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WEATHER--S. E. and S. winds, fair tomorrow.

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WILL OFFER THE G. T. P. SCHEME.

Ottawa, Oct. 19--(Special)--The announcement of the resignation of Hon. A. G. Blair as chairman and a member of the railway commission created a great sensation here today.

Blair's Farewell.

As the board was about to adjourn this afternoon Mr. Blair made the following statement-- "Hon. Mr. Blair--Before the board adjourns I wish to make an announcement which is of a personal character and which I think may very properly be made by me from my place as chairman of the board. The intimation I wish to have conveyed to the public is that this is the last months we have had an opportunity of demonstrating the usefulness of this board, I think, tended to satisfy the public that the tribunal is one capable of rendering substantial service."

"I think at the same time it is not too much to claim that, while demonstrating its usefulness to the public, it has also demonstrated its usefulness to those interested that are supposed to be antagonistic to the interests of the general public which in my opinion are falsely supposed to be so."

"I think that then the railway will not refuse to acknowledge that the board has endeavored to deal with them in a spirit of fairness, and has endeavored to adjust the matters that have come up for decision in an equitable and fair manner."

"I may say that at the present moment I have had presented to me for prompt determination the question as to whether I will turn my mind and my energies in another direction which will be very much more profitable to me in doing so than that which is proper and legitimate in a man who, if he does not consider his own interests, certainly cannot expect to have them considered by others. I make no complaint, I intimate that I have any cause whatever to find fault. I am reaching the conclusion at which I have arrived purely for reasons that are personal to myself."

"If it were possible for me to have had a little longer period of service at the board, I would have been glad to have continued, because I feel that in a large measure, the railway commission has been a creation of my own. I think I may claim its parentage."

Resignation of Hon. A. G. Blair Has Caused a Profound Sensation--The Sole Topic of Conversation in Political Circles Today--Hon. Mr. Emmerson Talks--The News in Moncton, Sydney, Montreal and Elsewhere.

I think it has now got fairly well on its feet, that it will be able to move along, and that it will grow in favor. I believe that this commission will grow in strength and usefulness and come to be regarded as one of the most important and useful institutions in the country."

Associates Regret.

Mr. Loud, freight traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, who has been cordial in separating from them I can only wish them well and I express the hope that under their management, the work may go on with even greater success than it has while I was a member of the board."

Hon. Mr. Emmerson Talks.

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 19--(Special)--Even the resignation of Messrs. Blair and MacKenzie from the Laurier cabinet has not created such a sensation in political circles here as the resignation of Mr. Blair from the railway commission. The liberals on the other hand, while expressing surprise at Mr. Blair's action, are inclined to

guessing what it means. Groups of liberals and conservatives are seen on all parts of the streets in knots discussing the sensation. Liberals wear an anxious expression, while conservatives are jubilant over the announcement. The news was heard last night by the party workers but the general public knew nothing of the matter till this morning."

In Cape Breton.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 19--(Special)--The announcements of Mr. Blair's retirement from the railway commission, has fairly paralyzed the liberal party in Cape Breton Island. Scores of people are seen in the streets, everybody is

of the report from Tokyo, that a Russian attack on the Japanese right on Oct. 17, had been repulsed. If this report should be true, it may result in serious consequences for the Russians, who crossed the Shabakopei in a reference to an unsuccessful Japanese attack near Shabakopei. The Associated Press reports that the Japanese left, had been beaten off with terrible slaughter, and its retreat was being followed by a Russian army corps. Another Associated Press despatch from the Russian advance, when telegraphing, late tonight, the correspondent says: "It is rumored here that we are moving ahead."

Not So Sanguine.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19--1.45 p.m.--The flush of enthusiasm over the capture of Lone Tree Hill and Shabakopei, the repulse of the Japanese left, and the hard drubbing given Gen. Yamada, with the capture of fourteen additional guns, has given way this morning to a calmer and more sober appraisal of these partial successes. There is no official confirmation of the report that the Russian offensive had resumed a genuine offensive but that rather a general Japanese offensive had exhausted itself and that the positions of the Japanese are now a sort of deadlock with the country rendered so sodden by the heavy rain as to compel a temporary suspension of general operations. A complete withdrawal of the Japanese east, but both Kurapatkin and Sakharoff's reports say there were no collisions on that portion of the battle ground Monday or Tuesday.

