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NEW MINISTER INTENDS TO MAKE ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE ABOVE SUSPICION.

Prefontaine Makes Statement After Inspection--Sir Wilfrid Laurier Leaves for Virginia, and Will Return to Ottawa About Christmas--St. John Rifle Range Cases.

Ottawa, Nov. 17--(Special)--Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, has returned to the capital from his inspection of the St. Lawrence route between Montreal and Quebec. Asked what he thought of the condition of the channel he said: "It has vastly improved within the last couple of years. Anyone can see that who is familiar with the river as it was. However, we must do all that is required to make it as fit for navigation by night as by day, even if a few dollars are spent on the work. We must have the full confidence of the shipping interest that the river is as safe and fit for large craft as we ourselves believe it to be. My colleagues will support me in any wise outlay. I am entirely fully satisfied on that score."

"The next large and pressing problem in connection with the route is to make it navigable at night to the biggest boats coming up to Montreal. This can be done without a very large expenditure. The aids at present in position go a long way towards the goal. We might have to double the gas buoys at certain points, where care is to be exercised. There are also other small points where care is to be exercised."

"There are also other small points to be looked after, but as I said, the sum spent upon the thing altogether will not be a large one for the country. We must have the full confidence of those who own and operate ships up to Montreal and Quebec. The present high rate of insurance on shipping means we brought them. I am hopeful that this can be accomplished."

Chief Justice Retires Several Appointments  
There was a short meeting of the cabinet this afternoon before Sir Wilfrid Laurier left for Virginia. A number of important appointments were made. Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, has retired from the bench and has been appointed chairman of the commission to revise the dominion statutes.

Sir Edgar Bouchereau has been promoted to the chief justiceship of the court, and Chief Justice Adams has been appointed to the Ontario court, and Mr. McLearen has been appointed to the Ontario court, and Mr. McLearen has been appointed to the Ontario court, and Mr. McLearen has been appointed to the Ontario court.

Premier Leaves for Hot Springs  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, accompanied by Lady Laurier, Sir William Mulock and Henry Laurier, the premier's brother, left this afternoon for Virginia Hot Springs. The new grand trunk car "Musoka" was placed at the disposal of the party. A large number assembled at the depot to see the premier before his departure, including all the ministers of the crown now in the city.

St. John Rifle Range Cases  
Judgments were given in the Exchequer Court in the following cases: The King vs. Conroy, the King vs. DeBury, the King vs. the Turnbull Real Estate Company, were all actions arising out of the expropriation of land for a rifle range at St. John (N. B.).

In the first case \$2,500 is allowed, in the second case \$850 and in the third \$725.

Want New Trial for Lawyer Patrick.  
E. McGoldrick vs. the King, which arose out of the expropriation of land for L. C. R. terminals at St. John (N. B.), the court allowed \$7,000.

In the King vs. Wright, arising out of the expropriation of property at Halifax, for a rifle range, the court rules that the crown's tender of \$2,000 is ample and appropriate. It is as follows: To William K. Sterling \$1,450, to the Wrights \$350.

OTTAWA OPINION ON HIGGINS AND GOODSPEED.

The following expression of opinion, not altogether correct, appears in the Ottawa Free Press about the Higgins and Goodspeed cases: "The evidence in the St. John (New Brunswick) murder case is now before the justice department. It tells a story of youthful depravity such as no Canadian would imagine possible within the borders of the dominion. A mere boy named Higgins is under sentence of death for the deliberate murder of a man named Doherty. Another boy named Goodspeed, who, according to his own tale, was an unwilling accessory, and, according to Higgins, was the author of the murder, is yet to stand trial. If public sentiment in St. John counts for anything they will probably both walk the gallows. The victim was shot three times and buried under some branches. Goodspeed then, according to his evidence, went fishing and spent two hours in this pastime on the river, just as unconcerned as if nothing had happened."

"Of motive for the murder there seems to have been little or none. Both Higgins and Doherty were of a band of young desperadoes, who went all the way to Maine on a thieving expedition and footed it back to escape the police. On the way Doherty threw away a good part of the booty to avoid possible detection. This diminished the fund from which all were to draw equal shares. Higgins felt particularly sore about his comrade's needless alarm, and several times upbraided him."

