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SPEAKS ON NEEDS OF VICTORIA HARBOR

Coming Congress in London will Discuss Measures to Facilitate Scheme for Imperial Preference

The Right Honourable William Hen-Grenfell, first Baron Desborough, is ned the world over as the Pala-British sport. But Lord Desgh is no less distinguished as thority on shipping and comthan of all-round athletics, as be at once recognized from the rtant positions he holds as presiof the London Chamber of Comand chairman of the Thames ervancy board, which controls all ing on 1364 miles of the Thames eks, and 5,000 square miles of land its River Purification commit-In a long chat with the Colonis esentative yesterday, Lord Des-

Impérial wireless telegraphy; (9) an all-red mail route; (10) stamp duties on Colonial bonds, and (11) coinage and measures, Government, particularly more inclined to consult business men on business matters. It is therefore obvious that the newly inaugurated movement must have a great influence or tade and commerce. Hitherto, these bodies have only met at triennial in-tervals. The last time was at Sydney, New South Wales, when Canada was well represented. But it is felt that the establishment of a permanent council with a secretariat will be a great improvement on the old spasmodic efforts hitherto made."

There is no doubt," continued Lord Desborough, "that this meeting of commercial representatives from all pants of the Empire will greatly facilitate the formation of some scheme of Imperial Preference, to which the late election in this great Dominion has given such impetus and encouragement As a member of Mr. Chamberlain's Tariff commission. I need hardly say how gratified I am that Canada should have shown in so unmistakeable a manner her determination to keep her hands free for agreements which would have made the consummation of this Imper ial policy almost impossible. Dock Development

"As chairman of the Thames Conser vancy Board. I am naturally extremely interested in the dock contemplated in Victoria. From my own experience in shipping administration I am profoundly impressed with the necessity of devising a sufficient depth of water at low tide to provide for the ever increasing bulk of ships."

"What recommendations could you make in the case of the projected harbor development of Victoria?" Lord Desborough was asked.

"I do not feel competent with the inadequate knowledge I possess to advise. I might, however, venture to suggest



Squadron Consisting of Four Dreadnoughts, Three Cruisers and Minor Vessels on Guard at African Port

BUSINESS IN CITY COMES TO STOP

Britain May Be Embarrassed by Turkey Claiming Right to Send Convoys to Tripoli Through Egypt

TRIPOLI, Sept. 27 .- The first Italan squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Auburny, composed of four Dreadnoughts, three cruisers and several torpedo boats, is now anchored in line off Tripoli. The second Italian squadron is at Taranto awaiting orders to convoy the transports. Up to the resent no Italian force has been anded in Tripoli

Excitement in Tripoli LONDON, Sept. 28 .- The correspond dent of the Chronicle, in a late dispatch from Tripeli, says:

"All business has stopped, and great excitement prevails. The Turkish steamer Derna, entered the harbor within view of the whole fleet, which apparently had been watching for many miles. She landed 100 soldiers, several boxes of ammunition and rifles. It, is expected that the fleet will now take steps to occupy the place. At any moment the fleet could have stopped the Derma, but refrained, it is und (Continued on Page 2.)

Sends Letter Explaining His Absence from U.S. Conservation Congress, to be Made Public Today

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 26.-Delegates to the third annual conservation congress tomorrow will hear just why former President Theodore Roosevelt did not attend the convention this year. Dr. Henry Wallace, president of the congress, announced today that a letter from Col. Roosevelt, stating his reasons for not attending, will be given publicity tomorrow. The letter was written to Mr. Wallace in reply to a pressing invitation to participate in the

A great crowd assembled in conven tion hall this afternoon to hear Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry in the department, of agriculture, deliver a speech on the "Health of the People." A feature of the speech was an attack on the manufacturer who sells adulterated foods and drugs, and who was characterized as a "thief and a corrupter of public

The nominating committee will report the following officers tomorrow: President, J. B. White, Kansas City; executive secretary, Thomas R. Shipp, Washington; treasurer, D. Austin Latshaw, Kansas City; recording secretary, James C. Gipe, Clark, Pa.

