

BRYAN'S DIPLOMACY TO GET SEVERE TEST ON THE COAST

U. S. Secretary of State Leaves for California to Placate Anti-Jap Jingoism—Will Attempt to Frame New Alien Land Bill.

Washington, April 24.—William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, left at 6.35 tonight for Sacramento, California, where on Monday he will begin consultations with Governor Johnson and members of the California Legislature in an effort to frame an alien land law that will not be in conflict with the treaty relations of the United States with Japan.

"I go hopefully, yet with a realization of the responsibility involved," said Mr. Bryan, as he left the White House after a final conference with President Wilson.

The President had explained earlier in the day during his conference with the newspaper men that the purpose of Mr. Bryan's visit was to take

counsel with the California authorities as to the best way to avoid international difficulty. The President let it be known that he considered the attitude of the Japanese government in arguing its case proper and friendly, and that there had been no note of antagonism despite reports to the contrary, the position of the Tokyo government having been one of respectful urgency that no discrimination be made against their people. Inquiries as to what Japan would consider a discrimination brought forth the intimation from the President that with the eligibility of Japanese to citizenship still a debatable question, it would be difficult to define just what would be construed as a discrimination.

CONVOCACTION AT DALHOUSIE

Sixty-Three Degrees Conferred at Dalhousie University Yesterday—List of Prize and Honor Winners.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, April 24.—Including two degrees of master of arts, to Beatrice E. Mumford and Minnie L. Smith, and master of science to W. C. Stapleton, the total number of graduates at the convocation of Dalhousie University was 63 of which 31 were in arts. The following were the prize and honor lists:

Diplomas of Honor.

Classics—High honors: Walter Melville Billman. Philosophy—Honors: Robert Earle Day, Ernest Spurgeon Smith, and Master of Science—Frank Dunstone Graham, Norman Ericson MacKay, Helen Gertrude Douglas Steves, Robert Forsythe Yeoman.

Graduate Prizes and Medals.

Governor General's Gold Medal—Walter M. Billman, Halifax. Avery Prize—Norman Ericson MacKay.

Nomination to Rhodes Scholarship—Walter Melville Billman.

Junior Entrance Scholarship.

Sir William Young Scholarships—Annie L. McGrath (Princess of Wales College); William E. Harris (Pictou Academy); C. J. Roche (Halifax Academy); J. K. McLeod (Sydney Mines High School); C. D. Piper (Truro Academy); H. B. Vickery (Yarmouth Academy).

Special Prizes.

Waterville Prize (Mathematics)—Mary Louise Chas. Almona Bursary (Best woman student in third year)—Lillian Bayer and Annie L. McGrath.

Jordan Blanchard Bursary (Highest standing in the first year)—Elizabeth Hall.

Dr. Lindsay Prize (2nd Prof. Examination)—Arthur Hines.

Practical Histology Prize (Presented by Dr. Fraser Harris)—C. K. Fuller.

Maritime Dental Supply Co. Prize (Highest standing in 1st year dental subjects)—Gordon B. Richmond.

Melhus Gold Medal (Highest standing in Pharmacy course)—John C. Sellen.

SOUTHERN PAPER IS WIPED OUT BY FIRE

While U. S. Secretary of Navy Was at Banquet in New York His Newspaper Plant Was Burned.

Raleigh, N. C., April 24.—Fire tonight practically destroyed the plant of the Raleigh News and Observer, causing damage estimated at \$75,000 with \$40,000 insurance.

Secretary Daniels, of the Navy Department, president of the News and Observer Company, was notified of the fire by telegraph a few minutes before he was to address in New York at the banquet of the Associated Press and the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

AERIAL RECORD BROKEN TWICE IN THE ONE DAY

Paris, April 24.—Eugene Gilbert, the French aviator today beat all records for a continuous cross-country flight, flying from Villacoublay to Victoria, Spain. The distance between the two places is about 825 kilometers (513 miles), which Gilbert covered in eight and a half hours. After a short rest Gilbert ascended again and at nightfall had reached Salamanca.

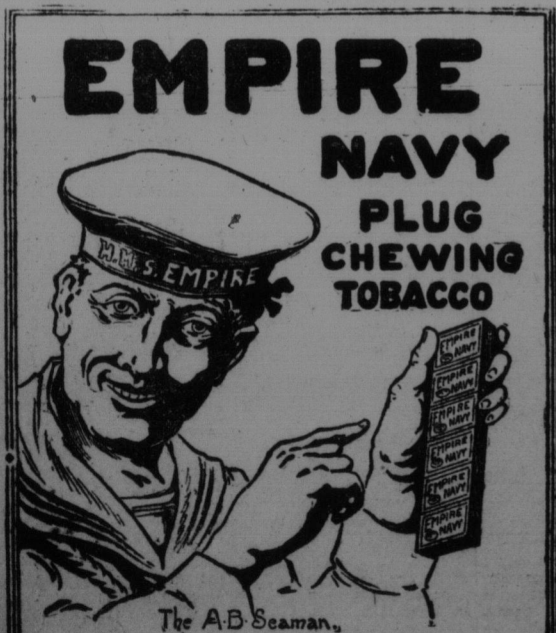
WILLIAM H. DOWSLEY WAS FOUND DEAD.

