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CONGRESS TO PASS A BILL TAKING THE DUTY OFF COAL IMPORTATIONS.

United States Will Let Nova Scotia Article in Free-Bill Will Be Railroaded Through--Interesting Matters Brought Out at Sitting of Commission.

Washington, Jan. 12.—It is expected that Congress will pass a bill removing the duty on a ton of coal imported from Nova Scotia. This bill may take the form of a separate bill, or it may be included in a larger bill providing for the reduction of duties on other commodities. The bill is expected to pass without much delay. It is expected that it will be taken up in the Senate on Monday. The bill is expected to pass without much delay. It is expected that it will be taken up in the Senate on Monday. The bill is expected to pass without much delay. It is expected that it will be taken up in the Senate on Monday.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS. THE DOMINION CAPITAL.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Following the committee at the White House last night, and by Senator Aldrich and Speaker Watson, there has been a great deal of discussion today among the Republicans in relation to the prospects of anti-trust legislation during this session of Congress. The conclusion reached is that some bill will be passed. The bill is expected to pass without much delay. It is expected that it will be taken up in the Senate on Monday. The bill is expected to pass without much delay. It is expected that it will be taken up in the Senate on Monday.

HALIFAX BLIND GIRL HAS SIGHT RESTORED.

Halifax, Jan. 12.—(Special)—After being blind for a year, Miss Frances Reilly, aged about 25, had her sight suddenly restored to her today. On Friday her sister died and was buried Sunday. Shortly before the funeral the blind girl was led into her room and placed her hand on the forehead of her sister. Those in the room at the time were moved to tears. The young woman lambed and great at being unable to see the face of her dead sister. This afternoon, while alone in her room, her sight came back and, hurrying down stairs, she surprised her aged mother by saying: "Mother, I can see again!"

COLD KILLED LITTLE ONES. PREMIER LAURIER LAUGHS AT THE STORIES OF HIS RETIREMENT.

At Montreal Sir Wilfrid Says There's No Truth in Them--Looking in Excellent Health--Enjoying the Bracing Air of Canada--Busy Catching Up With Work.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier passed through Montreal this afternoon on his way to Quebec. The premier, on arrival at Place Viger station, was met by a number of his friends, including Hon. Lomer Gouin, Hon. H. T. Duffy, Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Victor Geoffroy, M. P., and J. A. C. Ethier, M. P., but as his train left again after only ten minutes, there was no time for the discussion of weighty affairs of state. Sir Wilfrid was looking exceedingly well and said he found that the bracing air of Canada was making him feel far better than the balmy climate of Florida. When shown a Toronto World editorial, which anticipated his retirement in about a month, Sir Wilfrid laughed heartily and said he was good for one more peaceful business that accumulated during his absence. The Montreal correspondent of a Toronto newspaper every now and again sends out yarns about public men and they ought not to be taken seriously. Quebec, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier arrived here this evening and will likely remain several days. Sir Wilfrid was met at the station by Premier Parent and members of the provincial cabinet and personal friends.

RESCUED IN MID-OCEAN AFTER TWO TERRIBLE WEEKS OF SUFFERING.

Newfoundland Schooner's Crew Hungry and at Sea's Mercy.

New York, Jan. 12.—At the office of the Holland-American line it was reported today of the rescue by the steamer Rotterdam, Captain Stenger, of the crew of the schooner Pioneer in mid-ocean on December 17. The Pioneer, Captain Kennedy, left Exploits Harbor (Nfld.), for St. John's (Nfld.), on December 4, with a cargo of wood, and was disabled in a snow storm and driven out of her course. On the night of December 17 her signals of distress were sighted by the Rotterdam, which bore down and, at great risk, lowered a boat in which the captain and crew of the schooner were brought aboard the steamer. They reported that for nearly two weeks they had been drifting about, buffeted by heavy seas, barely able to sustain life on scanty rations of fish and flour, and expecting every moment that the schooner, which was leaking badly, would founder. The schooner being a menace to navigation, was set on fire by the boat crew and the Rotterdam, which then proceeded on her voyage and landed the rescued men at Rotterdam on Christmas eve.

MACEDONIAN REVOLT. Revolutionary Committee Decide to Begin Insurrection April 1.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The chief of the Macedonian revolutionary movement in Bulgaria has decided, according to a special despatch from Sofia to the Vossische Zeitung, to begin an insurrection on April 1. General Michalewaki, president of the Macedonian Central Committee, recently assembled 30 representatives of the Macedonian provincial organizations and various other influential revolutionaries and submitted to them a report of the result of his visit to Vienna, Paris and London. At each place he was told that revolution and diplomacy must go hand in hand. Let the Macedonians first strike for their own independence and diplomacy might help later. He advised a rising April 1 and the meeting clamorously supported the proposition. Boris Saric, the Macedonian leader and former president of the committee, is also recruiting for an invasion of Macedonia.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO CANADIANS IN CABLE FROM LONDON.

Speech by President of Board of Agriculture Indicating More Indirect Taxation. Remarks of Hon. R. W. Hanbury Says It Interesting to See How Far, Without Injuring Home Consumer, They Can Make Foreigners Pay--Goose Egg for Canadian Footballists.

NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE. Will Meet Feb. 19--Action on the Hay-Bond Treaty.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 12.—The Newfoundland legislature will meet February 19, by which time it is presumed that something definite will be known respecting the fate of the Bond-Hay treaty, providing for limited reciprocity between the United States and this colony. Should the treaty be reaffirmed by the Senate of the United States, the colonial legislature will immediately pass the requisite enactment. If the treaty is defeated at Washington the colonial government will be required to adopt a new policy.

GREENE AND GAYNOR. Paying of Their Bonds--Estate of Late J. D. Leary Called on for Part of \$80,000.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 12.—The bondsmen of B. D. Greene and John F. Gaynor, fugitives from justice for alleged frauds in connection with improvements of the Savannah harbor, are preparing to pay into the registry of the United States court \$80,000, the amount of the bond. The bond was executed in the United States court today. William B. Kirk, of Syracuse (N. Y.), is Greene's bondsman, and the late John D. Leary, of New York, was on the bond of Greene. The executor of Leary will pay Gaynor's bond.

ALBERT OPPOSITION. They Have a Ticket, They Say, But Are Keeping It in the Background.

Moncton, Jan. 12.—(Special)—A committee of the opposition convention in Albert a few weeks ago to select candidates for the approaching election, met at Albert today, but their deliberations so far as candidates selected are concerned, are a secret. The committee report that they have a ticket to put in the field, but that their names will not be made public until Wednesday, the 14th inst.

CASTRO WANTS BLOCKADE RAISED BEFORE ADJUSTMENT IS BEGUN.

He Sends United States Minister Bowen to Washington as His Commissioner, But Had to Raise the Money on a Note--Italy Favors Withdrawal of Warships.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Advice received here indicates that while Minister Bowen comes as Venezuela's commissioner in negotiations looking to a settlement of the claims of the allies, President Castro has made it a condition that the blockade shall be raised before Mr. Bowen proceeds with the preparation of the protocol for the peaceful adjustment of the claims. Moreover, it now develops that in this request Venezuela is likely to have the support of Italy. The United States should not a party to the negotiations will throw the weight of its moral influence on the same side. The Italian government is influenced in its course by purely economic considerations. It does not desire to crush Venezuela but simply to procure the repayment of claims. The continuance of the blockade is threatening the very life of the country threatens to make it impossible for Venezuela to pay the claims within any reasonable period of time, so that any judgment rendered against her by private arrangement or by the Hague Tribunal would be almost without result. The Italian government, it is stated, remains thoroughly loyal to the alliance into which it has entered with Germany and Great Britain but that fact, it is held, will not necessarily operate to prevent Italy from using her moral influence to have the allies do what it regards as right, while still keeping within its lines.

SHOT THE MAN SHE SAID DEFAMED HER.

Macomb, Ga., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Effie L. Carson, wife of a railway machinist, and formerly the wife of Ernest Thompson, a printer, shot and killed Robert A. Rigby, a student in a business college, here today. The tragedy took place in the law office of Marmaduke Bayne, an attorney, to whom she had gone for advice. She shot the man twice in the head and once through the heart. She then delivered herself to the sheriff. She was charged that Rigby had circulated stories damaging her character.

TRAIN CRASHES INTO FUNERAL PARTY.

Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 12.—A freight train on the New York Central crashed into a sleigh at a crossing near Stafford today, killing one and injuring eight others, two of whom will probably die. The dead: John Mott, 19 years old. Fatally injured: Lemuel L. Mott, 11, skull fractured in several places; Mrs. Lena Mott, spine broken. The other injured include Kate Mott, L. J. Mott, Miss Mary Bulmer, Mrs. Catherine Bossert, Mrs. Priscilla Bulmer and Miss Anna Bulmer. The party were in two sleighs and were part of a funeral procession.

EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING AT PERTH.

Perth, N. B., Jan. 12.—(Special)—The explosion of an acetylene generator in T. O. Rogers' barn this morning wrecked the building and caused heavy damage. The generator was employed to furnish light to the barn, to the upper story which is a public hall, to Mr. Rogers' hotel on the opposite side of the street and to the stable back of the hotel. Only the barn and hall were affected but these were destroyed, while sleighs and carriages were broken into splinters. Some people had narrow escapes.

BONILLA WINS OUT.

Honduran Congress Supports Him Against a Man Who Wouldn't Give Up the Presidency. Panama, Jan. 12.—Information has been received here that the election last October to the presidency of Honduras of Manuel Bonilla has been approved by the Honduran congress. Senator Bonilla was elected by a big majority. President Sierra, however, refused to turn over the presidential power to him and made efforts to persuade congress to declare his election null. Senator Bonilla retired to Amepala Island where he gathered his followers and a quantity of munitions of war and threatened to start a revolution if he did not obtain his rights.

TO RETAIN REV. DR. WILKIE.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—(Special)—A meeting of the friends of Rev. Dr. Wilkie, late of the Presbyterian Training School, Indore (India), today appointed a committee to urge the foreign mission committee of the General Assembly to "retain Dr. Wilkie on their staff until his case can be presented to the next meeting of the assembly."