

REPLY TO BRITAIN APPROVED BY PRESIDENT

Note Defining Attitude of the United States Government on Panama Question Is Now on Its Way to Sir Edward Grey—New Points Have Been Raised.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(Can. Press).—President Taft has approved the note prepared at the state department in reply to the communication from Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, protesting against the exemption of American coastwise shipping from the payment of tolls in the Panama Canal.

As a matter of official courtesy information is withheld as to the exact status of the note until it has been received by the British Government in London thru the American embassy there.

It is believed that the American note was despatched by mail immediately upon its approval by the president and that it should be in London within a week. The British Government, however, will not be obliged to wait that length of time to become acquainted with its contents, as the amenities of diplomacy require that simultaneously with the mailing of a copy be supplied to the resident ambassador or minister of

the power to whom it is addressed. Ambassador Bryce, it is pointed out, need not hesitate to make free use of the cable to supply the British foreign office with at least an outline of the American note.

Bryce in Secret.

Ambassador Bryce, it is learned, previously had been fairly well acquainted with the nature of the reply to be submitted. A week ago he was invited to the state department, and thru the courtesy of Secretary Knox was permitted to listen to an explanation in detail of the American position by Chandler Anderson, counselor for the state department.

Following precedents established in the publication of the Grey note, it has been arranged that Secretary Knox's reply shall be given for publication simultaneously in Washington and in London. It is believed here that after attempting to eliminate a number of propositions contained in the British note regarded as not germane to the real issue, Mr. Knox has devoted himself principally to the effort to show that "all nations" in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty does not necessarily include the United States, and that it is entirely competent for this government to treat its own shipping differently from that of other maritime nations so far as the canal is concerned.

Need of haste.

Important chapters in the history of the negotiations that led up to the confirmation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which were either overlooked or purposely omitted in the discussion of this important feature in the British note, are also believed to be included in the American presentation. It generally is regarded as certain that sufficient new matter has been injected into the negotiations to warrant their continuance for some time before the principals are brought to the necessity of final decision upon the question whether the issues shall be submitted to arbitration.

Unless both parties should decide to abandon the mails in favor of direct cable communication, it is evident that this point cannot be reached in the six weeks remaining of the life of the present administration, and it

BOMB AT ST. KITTS PROVES ONLY SQUIB

Case Against Crown Attorney Brennan Sputters and Dies Out—Inquiry Over.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 21.—(Special).—Today's session of the enquiry into the charges against County Crown Attorney M. Brennan, of Lincoln was confined to the hearing of evidence on, but one of the charges that had been preferred, that of accepting \$50 to drop a prosecution.

Albert Jamieson of Fort Colborne, who had been a witness in a quasi-civil action taken in 1907 by Charles Bradley against Nellie Heaslip, under a Gainsborough Township bylaw, on a charge of closing a roadway and obstructing the highway, was the first witness today. He understood that the action in question had been a criminal case, because Mr. Brennan had appeared for the plaintiff and the case had been heard in the St. Catharines police court before magistrate Comfort. The charge had been dismissed. Before the dismissal, witness had heard Mr. Brennan suggest that all the parties get together and reach a settlement. Witness thought this a strange remark for a crown attorney to make. He did not hear Mr. Brennan ask for money for himself.

Heaslip, the defendant in the old case, who was next called, was unaware of any request for a bribe or payment of any money to Mr. Brennan, but had heard the attorney express an opinion that the township should pay his costs. This remark was made to E. A. Lancaster in witness's presence.

Reeve Harrison, the last witness, had not been present at any of the conferences and offered no new testimony. Mr. Brennan presented no witnesses and Mr. Bain declared the enquiry at an end.

RAILWAY BILL GIVEN SET-BACK

Project in New Orleans Backed by Toronto Capital Will Be Investigated.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—Claude Macdonnell's bill respecting the New Orleans and Grand Lake Traction and Power Company, met with opposition in the railway commission today. It is backed by Toronto people.

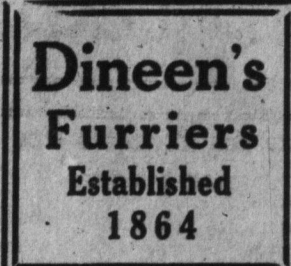
Hon. H. R. Emmerson demanded to know what business Ottawa had to grant such a charter for a company that proposes to operate down in New Orleans. It could gain no corporate capacity, and it seemed to him that it was simply desired to give the company authority to sell share warrants.