Harringhon Will Answer

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 26.-Attorney John R. Harrington, of Chicago, facing the alternatives of answering questions to the grand jury or of going to jail, today decided to answer. "I will answer all the questions the grand jury asks me." said Harrington late today, after consultation with counsel for the defense, "and I will answer any other proper ones they may put to me." The refense held a conference today to determine whether or not a change of venue should be asked because of the ruling in the Harrington incident, made by Judge Walter Bordwall. Nothing

final was decided. Shot Into Dynamite COBALT, Ont., Sept. 26.-Hildreth Killowan, 13 years old, son of Ben Kil-

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.-Frank H

is the current gossip that he is associated with Alderman Fullerton in the

"I welcome the investigation and the sooner the whole matter is thoroughly sifted the better I will be pleased. So far I have not seen the charges and I feel indignant that while everybody else seems to know all about the matter and what the charges consist of, I, ling of them. I am glad the inquiry will be held in public and in fact had there been any other intention I should have insisted on publicity. Not a single incident in connection with my service with the city but is open to scrutiny and the fullest investigation."

Death of Mon. S. C. Biggs TORONTO, Sept. 27.—After a pro-tracted illness, Hon. S. C. Biggs, K. C., prominent Toronto lawyer, died here today. He practiced law in Manitoba, removing there in 1875, and was minis ter of public works in the Northwest government, sitting as member for St. Paul's. He was the author of the act incorporating the Law Society of Manitoba, and was one of the founders of the University of Manitoba. He was born in Ancaster, Ont., in 1851.

Empire

POLITICAL LEADERS

Railway Opening

Imperialistic Tone of Mr. Bor-

den's Remarks-Sir Wilfrid

Suggests His Presence at

OTTAWA, Sept. 27 .- The announce

ment that Earl Grey has postponed the

situation now existing at Ottawa, was

made by the governor general himself,

The banquet was held in the restau-

by 300 club members and consuls gen-

eral of various countries represented at

Mr. R. L. Borden and Sir Wilfrid

Laurier occupied positions to the right

The health of Earl Grey was proposed

Earl Grey, in responding, after per-

sonal references and after bearing tes-

timony as to the affection with which

he would regard Canada, announced his

intention of disregarding the unwritten

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Earl Grey is Requested by Pre-

mier to Delay His Departure

for Week-Not Ready on

OTTAWA, Sept. 27 .- The political sit-

uation cleared slightly today when Sin

Wilfrid Laurier in a personal confer-

ence with Earl Grey at Rideau Hall ex-

plained the inability of the old cabinet

to resign in time for the governor-

His Excellency was pressed to post-

pone his sailing from October 6 to Oc-

toher 12. This means that the work of

clearing up will take much more than

The resignation of the Laurier gov-

ernment is still some distance away,

and until it takes place no official state-

ment can be made of the personnel of

the new government. R. L. Borden is

spending the interval at his home. He

to do with the composition of the new

government. It is said today that T.

Chase Casgrain will be elected by ac-

clamation in Montmorency and is sure

A cabinet council was held this after-

Mr. Bennett Must Wait

WINNIPEG, Sept. 27 .- The local Con-

ervatives are now stating that Sena-

tor Lougheed will be one of the mem-

bers of the Borden cabinet, but only

until the term of office of Lieutenant-

Governor Bulyea of Alberta expires

when he will be given that position and

R. B. Bennett will be elevated to the

It is realized that Senator Lougheed's

claim for past services must be recog-

nized, and that R. B. Bennett must

serve his political apprenticeship in

the Dominion house before getting re-

cognition, and while the younger ele-

ment here would like to see him get

a seat in the cabinet right away, the

older heads point out that Mr. Borden

cannot take two cabinet ministers from

the one city and that Mr. Bennett mus

Liberal Rumor

give way in the matter.

of a place in the Borden ministry.

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general's departure on schedule.

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by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick.

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him by the Canadian club of Ottawa.