NEWS SERVICE FROM AUSTRALIA, SAYS SIR SANDFORD FLEMING.

Ottawa, Nov. 17--(Special)--Sir Sandford Fleming, in reply to a congratulatory resolution from the Ottawa Board of Trade this afternoon, said there was one purpose to which the newly laid cable could be immediately applied with great public advantage.

"I refer," said he, "to a complete news service by which and through which Canadians and Australians would become better acquainted. At present we know next to nothing of each other, and we never had an opportunity until now of acquiring much information of passing events, owing to the prohibitive telegraph charges levied by the Eastern Extension Company."

"It would be preposterous for the kindred people on opposite sides of the Pacific to remain in the dark any longer when a knowledge of them would tend to stimulate commercial activity and in a thousand ways promote our common interests."

"A government cable is now laid, forming a direct telegraphic connection. We are in no way dependent on an odious monopoly with power to keep us in the dark by charging a high and prohibitive tariff toll on our daily intercourse. The public cable should be employed in the public interest, and it is certainly in the public interest that we should immediately obtain a service which would daily exchange news on a generous scale. I do not propose that the government line should be used for the carrying of telegrams, but I am satisfied that it can do so under a low tariff and charges, judiciously fixed, lower than any other available. The Pacific cable is a victory in the path of progress, and we would greatly err if we denied ourselves the advantages which it offers."

The members of the Canadian councils of the Knights of Columbus tonight presented an address and testimonial to Mr. Goodspeed, the papal delegate, who will leave for Washington tomorrow morning.

Hon. A. G. Blair left tonight for Peterborough to inspect the Trent Valley canal. He will afterwards inspect the Welland canal.

SAILOR WITH SMALLPOX TRAVELS TO PORTLAND.  
Rockland, Me., Nov. 16--Word was received from Doctor Young, of the state board of health, stating that Clidden, a sailor belonging to the schooner Charles Jeffrey, now bound to Boston and New York, who arrived at the marine hospital in Portland from Rockland, had had smallpox and that he had slept in a Rockland hotel Friday night.

Hadfield had been here two days and during that time came in contact with several persons. Last night he called on Doctor Adams, the port physician, who ordered him to the marine hospital at Portland. The case in which Hadfield rode had several passengers and upon its return here tonight it was thoroughly fumigated.

Want New Trial for Lawyer Patrick.  
New York, Nov. 17--Reorder Goff signed an order today calling on the district attorney to show cause why a motion should not be granted granting a new trial to Albert T. Patrick, who was convicted of the murder of Wm. M. Rice. The motion, which will be argued on Monday next, is based on what is alleged to be new evidence.

England's Edward and King of Portugal Meet at London and Exchange Greetings.  
London, Nov. 17--The King of Portugal arrived at Windsor tonight from France, to pay a visit to the King and Queen of England.

King Edward, who had come directly from Sandringham, met him at the station, the two monarchs embraced one another most cordially, and then drove off to the castle, accompanied by the cheers of the crowds which gathered outside the station and along the route. A great banquet was given at Windsor Castle in honor of the royal guest.

LABOR LEADERS IN FIGHT TO A FINISH.

Gompers, of the American Federation, and Shaffer, of Steel Works, Face to Face in Dramatic Scene.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 17--Either Theodore Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers, or Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is destined to pass, under a cloud, in a fight to the finish, and present conditions favor Gompers.

The trouble which suddenly came to a point in the convention of the Federation of Labor this morning is an echo of the great strike against the United States Steel Company, lost last year by the Amalgamated Association under the leadership of Shaffer.

After his association had been defeated, President Shaffer did not hesitate to utter charges of a serious nature against President Gompers, President Mitchell of the Railway Trainmen. He asserted that the organization over which these men presided had, while listening to the advice of the Amalgamated Association and had even fought against it in the dark.

The charges were leveled against Mr. Gompers in particular. This morning Delegate J. P. Sheridan, of the Amalgamated Association, a colleague of Mr. Shaffer, asked the convention to introduce a resolution relating to the charges against President Gompers.

