on the government demanding that lessons should be included in the school curriculum which follow the use of cigarettes. Favorable consideration of the proposal was promised.

Sugar Strike

Mr. Tudor, on behalf of the federal government, has been negotiating with the strikers in the sugar industry at Bundaberg in an attempt to settle the dispute between masters and men. The minister finds that the only settlement that can be made is to remit the duty imposed by the excise authorities, and in this way enable the sugar growers to pay the increased wages demanded by the men. The cabinet, however, will not hear of this solution, as the loss in revenue would be at least \$250,000.

Very Unmilitary

Some amusing incidents marked the inauguration of the compulsory military training scheme of the Commonwealth on Saturday last. The cadets paraded in force in Adelaide, and while the corps was passing through the streets, a small boy threw a bag of snuff among them. The violent outbreak of sneezing that followed incapacitated the lads from further duty. Another corps drilling in the street found a football kicked into their ranks. Immediately a wild scurrying followed, to the entire subversion of discipline.

PRaises Victoria

Arrival From East Says More Attention Is Being Paid to This City Every Year

Mr. C. B. Armstrong, of London, Ont., and his youngest son, J. C. Armstrong, arrived in Victoria on Sunday last with the intention of making their home here. Mr. Armstrong, Sr., said yesterday that the fame of Victoria is spread all through the east of the Dominion and more and more people are being directed to this place each year. "The general opinion of many people whom I talked with before leaving," said Mr. Armstrong, "is summed up in the comment of Sir George C. Gibbons, one of the best known lawyers in the east. He said: 'Victoria is the finest city in Canada, especially for having a good home and a splendid climate. Besides that it is an excellent business city and I would be more than delighted if it were possible for me to transfer my entire practice, business and home there tomorrow.'"

Speaking of the outlook through the prairie provinces Mr. Armstrong said that there never had been such a crop of now growing. "It will mean a great fortune for Western Canada," he said, "and judging by the expressions I heard on visiting various parts of the wheat belt on my way through there will be a heavy market for the grain and Vancouver this fall of the part of farmers who have made competencies or better." Vancouver, of course, is a great drawing card for them and has been so for some years; but I notice on this trip a new interest in Victoria and from the statements I heard from many people there will be more new residents here this fall than will go to Vancouver."

A New Way

Canadians as a rule, believe that their schools are better taught and their children better behaved than those of their cousins on the other side of the 49th parallel. Whether we have good grounds for our opinion or not, we consider that the foundations in education receive more attention in Canada than in the United States. Our children are not allowed as much liberty and our discipline is more of a rule. Still, it must be granted, we can often learn valuable lessons from the schools and schoolmasters. There is a school in New York which is conducted on a novel plan. Instead of sending the pupils to the principal, the children are often taken to the school by a teacher, who sends in a girl for this or that piece of work, is called out and sent up to the head of the school. The girls themselves, see that punishment is administered. The head of the High School received his training in the commercial division of the Great Northern railway.

Whatever may be thought of the plan that the system which makes the children in a big school look upon the principal as a person who makes the children's lives a part of a teacher's training is a plan of most of us while a due heed is given to the fact that the plan of this New York railway man has devoted his talents to teaching is worthy the study of all teachers.

Mrs. J. R. McLaren of Chicago is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Bradshaw of Albany street.

FOURTH STARTS OFF

Gas Pipe Cannon and Shotgun Get Victims at Early Stage—On Wound Received in Death

GALESBURG, Ill., July 3.—Thomas Downs was the first Fourth of July victim here. His foot was blown off today by a premature explosion of a gas pipe cannon.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 3.—The first death here as a result of a premature celebration of the Fourth, came when Emory Smith of Iowa City, 14 years old, died as the result of a gunshot wound in the leg. Smith was examining the gun in preparation of the celebration tomorrow, when it exploded.

Fire Among Big Trees

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 3.—A fire which is being fought by a large force of men and horses, has burning these days in the Santa Cruz mountains, ten miles north of the Big Basin park. The flames are eating their way through a heavily timbered section, and are still beyond control.

Shingles Cheaper

SEATTLE, July 3.—Washington red cedar shingles were quoted lower today than at any time in five years, or since the early part of 1906. Within a week shingles have sold as low as \$1.35, although \$1.40 is held to be the price. Shingles were quoted at about \$1.70. Stocks on the coast are also light. One manufacturer stated that there are less than 500 cars of shingles available for shipment.

New Zealand's Gift to Navy

LONDON, July 3.—New Zealand's first Dreadnought for the imperial navy was launched last Saturday. Lady Ward, wife of the premier of the young Dominion, naming the vessel as left the ways. Sir Edward Morris, premier of New Zealand, who was among the prominent people present said that that vessel was really the first tangible work of the union of empire through the navy. He did not appear that his own country would be able to follow New Zealand's example, but already they had done something, inasmuch as New Zealand fishermen for twenty years trained themselves to train men to help in manning the British navy.

GOSSIP ABOUT LONDON OFFICE

Ottawa Protests Against Idea that Lord Strathcona's Successor Must Be Owner of Great Wealth

OTTAWA, July 2.—General speculation upon the probable successor to Lord Strathcona as Canadian high commissioner in London has proceeded upon the assumption that a man of great wealth may aspire to the position. It will be noted that every name mentioned in connection with the impending vacancy has been that of a man of millions; qualification of any other kind seems to be completely overlooked by those on both sides of the Atlantic who have been busy in forecasting for the last few days.

That Canada was fortunate in securing in Lord Strathcona a representative who combined with exceptional experience of Canadian affairs, independence of party affiliations, and an individual effluence which enabled him to indulge in his generosity toward the cause of education and humanity, both in this and other countries, is cause for congratulation but there is a strong undercurrent of resentment against the assumption that because of this the position of Canada's official representative in London must be bestowed upon a man of means.