PAY HIM TRIBUTE

Stands Test of Time. TORONTO, Sept. 27 .- "Universities have established themselves firmly as one of the abiding things of the earth; they have outlived many other institutions. The technical form of chivalry for example, which flourished when they were born, has now passed away, rather has assumed new aspects. Today is the university which is the home of chivalry."

This was the keynote of President Falconer's opening address to the students of the University of Toronto at the convocation held this afternoon. Modern exponents of chivalry were out in full force, both knights and fair

FIREWORKS IN CHURCH

Pour Persons Killed and Many Badly Injured at Guadalajara Through Premature Explosion.

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Sept. 27 .-A terrible explosion of rockets and combs in a crowded church here today resulted in the death of four persons and serious injury to fifteen others, and cast a shadow of gloom over the merry-making attending the coming of Madero to this city. Of the wounded many wite so seriously burned or trampled in the panic which followed the explosion that they may

Fifty rockets and six hundred bombs had been stored in the chapel of Jesus for use in celebrating the arrival of the sacred image of the Virgin of Zapopan, which is carried from church to church, and is believed to have power to effect miraculous cures.

The church was crowded. The ex plosives piled at the foot of the stairs leading to the tower are thought to have been ignited by the careless dropping of a fighted cigarette. Persons nearest the explosion were hurled in all directions. The building was quickly filled with smoke, wich blinded the struggling and frantic occupants, who fought one another in their efforts to reach the exits. When the smoke cleared, one man was found dead, and three boys, one eight and two ten years of age, were so frightfully burned and mangled that they died soon after being carried from the

interests in the province of British Co-

son's Bay company has for the past four years held the responsible position of district accountant for the company. As British Columbia manager for the Hudsons Bay company Mr. Bassett will exercise control over many posts, and will make periodical trips of inspection to the posts in the interior and to the Skeena river where the company operates its rivr steamers.

QUEBEC. Sept. 27.—There is a move ment among old Liberals of St. Rochs Ptomaine Poisoning in Camp. NEW LISKEARD. Ont., Sept. 27.—The Iroquois Falls hospital is full of men from the T. and N. O. construction camp. The hospital accommodates twenty-eight, and four are still at the camp. The cases prein favor of offering the seat of Quepec East to Hon. G. P. Graham or to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King should Sir nospital accommodates twenty-eight, a four are still at the camp. The cases pl sent symptoms of ptomaine poisoning at inquiries are being made at the camp as the cause of the outbreak. Wilfrid Laurier choose Soulanges as his seat. The same exchange occurred many years ago, when Lafontaine was elected in Hastings, Ontario, and Baldwin in Lunatic Escapes Rimouski. T. A. Low, Liberal, in South Renfrew, is ready to give his seat up TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 27.—George E

cabinet .

Laurier when the aged chieftain decides he had been committed for shooting Es to retire. ther Hazel, who came between him and his sweetheart, escaped from that institution tonight and is still at large. He had been tried for murder and was declared insane.

BERLIN, Sept. 27 .- The German minister of foreign affairs, Herr Von Kidderlen-Watchter, today received the French ambassador, M. Cambon, at the foreign office in Berlin and communi cated to him Germany's reply, commenting on France's latest proposals concerning Morocco.

Eleven Drowned in Seine.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Eleven persons were drowned and ten others injurde by the overturning of an automobile but into the Seine this afternoon. The vehicle was half way over the Archeveche bridge when in trying to avoid a collision with another omnibus the chauffeur gave his steering wheel a sharp turn. The heavy vehicle skidded, shot on to the sidewalk, crashed into the heavy iron railing and dropped into the river. All the passengers were carried down with the exception of two or three who jumped. Ten bodies were recovered. Earl Grey in Speech at Farewell Banquet Refers to Fuller Participation in Affairs of

TACOMA, Sept. 27.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, almost totally destroyed the \$150,000 plant of the Puyallup Veneer and Mill Company at Meeker Junction near Poco, tonight. More than 100 men are thrown out of employment

WAS IN VICTORIA

Eric Norstrom, Found Dead in Tacom With Bullet Wound in Head-Cause Undecided.