The resolution asked that the charges preferred against President Gompers by President Shaffer be investigated by a federation committee.

Then facing the convention Mr. Gompers said: "It is quite immaterial to me what course is pursued in my request being that prompt action be taken on the resolution. Its contents, in a few minutes will be spread broadcast throughout the country. I don't want this matter to drag."

All eyes turned on Mr. Shaffer, whose tall form was erect at the foot of the platform upon which Mr. Gompers sat. His face was flushed and he spoke rapidly.

"I ask you," he said, "I urge, and, yes, I demand, the fullest investigation of these charges."

Finally a committee of five was appointed, two by Mr. Gompers, two by Mr. Shaffer and the fifth by these four.

The special committee did not enter upon its work until evening and then announced that its work would not be finished until late Tuesday and maybe not then.

STROMBLI MAY REPEAT MARTINIQUE'S DREAD STORY  
Another Eruption of the Volcano Makes Situation Precarious for Inhabitants.  
Rome, Nov. 17--A fresh eruption of the volcano Stromboli occurred yesterday evening, accompanied by a terrific explosion and a great flow of lava. It formed a magnificent spectacle, which was visible from all the northern part of Sicily, the flames rising from the volcano illuminating the surrounding sea. The situation of the inhabitants of the island of Stromboli is precarious.

Panama, Colombia, Nov. 17--Passengers from Central America, who arrived here yesterday report the complete destruction of the territory surrounding the volcano of Santa Maria, provinces of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, in consequence of the recent eruption. Hundreds of lives were lost. Refugees are arriving at the port of Comperico. More than 200 fugitives fled for San Jose de Guatemala on the Pacific mail steamer.

Exchange is rising by leaps and bounds at 1200 per cent., without buyers.  
MONARCHS HELD IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS  
HER HUSBAND KILLED  
WIFE DROWNS HERSELF.  
With Baby She Plunges Into the Missouri River--Was to Testify in Murder Case.  
Leavenworth, Kan., Nov. 17--In the Missouri River near here a woman's straw hat with the following note has been found: "To whoever finds this please take clothes to Journal office and they will send to 445 North Twenty-Sixth street, Lincoln (Nebr.)" It is believed that Mrs. Sechrist is the wife of Frank Sechrist, who was killed near St. John at Kansas City three months ago.

CHAMBERLAIN DINED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE ON AFRICAN MISSION.

Tremendous Welcome Given Colonial Secretary in His Home Town.

London, Nov. 17--Colonial Secretary Chamberlain received a great ovation tonight at Birmingham, where a farewell banquet on the occasion of his departure for South Africa was given in his honor. Members of all parties joined in the demonstration, as the affair was of a non-political character. Mr. Chamberlain was accompanied by his wife and his son, Austen Chamberlain.

Responding to a tremendously enthusiastic welcome the colonial secretary paid an affectionate tribute to his American wife (who was Miss Mary Endicott, of Salem, Mass.), who, he declared, "had been to him by her savings, and cheered him by her sympathy. He found in her his best and truest companion."

Referring to his approaching trip he said it was to be a matter of business and not a mere parade. He would not expect that all the bitterness in South Africa would die out, but he could say this for the government, that it would retrieve all sufferings.

He was bound on a new venture, and there was a possibility of failure. The government's desire was to make South Africa one united nation; united in heart as well as in name. Greater differences, he said, had been healed and he mentioned Canada as an instance in this connection. He took a very optimistic view regarding the future of South Africa.

PERRY, THE NEGRO, IS HELD FOR GRAND JURY.  
Jack the Sluggo Case in Cambridge Court Yesterday.

Somerville, Mass., Nov. 17--Held for the action of the grand jury without bail was the finding of the court when George L. O. Perry, the negro, was arraigned here today on the charge of murdering Miss Agnes McPhee, who had been sold to him by her father, later identified as that owned by Miss McPhee, to Joseph Nemeser, the Boston jeweler. Other witnesses, including Ethel Carter, to whom the article was given, testified that Perry had in his possession a watch chain, later shown to belong to Miss McPhee and attached to her watch.

