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PRIVY COUNCIL AGAINST CONTENTION OF PROVINCES RE REDISTRIBUTION; NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I. HAVE LOST

Attorney General Pugsley Cables That Decision Has Gone In Favor of Canada—He Will Leave for Home on Steamer Bavarian July 28.

The case of the provinces against the Dominion of Canada, contending against reduction of representation in the Canadian house of commons, was argued before the privy council in London yesterday and the provinces lost the case. Decision is reserved, but it is concluded that the Dominion has won.

COUNSEL FOR CANADA NOT ASKED TO ARGUE.

Montreal, July 21.—(Special)—A special London cable says: "The privy council today reserved judgment in the dispute between the provinces and the Dominion of Canada over the reduction in representation of the old provinces except Quebec after the last census. The counsel for Canada were not asked to present any arguments, which indicates that the federal government will get the decision."

tion of sub-section 4, section 51 of the British North America Act, contending that no reduction of the number of members could take place until there had been a readjustment increasing that number. He also gave a graphic historical review of the circumstances under which confederation was consummated.

"After lunch the court decided that it was not necessary to call the counsel for the Dominion but reserved judgment. "Hon. Edward Blake, chief counsel for the Dominion, said to a Canadian correspondent: "No comment is needed. The Dominion has won the case. That is all."

GEE PAYS PENALTY FOR MURDER OF HIS COUSIN.

Hanged at 1 O'Clock Friday Morning and Pronounced Dead 12 1-2 Minutes Later.

Went Calmly to Gallows, and His Nerve Did Not Desert Him—Makes Statement from His Cell—Affecting Service Held During the Afternoon—No Untoward Incident.



This group photograph was taken at the Woodstock jail entrance some weeks ago. Gee is shown in the center; at his right his father, Benjamin Gee, to his left his mother, Zora Gee, their hands clasped. Back of Benjamin Gee is Deputy Sheriff Foster and back of Mrs. Gee, Marshal Kelly.

Woodstock, N. B., July 22.—(Special)—George Gee, the murderer, was executed at Woodstock jail at 1 o'clock this morning. His nerve did not fail, though he spoke no word save good bye, after leaving the cell.

About thirty persons witnessed the execution. Death does not appear to have affected the murderer. The execution was on the gallows. The executioner was a man named Radeff. A clergyman led in the recital of the Lord's Prayer before the march to the gallows. The executioner was a man named Radeff. A clergyman led in the recital of the Lord's Prayer before the march to the gallows.

GEE'S LAST STATEMENT.

"I wish to say that Deputy Sheriff Foster has used me like a gentleman and Sheriff Hayward has used me as well as the law would let him and better. I also wish to thank City Marshal Kelly for his kindness and Neil McKinnon, who has been the jailer waiting on me. I wish to thank him for his goodness to me, also William Kinsale, he has also used me. I wish to thank the constables.

"I want to thank the Adventist, Mr. Kearney and others, they came regular to see me and showed me the cause. I might as well tell it as I don't. I want to thank the Adventist, Mr. Kearney and others, they came regular to see me and showed me the cause. I might as well tell it as I don't.

"I would have liked to have had Rev. Mr. Dalbeck to stay with me but other people persuaded me to have Gibson stop with me. My opinion is that they had Gibson here to get some secret out of me and if I knew anything secret and kept all my life a secret they will go to the grave without me. I would like to give the boys some advice about drinking but I don't know just how to do it. It was run that brought me here, drinking but I don't know just how to do it. It was run that brought me here, drinking but I don't know just how to do it.

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PEACE AND WAR BETWEEN BRITAIN AND RUSSIA HANG IN THE BALANCE, SAYS LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH

London Has Not Heard or Discredits News That Russia Will Apologize and Recede, and the British Capital is Excited—Japs Said to Have Pierced Russian Line, and to Be Now Marching to Mukden.

London, July 22.—The authoritative assurances that the Malacca will be released, called by the Associated Press from St. Petersburg to the United States, do not appear in the British morning papers. A striking evidence that the danger of the situation has not been mitigated in the least so far as British official and public opinion is concerned is afforded by the Daily Telegraph, which under a large type caption, "An acute crisis," declares that "the relations between Russia and Great Britain have reached the stage of an acute crisis but behind the incident of the Malacca is the far larger question of the status of the so-called volunteer fleet. It has, we believe, been made clear to the Czar's government that the transformation of merchant vessels passing the Dardanelles as such into armed cruisers cannot be recognized under any pretext whatever as justifying Russia's interference with British shipping."