LATE SHIPPING NOTES.

Halifax, Oct. 19--The Purcell left for London today for London, taking 11,000 barrels apples. "Do you still think of going to the front, sir?" asked the trusted adviser. "Frequently," answered the Capt., "and always with a shudder." (Washington Star)

of the question and take preliminary steps toward the amalgamation. Pending amalgamation the name of the International Longshoremen's Union has been changed to the International Marine and Transport Workers' Association. The union also now takes in all workers at the docks as does the English organization. For some time preparations have been going on in England for the amalgamation of two bodies. Final arrangements are to be made at the convention of the American Federation of Labor in San Francisco on Nov. 24. There was an attempt to unite longshore orders on both sides of the Atlantic several years ago. E. McHugh was sent over the English Union to form locals here. The attempt was a failure, because it was proposed, instead of amalgamating to organize the longshoremen in this country as an annex of the English body. The new movement is regarded as the first step in a world union of dock workers long talked of in England."

REPORT DISCREDITED.

London, Oct. 19--At the offices here, of the Cunard S. S. Company, a rumor that the steamer Slavonia, had sunk in the storm off the Spanish coast, is entirely discredited. The Slavonia, it was pointed out, passed Gibraltar, Oct. 11 and the officers cannot see how she could be anywhere in the neighborhood of the Spanish coast. The vessel is due at New York, Oct. 22.

BROUGHT MUCH GOLD.

Seattle, Wn., Oct. 19--The steamer Garmon has arrived from Nome with 225 passengers, and \$900,000 in gold. The entire trip south was exceptionally stormy.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast--Moderate, variable winds, fair, Thursday, south east and south winds, fair with about the same temperature. Synopses--The West India storm is still centered near the Florida coast, with no indications of any rapid movement northward, as the weather along the coast is fair from Georgia to New England. To American ports, easterly winds. Local Weather Report at Noon. Oct. 19th. Highest temperature during past 24 hours 56. Lowest temperature during past 24 hours 43. Barometer at noon 30.00. Humidity at noon 78. Wind at noon Direction S. Force 4 miles per hour. Cloudy. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director. Point Lepreau, Oct. 19--S. E. wind, south, light, cloudy, Therm 52.

WEDDINGS. Broderick-Brennan. Dr. W. P. Broderick and Miss Clara Jean Brennan, daughter of W. H. Brennan, of Water street, were married at 3 o'clock this afternoon, in the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, by Rev. Fr. A. W. Meahan. J. D. Landry, presided at the altar. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Annibel Brennan, and Dr. T. M. Lumsey supported the groom. The bride wore a gown of white brocade satin with long veil and a wreath of orange blossoms and lily. She wore a diamond pin the gift of the groom. The bridegroom wore a white tuxedo and a white boutonniere. The bridesmaids wore flower girls, and were, attired in white, accented with pink ribbons. The groomsmen wore suits of dark blue, and carried baskets of carnations. The ushers were Harry H. Brennan, J. Thos. Finnigan, W. A. Perkins and George P. Allan. The groom's gift to the bride included a gold ring; to the flower girls, brooches and to the ushers, cuff-links. The wedding gifts were many and beautiful, among them being a magnificent oak chest of solid silver, which was used on the Duke of York's table during his visit to St. John; a solid silver tea service and the several other costly gifts from the bride's parents. Beautiful presents were also received from the choir of St. Peter's church of which the groom is organist and from the cathedral choir, which the bride has been closely connected.

Fitzpatrick-Whelan.