Nemeser, the jeweler, identified Perry as the person who had sold him the watch. In addition, other circumstantial evidence was offered by the prosecution.

P. B. Kiernan, representing the defense, asked the court to discharge Perry on the ground of insufficient evidence. He contended that the main evidence offered--that of Mr. Birtwell's story of the defendant's confession--should be ruled out on the ground that the confession was obtained under misrepresentation and inducement.

The court declined so to rule, and ordered the defendant held without bail for the grand jury.

ST. JOHN MAN VERY BADLY HURT AT AMHERST.  
James Mahar, Fell Down Elevator Shaft in Car Works.

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 17--(Special)--James Mahar, a native of St. John, who is employed in the car works, this morning fell down an elevator shaft in the moulding shop, 14 feet, striking on his head. He was rendered unconscious, and still remains in that condition. He was removed to his boarding house on Havlock street, where he lies in a very critical condition. It is probable that the base of his skull has been fractured.

MUST KEEP UP THE FLEET SAYS BERESFORD,  
Attacks British War Secretary Brodric, Who Showed Signs of Belittling the Navy.

London, Nov. 17--Some recent speeches made by War Secretary Brodric, showing a tendency to belittle the importance of the navy as a national defence, have brought forth a strong attack by Lord Charles Beresford, who, speaking at Portsmouth tonight, argued that 10,000,000 of the finest Britons under arms could not prevent the cutting off of Great Britain's food supplies if her fleets were beaten.

Portland Ship Laborers Get New Wage Scale.  
Portland, Nov. 17--Officers of the Portland Longshoremen's Association have been notified that the Dominion line will grant the new rate of wages requested. It is understood that all the ocean steamship lines running to this port will do likewise.

MOLINEUX'S WIFE IN SIOUX FALLS.

Leaves Her Husband After His Acquittal, and a Divorce Suit is Now Rumored.

New York, Nov. 17--The despatch from Sioux Falls announcing Mrs. Roland B. Molineux's arrival there to take up her residence, was shown to General Molineux today, and he was asked if his daughter-in-law intended to get a divorce.

"I have nothing to say," said the general. Roland B. Molineux's comrad, G. G. Battle, said he knew nothing about Mrs. Molineux's reason for going to Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Molineux's absence from court during her husband's last trial revived rumors of family differences, but she went to the Molineux residence in Brooklyn a few hours after her husband's acquittal and remained there until the next morning, when she went to the hotel in New York where she had been staying. She was there an hour or two and then disappeared. She was not seen in public with her husband that week.

"She is as good and pure a woman as breathes."

He said he had traced the stories concerning her and found they were false.

HALIFAX COUNCIL VOTES NOT TO ACCEPT CARNEGIE'S MONEY.  
Nine to Six the Vote--Stay of Proceedings Ordered--Barquentines Race.

Halifax, Nov. 17--(Special)--At a special meeting of the city council tonight, to consider the library site and the offer of \$75,000 from Carnegie, over which there has been so much controversy of late, it was decided by a vote of nine to six not to accept the offer. A motion of stay of proceedings was made in the matter.

Barquentine Strange, Captain McKay, and the Nova Wiggins, Captain McKimmon, sailed from La Have River today, bound for Buenos Ayres. It is understood they will make a race of it. Both are fast sailers. The arrival will be awaited with much interest.

IRISH LANDLORDS AND TENANTS TO CONFER.  
Sale of the Land to the Tenants the Proposition.

London, Nov. 17--A poll of the Irish landlords, which was undertaken by a committee composed of the Earl of Mayo, Lord Darnley, Captain Shawe Taylor, Lord Darnley, and other gentlemen interested in the Irish agrarian question, on the proposal to call a conference of landlords and tenants with a view to the sale of the land to the latter, has resulted in a vote of 128 to 578 in favor of holding the conference for which arrangements will be immediately proceeded with. A circular announcing the result of the poll has been sent to 4,000 Irish land owners who possess 500 acres and upwards.

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GREAT BATTLE OF WITS BETWEEN WAYNE McVEAGH AND MITCHELL, THE STRIKE LEADER

Lawyer of 70 and Young President of Miners Thrust and Parry--Admiration of Mitchell's Ability Drawn From the Able Cross-examiner, Who Seeks to Discredit the Miners' Chief.