"This looks to me like a device to catch the unwary," asserted A. E. Frapp, of Ottawa. "It is our duty to protect people against their own indiscretions."

The bill was held up till the promoters are present.

SHIP-BUILDING IN BRITAIN

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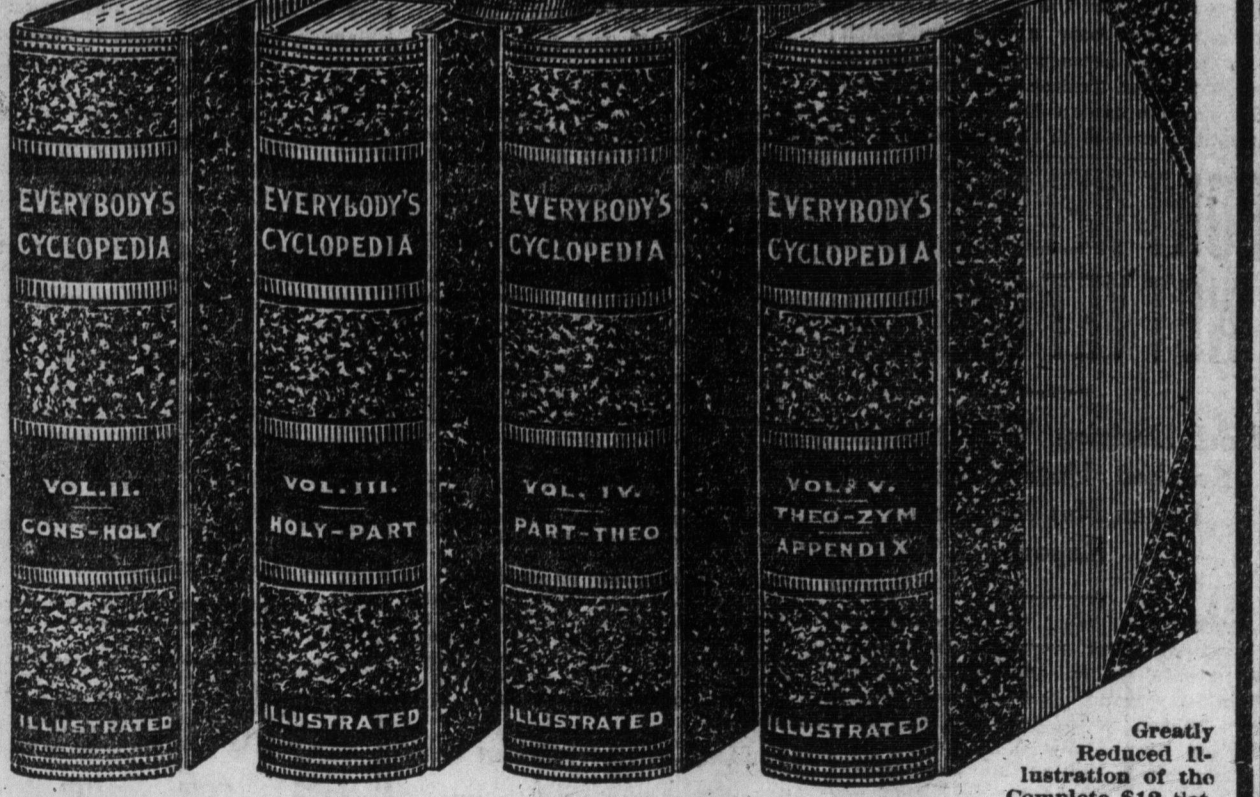
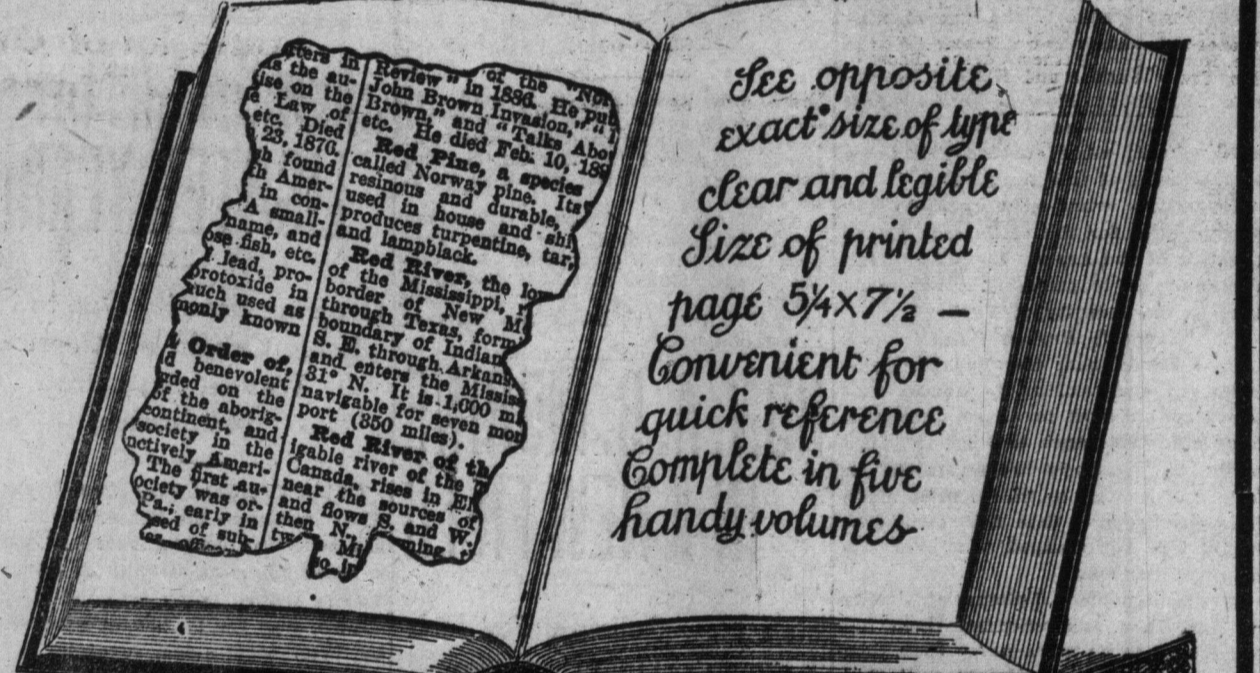
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MOTOR PATROL AND AMBULANCE