Brockville, Ont., April 24.—William H. Dowsley, for eleven years secretary-treasurer of the Brockville Light and Power Department, and previously tax collector and assessor, was found dead this morning on the platform of a boat house at the river front, near his home. He was in poor health for a long time, due to nervous breakdown and heart disease. Deceased was a native of Brockville and 57 years old.

Disbanded!

(Montreal Gazette.)

The Liberal campaign literature bureau which has been maintained at Ottawa for some time, according to the news despatches, has been disbanded. This is held to mean that the expected dissolution of Parliament and general election are not to happen till the Government is ready. The contention that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was master of Parliament and of the situation was based on a theory, not on a condition.



What the A. B. Seaman Says:

"A sailor's life is bold and free, and life is one grand sweet song—as long as there's lots of Empire Navy Plug Chewing Tobacco."

PROBING THE NEW ENGLAND FREIGHT POOL

Lengthy Hearing in Boston on Rates Charged by N. Y., N. H. and Hartford and Other Railways.

Boston, Mass., April 24.—The matter of the freight rates charged by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and its allied lines in New England was taken up by the Interstate Commerce Commission this afternoon. The earlier sessions have been chiefly with testimony regarding the finances of the New Haven system.

Commissioner Prouty said that the commission was proceeding on the theory that a transportation monopoly had been created in New England.

Three things should be determined, namely: "How does the service in New England compare with the service in other parts of the country? How do New England rates compare with rates in other sections, and what is the effect of the rates has been produced by the New Haven's acquisition of the Boston and Maine, and its leased lines?"

Scores Boston and Maine.

After studying tables, introduced to show the comparative service maintained by a number of leading railroads, the commission said that in its opinion the New Haven's freight service was as good as any of the others, and that that of the Boston and Maine about the poorest.

Frank S. Davis, chief of the tariff bureau of the New England lines, was the only witness. He produced bulky record books, quoted rates in various sections on all kinds of commodities and special classes of freight and declared that since the merger of the Boston and Maine and the New Haven roads, there had been advances in 15 per cent. of the tariffs and reductions in the remaining 85 per cent. Fully 75 per cent. of the increase he estimated, were due to the cancellation of so-called "paper" or useless tariffs.

Lower Than in South.

He compared rates between New England points with the rates from North Carolina to South Carolina and Georgia points, on cotton piece goods and manufactured cotton goods. The rates on the Boston and Maine, Central and New York New Haven and Hartford roads being lower in every case than the rates in the south.

Since the merger of the New Haven and Boston and Maine, the current tariff had been formulated which had superseded thirty-eight separate tariffs on the Boston and Maine, the Maine Central and the New Haven lines.

Under cross examination by David O. Ives, chairman of the transportation committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Hooper, counsel for the chamber, the witness said that some of the reductions were due to laws recently passed.

"We are not bragging about these reductions," observed Edgar J. Rich, counsel for the Boston and Maine. "We are apologizing for them."

Where Advances Were Made.

Cross examination also developed that since the merger the rates on shipments of lumber from Maine Central stations to points in New Hampshire had been advanced. Davis said he did not think those advances were made because the railroad had an opportunity to increase its revenue on great quantities of lumber that had to be moved. He was unable to give any reason for the advance.

Mr. Davis thought that the rates on potatoes from Maine points to Boston and New York had been increased but could not so state positively. Neither did he know personally that coal freight rates were higher in New England than in other sections.

A Statement from Boston.

An incident of the day that carried some surprise was the announcement by the directors of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange that Louis D. Brandeis, who was supposed to be representing the exchange at the inquiry, had no authority as counsel from that body. The directors said in a statement issued this afternoon that Mr. Brandeis was engaged to appear in the interests of the exchange at a hearing before the committee last June "on unsatisfactory freight service."

"We do not understand that Mr. Brandeis is further in the service of

CLOSURE APPLICATION IS UP TO OPPOSITION

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At the opening of the house Mr. Borden adverted to the death of Sir Richard Scott, whom he described as having been very distinguished figure in the public life of Canada since 1857.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier thanked Mr. Borden for his kind words. Sir Richard Scott had been a very quiet and modest man and had come little into contact with the general public. He not only was kind and amiable in private life, but as a legislator he had few superiors in his day and generation, and he had left on the statute book many evidences of his ability which would long survive him.