TACOMA, Sept. 27.-With a bullet hole through the head, the body of Eric date of departure from October 6 to Norstrom, thought to be connected with October 12, in view of the political noble Swedish family, was found in a vacant lot today. Although a revolver was lying under the man's left hand, tonight, at a farewell banquet tendered the wound and powderstains were such as to cause a doubt as to whether the case was one of suicide or foul play. rant of the House of Commons, and Norstrom, who came to this city last was presided over by Judge McTavish, week from Victoria, B.C., to talk over president of the club. It was attended a mining purchase with a local attorney, had \$5,500 in a local bank and what was

> found in his clothes. In his valise was found the following address: "H. H. Countess Norstrom, 59 Droumingatan, Stockholm."

AS A NATION

Lord Charles Beresford Before Canadian Club, Speaks of Results of Election and Effect on Empire

CANADA AND HER RESPONSIBILITIES

Noted British Admiral Suggests Harbor Improvements to Prepare for Opening of Panama Canal

"Well done, Condor!" That was the sentiment of every one who had listened, thrilled by the characteristically stirring speech of Britain's greatest naval hero since Drake and Nelson, the Right Hon. Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, K. C. B., M. P., at the Canadian club luncheon yesterday. It was a great occasion for the loyal city of Victoria, and the speech was worthy the man as the man was worthy the occasion. Throughout his tour of the Dominion "Bulldog" Beresford kept himself muzzled, knowing his bite to be more deadly than the whole government's "bark." It was, therefore, a signal honor to Victoria that



LORD CHARLES BERESFORD

Distinguished British Admiral Who Was Yesterday a Guest of the Canadian Club.

Library for Montreal

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.-Montreal is the largest North American city without a public library, but it may soon have one. Although there are 500,000 people living in Montreal, a library never has been established because the Roman Catholic archbishop would not consent unless the church had the control of the selection of books. The city council now has given instructions for the drafting of a bylaw for the establishment of the ilbrary. Alderman Morin stated that his idea was that a brary of English and French books, including works prohibited by the church, should be established. Later, however, they are to be kept in separate sections. The Catholics must have the archbishop's permit to get one.

BURGLARS AT LYTTON Blow Up Safe of Storekeeper and

Banker and Secure \$2,000 in Cash Besides Jewelry VANCOUVER, Sept. 26 .- Thieves Lytton, B.C., who has acted as a banker

lew up the safe in the store of Mr. Rebagliatti, a pioneer shopkeeper of for many friends and acquaintances, The robbers escaped with \$2,000 besides some jewelry. They had timed the explosion of the powder so that those who neard it took it to be the explosion of a warning torpedo for the incoming C. P. R. train.

New Brunswick Pulp Free WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.-Practically all the wood pulp and print paper produced in New Brunswick until Aug. 1, 1912, will enter the United States free of duty. This is made possible by a revised ruling made today of the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

address the Canadian club in Victoria, where linger happy memories of his days at a midshipman on the old Pacific squadron.

Having allowed himself to be drawn nto a public pronouncement on the Imperial problems that confront Can ada today, Lord Charles, having cleared the decks (or dinner table) for action, poured broadside after broadside of breezy humor and of slashing sarcasm at the British government that had abandoned Esquimalf dockyard, done away with the Pacific fleet, were going to sell H. M. S. Egeria by auction for the price of scrap iron instead of handing her over to be used as a training ship for Canada's navy. As he sent shell after shell of satire smashing on the target, each "hit" was cheered to the echo. In ringing tones of invincible ardour for the Empire's supremacy of the seas, the gallant old hero pulverised the administration for leaving Canada defenceless, and thus jeopardizing both the commercial and strategical development of "Britain's rightest jewel."

But Lord Charles' speech was not merely a destructive indictment of government short-sightedness and "Imperial niggardliness." It was a masterpiece of constructive advice and sound, sober statesmanship. With characteristic modesty and earnestness he impressed his hearers with the strategic significance—as well as the commercial revolution of the forthcoming opening of the Panama canal; and his timely appeal to take time by the forelock, and "do it first," remembering that the first place to have a port ready for ships would be the one

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LORD DESBOROUGH orough expressed his gratification of that the depth of your harbor should ne opportunity thus afforded to address himself particularly to the Vic-

toria board of trade and kindred bodies

throughout the Province.