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Whelan, daughter of Walter Whelan, pressman in Oak Hall, and Wm. Fitzpatrick, takes place this afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the church of St. John the Baptist, Broad street. Rev. Father Chapman will perform the ceremony. The bride will wear a traveling suit of blue ladies' cloth with white picture hat and will be attended by Miss Annie Daly, while Edgar Murphy will support the groom.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 18--(Special)--The government steamer Minto left here today for Gaspe, P. Q. While here she was fitted with new spars for wireless telegraphy testing, and took on board some Marconi apparatus. She will take on board at Gaspe today by Marconi express for Montreal. The government inspector, to inspect the working of the stations on the Gulf coast towards Newfoundland.

RETURN TO MONTREAL.

Halifax, Oct. 11--(Special)--F. R. Woon, S. O., and the other railway commissioners arrived here, early this morning from Moncton and left today by Marconi express for Montreal.

BEAUTAUGH IMPROVING.

Fredrickton, Oct. 19--(Special)--Paul Beautaugh, who was a victim of the stabbing affray, at Kingsclear a few days ago, continues to improve.

No Ordinary Utterance.

Mr. Blair's speech in opposition to the government's national transcontinental railway project was so ordinary an utterance, in order to make it he gave up most influential portion of his reasons for condemning his resignation was a complete surprise to him.

In Montreal.

Montreal, Oct. 19--Hon. A. G. Blair's resignation is expected to have a marked effect in the present political campaign. Nothing else was discussed in the hotels and clubs last night and it was the consensus of opinion that the decision of the ex-minister of railways will make the Grand Trunk Pacific the great issue of the campaign.

In Fredericton.

Fredrickton, Oct. 19--(Special)--The announcement of Mr. Blair's resignation created a great sensation here, and little else is talked of in political circles. The conservatives are hopeful that Mr. Blair will support the government over some Mr. Blair left Borden and are much elated over the prospects. The liberals on the other hand, while expressing surprise at Mr. Blair's action, are inclined to

THE ARMIES RESTING BUT STILL IN TOUCH.

St. Petersburg Extracts Some More Comports from the Situation but Is Not Very Sanguine--The Baltic Fleet--Japs Fail to Retake Lone Tree Hill.

Falkenberg, Denmark, Oct. 19--The remainder of the Baltic fleet sailed this morning for the north. There have been severe frosts at Nikolaievsk, but navigation is still open. There have been severe storms in the north. The general situation here is quiet. St. Petersburg, Oct. 19--The Emperor has received from General Kurapatkin, under date of Oct. 18, the following despatch: "During the night, the Japanese attacked our advanced positions at Lone Tree Hill, but they were repulsed. No reports have been received of any other engagements. Everything was quiet at all our positions up to 10 o'clock this morning. Blair fell last night and the roads have been greatly damaged."

Japs Retreated.

Mukden, Oct. 18--Lone Tree Hill won by the Russians after a desperate struggle, was the object of a gallant but unsuccessful attempt at capture by the Japanese. In spite of the awful slaughter with which they had been driven from the hill, the Japanese returned to the charge during the night of October 17, reoccupying the position on the southwest front. Nine regiments participated, creeping up through the night and delivering a furious assault at dawn. But the hill had been bought too dearly by the Russians to relinquish it, and the Japanese were driven back with terrible slaughter. It is reported that General Mistobenko's Cossacks, under command of Adjutant Carriloff, were engaged in a hot fight on Oct. 17, towards the southeast. A Cossack horse battery silenced the Japanese guns and drove back several infantry battalions, but were unable to capture the guns, which the Japanese succeeded in carrying off. Shabakopei, or what is left of it, has been reoccupied by the Russians, who will shortly reopen it for railway traffic with Mukden. Mukden, Oct. 18--It is reported that the Japanese made a furious attempt to take a wooded hill, near Da Pass last night. The firing began at 11 o'clock, and continued with rifle and cannon throughout the night. This action probably was a part of an attempt by the Japanese, who were already in possession of small

HAS LEFT THE STAGE.

New York, Oct. 19--Maurice C. Pike, 67 years old, once widely known as an actor, is dead on Hart's Island, where he was serving a sentence of six months for vagrancy. His first role was played in a Bowery Theatre fifty years ago. Three months ago the old man was found sleeping in the hallway, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment. His last appearance on the stage occurred one year ago. Friends missed him along Broadway and a few days ago began a search which ended with the morgue.