Col. Hugh Clark introduced a bill to amend the elections act. The existing law provides a fine of \$100 for illegal voting. The proposal is to provide that in default of payment the person convicted may be imprisoned for not less than two or more than six months.

An Indian Matter.

Mr. Oliver moved the adjournment of the house to discuss the purchase by the British Columbia government of the Kitlano Indian Reserve in Vancouver on April 8 and the removal of the Indians therefrom on April 6 without notice to the Dominion government.

Mr. Oliver stated that the reserve comprised 80 acres and is in the heart of Vancouver. He quoted from papers the statement of Mr. Bowser, the British Columbia government had paid \$250,000 for this. Apparently the government had known nothing of the matter. He contended that the property was worth far more than the \$250,000 paid for it and that the British Columbia government had not guarded the interests of the Indians who were its wards. They were responsible for the removal and property. The alienation, he said, could only take place under the Indian Act and with the consent of the Dominion government.

No Real Estate Speculation.

Mr. Borden stated that it was not a case of real estate speculation, the object of the British Columbia government being to bring the property into the public domain of the province.

The Indian reserves of British Columbia were invested in the crown in trust for the Indians, and British Columbia claimed that the reversion was

A GENERAL STRIKE IN CORRUÑA, SPAIN

Unions Took This Action as Protest Against Ex-Minister of the Interior Who Suppressed Disorders.

Corruña, Spain, April 24.—The arrival here today of the conservative ex-minister of the interior, Juan De La Cierva Y Penafiel who has been engaged as counsel in a court case has raised a storm among the laboring classes. The unions promptly declared a general strike and the order was promptly obeyed. Now all the factories and workshops are empty. An ugly mob met Senor De La Cierva at the railway station and jeered him. The police had difficulty in preventing violence. Senor De La Cierva was minister of the interior when Prof. Francisco Ferrer, director of the modern school at Barcelona, was executed and owes his unpopularity to his firm repression of disorders.

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Notice of funeral later. No flowers, by request.

Was Troubled With His Heart.

HAD TO GIVE UP WORK.

When the heart begins to beat irregularly, palpitate and throb, skips beats, and sometimes seems to almost stop, it causes great anxiety and alarm. Many people are kept in a state of morbid fear of death, become weak, worn and miserable, and are unable to attend to either social or business duties, through this unnatural action of the heart.

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MASTER PAINTERS TAKE INJUNCTION OUT ON STRIKERS

Restrain Painters Union from Interfering with Their Employes or Business—Big Claim for Damages.

Winnipeg, April 24.—The painters' strike in Winnipeg, which has been in progress for the last three weeks, assumed a remarkable turn this morning when the master painters, through their solicitor, F. J. G. McArthur, succeeded in obtaining an injunction from Chief Justice Mathers restraining the Painters' Union from interfering with their employes or with their business in any way.

A statement of claim has also been filed in the court of king's bench in which the master painters ask damages of \$25,000 for injury alleged to have been done their business by the picketing methods of the striking painters.

Might Take the Japanese.

(Baltimore Star.)

Kansas College girls have agreed not to marry a man who drinks, smokes, chews or uses profanity. Kidnapping is about the only way they can get married.

The Work of the Mint.

Since the Canadian branch of the Royal mint opened in 1908, it has issued coinage to the value of \$7,734,476. Of this \$1,800,730 was gold; \$5,710,444 silver and \$222,301 bronze. This information was given by the minister of finance in reply to Hon. Dr. Beaudry's question.

The house then took up in committee, Mr. Burrell's agricultural aid bill and put it through committee. Mr. Burrell declared that the money should be voted yearly, instead of being appropriated at once, to be paid out over a decade, was voted down.

Mr. Cochrane's highways bill was taken up and given a second reading. Mr. Wilfrid Laurier's amendment that the money spent should be divided on the same basis as the provincial subsidies being declared, lost the price.

The Liberals repeated their opposition to the measure.

WILL OF JOHN HAGGART PROBATED YESTERDAY

Perth, Ont., April 24.—In the Lanark County Surrogate court probate has just been granted of the last will and testament of late Hon. John Haggart, privy councillor, who died at Ottawa on March 13.

The will is dated September 4, 1894. The estate is sworn to at \$65,476.80. The sole beneficiary is Mrs. Isabella Maxwell Miller of Perth, sister of deceased.

Mrs. Miller has also been made sole executrix of the estate. The realty of the estate totals \$15,200, which is represented by Haggart's island, in the town of Perth.