Chief Constable Includes New Equipment in Estimates For This Year.

POOL LICENSES REFUSED

Commissioners Want to Assist in Keeping Boys Away From Temptation.

Owing to the absence of Judge Winchester from the meeting of the police commissioners yesterday afternoon, all important business was deferred until the next meeting. Three pool-room licenses came up for consideration on one agenda. The application for the license was refused. The board also refused to grant licenses for West Toronto and one for Bloomingdale. There are many churches and schools in these districts and the commissioners said they did not care to create dangerous resorts for boys.

Rev. John Coburn asked permission to bring a deputation of forty people before the board, to tell the commissioners why the Star Theatre license should be cancelled. He was granted permission.

Police Estimates

Chief of Police Grasett turned in his estimate for the maintenance of the present police force, but this also was laid over. Although no provision is made for increases in salary, changes in equipment or a larger force of men, there is an increase in the estimate of \$40,000 more than for the past year. This is explained by the fact that many of the men are by reason of service, coming into larger salaries and the upkeep of horses and stations has increased. The figure set by the chief was \$684,000.

In his supplementary estimate, the chief will provide for a motor patrol and a motor ambulance, and also more pay for constables. He will also include an item for more constables to patrol the newly annexed districts.

Constable Fraser tendered his resignation.

Auto Top and Body Company.

The Ontario Gazette announces that the Toronto Auto Top and Body Co., Limited, is surrendering its charter. This is but the final step in a change recently made by which this company has increased its capital and changed its name to the Auto Top and Body Co., Limited. There has been, however, no change in location or management, or any change in any thing except increasing the capital stock of the company, and the fact that the word Toronto is left out of the firm name.

HAMILTON HOTELS HOTEL ROYAL

Liquor License Law Under Test

Goods Were Delivered From Wagon After Seven o'Clock on Saturday Night.

Is it contrary to the law to send out a wagon delivering liquor after 7 o'clock, on Saturday night? This is the question that Magistrate Denison will have to decide in the police court today.

Staff Sergeant McKinney, of the morality department, has summoned Thomas Barnes, proprietor of a store at 473 West Queen street, on a charge of sending out his liquor wagon at 7 o'clock on Saturday night.

The act says that liquor must not be sold or disposed of after this hour on any licensed premises. The sergeant intends to test the law in this regard.

BIG NOTE PAID UP

International Board Now Clear of Shocks.

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