It is held by many that the qualification of the presence of a bank account need not be essential and that Canada is in a position to make the emolument commensurate with all requirements of the office, so that its acceptance should be possible by any Canadian qualified to do the work by experience and ability to discharge its functions.

Doubtless when parliament re-assembles the subject will be discussed freely on those lines.

STEWART FATALITY

Foreman and Laborer on Railway Grade are Killed and Another Injured by Blast

STEWART, B. C., July 2.—A blasting fatality on the railway grade killed instantly Foreman Thomas Fall, aged 51, and Fred Johnson, a laborer, aged 22, and slightly injured another man.

CAUSED BY HEAT

Explosion of Gasoline at Garage Costs Two Lives—Nitro-Glycerine Plant Fired by Sun's Rays

BUTLER, Pa., July 2.—A barrel of gasoline that lay in the hot sun all day exploded at a garage here tonight, saturating the clothing of employees and patrons. The explosion in the direction of a rubbish fire, and in a twinkling there was fire everywhere. The men with their clothing aflame, rushed from the garage and had already become a mass of flames, and before the flames were under control, Charles Ed- four, 25 years old, and Robert Lett, 17 years old, were fatally burned and three others, one of whom is former district attorney Henninger, were seriously burned.

MARYETTA, N. W., July 2.—When Marietta Torpedo Company's nitro-glycerine plant stood, three miles from this city, there is a big hole in the ground, big enough to put a dwelling. Six hundred tons of nitro-glycerine were set off by the heat, and the plant was blown to atoms.

OCEAN STRIKE NEARLY SETTLED

Terms Offered by Shippowners are Accepted and Work Resumed at Several Ports in Britain

LONDON, July 3.—The end of the shipping strike, which so far as its international character was concerned was a failure from the first, is in sight tonight. Nevertheless, in Great Britain it developed a serious character, dislocating commerce and trade in many directions, and came near involving hundreds of thousands of dock laborers and railway men and the transportation industry generally.

The strikers have not gained all their demands, but have obtained substantial victories, including the recognition of their unions. Apart from the concessions gained, an important point in the agreement is that in the event of any dispute, the terms of the agreement shall be interpreted by the Board of Trade. The agreement, which was signed by nearly forty shippowners, gives the seamen an advance of half a crown (60 cents) weekly and the dockers an increase of a half penny an hour, with a weekly half holiday, and other minor concessions. These benefits accrue to all the men, whether they belong to the union or not.

The discharging of cargoes of perishable merchandise was resumed today and work will be generally resumed tomorrow.

Conditions are hopeful and it is expected that by the end of the week the shipping industry will resume its normal course.

The seamen at Belfast, Grimsby and Manchester obtained certain of their demands, and these strikes ended, but at Manchester 4,000 carters are still causing trouble. The strike has not been settled at Glasgow and Shields.

Riots in Glasgow

GLASGOW, July 3.—Serious rioting by the striking seamen occurred here tonight. They cut the moorings of two vessels and allowed them to drift into the river. The police made several charges with drawn bayonets, and wounded some of the strikers. Many rioters were arrested.

Coal Strike Unsettled

VANCOUVER, July 3.—The board of conciliation in the miners' strike in British Columbia and Alberta failed to effect a settlement of the dispute, both operators and men having refused the proposals of the chairman of the board, Rev. C. W. Gordon.

Russian Squadron to America

ST. PETERSBURG, July 2.—The ministry of marine is considering a plan to send a Russian squadron to America in 1913 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the visit of the Russian squadron under the command of Admiral Lyssovsky to the United States in 1863. The visit of 1913 would serve at the same time as a return of the call recently made at Kronstadt by the American battleships.

SOUGHT FOR OPIUM FOUND CHINESE BONES

Small Tin Can Which Inspectors Thought Contained Opium Contained Ashes of Chinese

Busy customs inspectors searching the Japanese steamer America Maru at the wharf in Honolulu opened a small tin can which they believed contained contraband opium, but on examination it was found to contain the cremated remains of a Chinese being sent home to China for burial.

"When the past few months," says the Honolulu Bulletin, "the mails have been burdened with mysterious jars and cans for China and Japan. There has also been a number of attempted smuggling plots exposed and, realizing that the efforts were making things harder for the smugglers, the customs inspectors were watching for some new evidence when the cans and jars were brought to their notice."

When the search of the America Maru was on the inspectors found a can in the Chinese quarters which gave forth a suspicious rattling sound. In vain the Chinese on the steamer protested against examination of the contents of the can. Their pleas only served to more firmly convince the customs officials. The can was ruthlessly opened and instead of opium the inspectors found all that was mortal of Soga Toki, who was being sent home to China. The cremated bones of Soga had rattled against the sides of the can and no opium was found in the receptacle."

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday evening at First Presbyterian church, when the Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Frank William Simons and Mary Ann Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Captain Shields. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. John Ross, and the bride was accompanied by Miss Ethel Jean Cook, Miss Elsie McKay, Miss Dorothy Cook and little Nancy Shute as flower girl. The bride and bridesmaids were handsomely gowned and carried beautiful bouquets. The numerous presents testified to the popularity of the bride and bridegroom. They will spend their honeymoon in Vancouver and the Sound cities, after which they will take up their residence in Victoria.

The week-end guests at Echo lodge, Sooke lake, included: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Galletly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and son, of Victoria; Mr. Roseburg, Albert; Mr. Davies, Iowa; Mr. Richard Hall, Mr. C. H. Gibbons, Mr. Wynn Meredith and Mr. Smith, Victoria.

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