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NOTED RELIGIOUS DEAD IN MONTREAL AT ADVANCED AGE

Death of Rev. Mother St. John the Baptist, a Former Superior General, is Announced.

Montreal, April 24.—The death is announced of Rev. Mother St. John the Baptist, a former superior-general of the congregation of Notre Dame and one of the leading members of that community.

The late Rev. Mother was born in Quebec eighty-two years ago, and a few weeks since, when thirteen ladies of the congregation celebrated the fiftieth year of their sisterhood and renewed their vows before the Archbishop of Montreal and the ecclesiastical superior of the community, Mother St. John the Baptist, (nee Beuchet) celebrated her diamond jubilee. In other words the reverend lady had been a member of the congregation of Notre Dame for sixty years, and even then there was nothing to indicate that the end was so near at hand.

The Safety Point.

Mrs. Recently-Wed—Did I appear nervous at all during my marriage ceremony, Clara?

Friend (envious)—A little at first, dear, but not after George had said "I will."—Tit-Bits.

STMR SUNK; PIER BURNED.

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Vineyard Haven, April 22.—Schr. E. E. Musgrave, from New York for Bucksport, which was beached yesterday in Tarpan Cove to prevent her sinking after springing a leak, was raised today by wrecking tug Tascos and towed here. Repairs will be made on the vessel.

JANE PALMER FLOATED.

Woods Hole, Mass., April 21.—Schr. Jane Palmer, from Newport News for Boston, which has been stranded to the eastward of Hatteras Shoal, Nantucket Sound, was floated undamaged tonight by the revenue cutter Achusnet.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.

New York, April 23.—The Hydrographic Office on April 22 received the following radiogram from Capt. Gamble, of revenue cutter Miami, on ice patrol: "Eastern limit of bergs reported in lat 45 34, lon 48 30; thirteen large bergs reported by stmr Nantux, 39 miles N and W of Flemish Cape; dense fog on the Banks; moderate S and SE winds."

Baltimore, April 22.—Capt. James of stmr Junata, from Boston, reports that at 1.25 p. m. April 16, Barnegat bearing N 8 miles, hauled a tall buoy marked S No. 3, also a quantity of pine boards 12 feet long and 6 inches wide.

Stmr Annapolis reports April 19, lat 40 25 N, lon 73 02 W, passed a spherical buoy with superstructure.

Stmr Manchester Mercantile report April 16, lat 39 31 N, lon 69 29 W, saw a spar projecting about 6 feet out of water, apparently attached to submerged wreckage; April 12, lat 41 45 lon 47 04, saw a spar about 25 feet long with cross trees attached.

Stmr El Oriente reports April 20, lat 24 30 N, lon 81 13 W, passed close to a vessel's deckhouse about 40 feet long and 20 feet wide, showing about 3 feet above water.

The bergs sighted on the 13th by revenue cutter Seneca were in lat 44 36, lon 48 09, and another 12 miles distant.

Stmr Megantic reports April 18, between lat 47 46 and 47 25, and lon 46 46 and 46 25, saw 8 icebergs and 6 growlers, all low lying and dangerous.

STEAMER HAD HARD TIME.

Bermuda, April 18.—Str Evelyn (Urg.), Alessi, from St. Vincent, CV, for New Bedford, which was towed in here 16th short of coal, had burned everything available in order to reach port. She has 311 emigrants on board.

NEW ALLAN LINER.

The Allan steamer Calgarian, a quadruple propeller turbine steamer, was launched on the Clyde on Saturday last. She has a carrying capacity of 18,000 tons and has accommodations for 1,700 passengers. She will run on the St. Lawrence route during the summer season between Glasgow and Montreal and will probably be seen here another winter.

EVOLUTION FAR GONE.

The Nova Scotia Evolution, which was driven ashore at Jerry's point, New Hampshire, by a moderate south-east gale, has since been floated and beached again by tugs. She is looking badly and has a big hole in her hull. The crew got ashore shortly after the stranding with the aid of life savers.

DISTRIBUTING LOBSTERS.

Steamer Gannet of the U. S. fish commission arrived at Portland Wednesday from the westward, where she has been engaged in distributing "stripped" lobsters, having dropped overboard 2,400 the past two days be-

cause of the weather.

ROYAL BLEND SCOTCH

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THE LATE MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

MANCHESTER LINE STEAMSHIP ON FIRE.

Vessels Collide — Steamer Sunk — New Allan Liner — Danger to Navigation-Harbor Notes.

A TOTAL LOSS.

Burnt Island, Me., April 23.—Schr. Helena, from Perth Amboy for Swans Island, Me., coal laden, went ashore at noon today on Old Woman ledge, two miles W S W of this station, and will probably be a total loss.

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