Sheraton, Pa., Nov. 17--In the presence of as many persons as could be jammed into the Superior Court room today Wayne MacVeagh, for the Erie Company and John Mitchell for the miners continued their brilliant battle of cross-examination before the anthracite coal commission. The two men, the one in his thirties, and the other in his seventies, were followed with intense interest, and the contest will continue tomorrow.

The fourth demand of the union which calls for a yearly trade agreement and which means a straight recognition of union was the bone of contention and although four hours were taken up on the question not much material progress was made. Mr. MacVeagh attempted to show the utter irresponsibility of the union and its unwillingness to make contracts which it could not live up to.

The principal argument was the alleged boycott and he often pressed the miners' president hard for an answer. The latter, however, slowly and deliberately gave some reply, but they did not always satisfy his inquirer.

Mr. MacVeagh expressed his admiration of the ability of the witness and on one occasion the distinguished attorney thrust up his hands and laughingly said: "Mr. Mitchell, you are the best witness for yourself that I ever confronted."

Mr. MacVeagh weighed heavily on what he said was a reign of terror in the anthracite region during the period of the strike and maintained that it would be utterly impossible for the coal companies to represent to enter into agreements with an organization that could not control its own men.

Would Not Admit He Approved the Boycotts  
Mr. Mitchell stoutly maintained that the discipline in the organization is as good as it possibly could be where 147,000 men were involved. To question, he said that there was a reign of terror, and he had no information that such was the case during the late strike, conditions arise that are "intolerable" or "unfortunate." When the strike was declared every miner in the region quit work and remained out even after the entire National Guard of the state had been thrown into the coal fields. In short he said that the men would not have gone to work under any condition.

The miners' president, no matter how skillfully he was questioned, could not be dragged into a flat admission that he as

BALD VERDICT AGAINST BRITAIN IN THE SAMOAN CASE BY KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN.  
Royal Arbitrator Adopts the Extreme German View and Says England and the United States Must Pay Damages for Their Military Action--Full Text of the Decision Made Known Monday.

Washington, Nov. 17--By previous arrangement between the principals there was published today simultaneously in Washington, London and Berlin, the full text of the decision given by King Oscar II as arbitrator between the United States, Great Britain and Germany, of claims on account of military operations conducted in Samoa in 1880.

The decision is long and in substance it has been announced heretofore from Stockholm. The preceding publication, however, did not convey to the officials here a full realization of the complete victory won by Germany. It appears that on every single point, the arbitrator adopted the most extreme German view, in opposition to the United States and Great Britain.

In answer to the British and American claims that, under the treaty of Berlin, anyone of the signatory powers was fully authorized to enforce the decision of the Chief Justice of Samoa declaring Malietoa king, the arbitrator says: "We have found nothing in the said general act or any subsequent agreement which authorizes one of the signatory powers, or a majority of them, to take action to enforce the conditions of the act or to make the decision of the chief justice binding on the powers."

It is held that the British-American military action "had the character of a serious control over the Samoan islands and the government thereof," which was prohibited by article one of the general act. The arbitrator insists that the Berlin conference aimed to establish the principle that in their dealings with Samoa the powers could proceed only by common accord, and that as the consular representative of three powers by proclamation had recognized the provisional government of Mataafa, the powers themselves were bound on principle of international good faith to maintain the situation until by common accord they decided to change it. The action of the British-American authorities tending to overthrow the provisional government thereby established, is held, was contrary to the aforesaid obligation and cannot be justified either on the plea of validity of the said provis-

Government Forces on Top Now.  
Caracas, Nov. 17--A tug boat has arrived at Lagaira from Curaguan bringing the news that, Saturday, government troops under the command of General Velutina attacked and re-occupied, almost without fighting, the airport of Oranqui, which has been in the hands of the insurgents.

The Dutch Governor of Curacao has notified General Mator, who reached that island Nov. 13, that he must observe a strictly neutral attitude and so conduct otherwise he will be asked to leave Curacao.

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