"The Russians are expecting a battle. The fleet at Liao Yang registered 90 degrees Fahr. London, July 22.—According to a special despatch from Moscow, the Russian Lokotok of that city, confirms the Associated Press report from Liao Yang that the Japanese have broken through the Russian left flank and are marching on Mukden. "A fierce fight has been raging during the past two days and it still continues. "The Japanese who are in superior strength, attacked with great daring and courage. The Russians are contesting the ground splendidly. "The Japanese flanking movements to the east are the real cause of our retirement. "Heavy losses have been sustained. "The Japanese artillery has again shown its superiority. "The scene of the fighting is not mentioned by the correspondent.

JAPS REPORTED MARCHING ON MUKDEN.

Said They Have Broken Through Russian Left Flank—A Defeat Also Reported. Liao Yang, July 20.—(Delayed in transmission)—News was received from Tachekiao yesterday that the Japanese had broken through the Russian left flank between Lieut. General Keller's position and that of General Rensselaers, and that they were marching on Mukden.

TWO DAYS' FIGHT BUT NOT LOCATED.

London, July 22.—A Russian correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Mukden, under date of July 19, says: "A fierce fight has been raging during the past two days and it still continues. "The Japanese who are in superior strength, attacked with great daring and courage. The Russians are contesting the ground splendidly. "The Japanese flanking movements to the east are the real cause of our retirement. "Heavy losses have been sustained. "The Japanese artillery has again shown its superiority. "The scene of the fighting is not mentioned by the correspondent.

ARBITRATION IS NOW RUSSIA'S SUGGESTION.

Will Offer to Send Red Sea Matter to the Hague if Britain Continues Protest. St. Petersburg, July 21, 6:45 p. m.—The suggestion is made that if Great Britain persists in righting the status of the Russian volunteer fleet cruisers now in the Red Sea, Russia will offer to refer the case to the arbitration tribunal at The Hague. Count Lansdowne has replied to the note of the British ambassador here on the subject of the seizure of the Malacca in the Red Sea by the St. Petersburg, saying that the inquiry into the case is progressing.

GERMANY'S CASE NOT SO SERIOUS.

In the case of the German steamer Prinz Heinrich, whose mails were seized by the Russians, Russia has not yet replied to Germany but as the vessel was not seized and her mails, except two bags addressed to Nagasaki, restored, the edge has been taken off this incident and no trouble is anticipated in its adjustment, (Continued on page 4.)

SEVEN CANADIANS FOR SECOND STAGE

Low Scoring All Along the Line for King's Prize at Bisley. Montreal, July 21.—(Special)—A special cable from Bisley says: "The full returns for the first stage of the king's prize show that there are seven Canadians among the 200 who are entitled to compete in the second stage. The successful ones are: Private Hayton, score 96; Staff Sergeant-Crowe, 96; Corp. McGregor, 96; Major Moore 94, and Pte. Perry 94, of the team, and Staff Sergt. Bayles 93, and Pte. J. W. Smith 95, who are here on their own account.

MUST PAY CASH IN FALL RIVER NOW.

Merchants Protecting Themselves in View of Big Strike Likely Monday. Fall River, Mass., July 21.—The prevailing feeling among the cotton mill operatives, who last night, voted to strike on Monday next rather than submit to a 15% per cent. reduction in wages, was more bitter tonight than at any time since the announcement of the mill owners. The meeting of the latter at this afternoon and their attitude are taken and accepted as a challenge by the operatives.

FEARFUL INJURIES TO MEN IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Collision With Freight Train at Coney Island. New York, July 21.—Horatio Abbott and George Merritt were fatally injured and two other men badly hurt in a collision between an automobile and a freight train at Coney Island today. Abbott's skull was crushed, his spine twisted and he was injured internally. Merritt was thrown 200 feet, both arms and legs and three ribs were broken.

CHIEF JUSTICE LEAVES HURRIEDLY FOR HOME

Sir Elzear Taschereau's Interview Sent from London is Causing Talk. Montreal, July 21.—(Special)—A London special says: "The correspondent of the Montreal Star cables that the interview with Sir Elzear Taschereau and sent to Canada by the Canadian Associated Press was never published in London. "It was," says the Star's correspondent, "rather a conversation with a friend than a formal declaration for publication."

GIRL FALLS TO DEATH DOWN CLIFF AT PARRSBORO

May Gould, of Fitchburg, Mass., While on Excursion Met Awful Death. Halifax, July 21.—(Special)—Miss May Gould, of Fitchburg (Mass.), met a horrible death near Parrsboro today by falling from a cliff at Partridge Island, near Parrsboro.

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