"I am particularly anxious that the Dominion should be well represented at the conference of the boards of rade and chambers of commerce of the empire, that is to be held in Lonon next June," said Lord Desborough, ho will preside over the Imperial onference. "There are five hundred hambers of commerce in the and it is proposed mpire. permanent Imperial counil of these commercial authorities ould be formed that they might come a permanent link between all Chambers of Commerce and Boards Trade throughout the Empire. They thus be enabled to formulate some ite policy_of representative busiss men on the important matters afing the trade and commerce of the It is most important, therethat this first meeting should be entative of all these business dies, because rules and regulations verning the new Imperial Council will have to be drawn up and agreed upon. programme has already been drawn which will be submitted for discusion at this conference in June, 1912. rious matters will then be discussed affecting the trade and commerce of

he Empire. Pressing Commercial Problems

These will include (1) cheaper postates; (2) development of telegraphnunication within the Empire uniformity of commercial and shiplaws; (4) emigration; (5) estabent of an Imperial appeal court; abor exchanges in regard to the dead whites.

be regulated by the depth of the Panama canal. That, I am advised, is to be 30 feet. The Suez canal is, I think, only twenty-six. In any case those responsible for the deepening and extension of the harbor in Victoria will in this case maintain a minimum depth of be tween 32 to 40 feet. A fundamental rule of all harbor extension and dock construction is to be sure that your sills are deep enough and your docks long enough. I am going this afternoon with Lord Charles Beresford to inspect the naval dockyard at Esquimalt, and shall then be in a better position to form a judgment on the requirements of the situation. Please say that since my last visit here 23 years ago, of which I, have my diary with me, I am perfectly astounded at the progress of this city and province, the rapidity of which development is only excelled by its quality and stability. I am backing my opinion with investments. Please also convey my cordial greetings to your board of trade and to the Old Country Public School Boys association, each of whom I should much have liked to meet had I been able to stay longer in this most beautiful and progressive of cities."

Pive Killed in Fight

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 26 .- Five persons are dead as the result of a pitched battle between officers and several negroes near Dumas, Ark., this afternoon. The officers were trying to arrest several negroes when the latter opened fire. Sheriff W. Preston, of Desha county, and Deputy Sheriff dropped the mail sack to one of Uncle Barney Stell, of Little Rock, are the

lumbia.

lowan, of Haileybury, shot at a chip munk on Sunday. The shot struck some stored dynamite, which exploded, blowing three fingers and a thumb off the boy's left hand and otherwise injuring Mr. Hitchcock Qualifies,

Hitchcock, postmaster general of the Urited States, qualified as an aerial mail carrier on Long Island late today. Carrying 78 pounds of mail, the nost master general took a seat beside Cap tain Paul Beck of the United States army, in the latter's aeroplane at the Nassau Boulevard aerodrome. Without the slightest mishap the two made a seven-minute flight to Mineola, where upon a signal, the postmaster general Sam's carriers. Mr. Hitchcock was enthusiastic over the trial

had confided to nobody his views as to the formation of his cabinet. Sir James Whitney and Hon. Robert Rogers are expected to be in Ottawa tomorrow, and a conference will take place which will probably have much

Mr. A. Bassett, General Manager of Fur Trade District and S. S. Service of Hudson's Bay Company in B. C.

Mr. Archibald Bassett has been appointed general manager of the fur trade district and steamship service of the Hudson's Bay company in succession to Mr. James Thomson, who formerly held this position and who was recently appointed land commissioner of the company with headquarters at Winnipeg. Mr. Bassett will in addition have the supervision of the company's land

The new general manager of the Hud-

to Mr. Graham who is considered the Neilson, who was confined in the Tomost probable successor to Sir Wilfrid ronto asylum in December, 1909, where

> Another Majority of Two QUEBEC, Sept. 27.—Hon. Jacques Sureau, solicitor general, was elected in

Three Rivers by a majority of two.