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## TAFT SIGNS CANAL BILL "TREATY NOT BROKEN"

### British Protest Leads to Absurd Conclusion That States Is Shorn of Rights to Aid Commerce, That Other Nations Have Not Surrendered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. — (Can. Press.)—President Taft signed the Panama Canal bill at 7.10 o'clock tonight. Following this he sent to congress a memorandum suggesting the advisability of the passage of a resolution which would declare that this measure was not considered a violation of the treaty provisions regarding the canal.

In discussing the British protest against the exemption of American shipping from the payment of tolls for the use of the canal, Mr. Taft says the irresistible conclusion to be drawn from it is that "altho the United States owns, controls and has paid for the canal, it is restricted by treaty from aiding its own commerce in the way that all the other nations of the world may freely do."

In view of the fact, Mr. Taft, continues, that the Panama Canal is being constructed by the United States wholly at its own cost, upon territory ceded to it by the Republic of Panama for that purpose, and that unless it has restricted itself, the United States enjoys absolute rights of ownership and control, including the right to allow its own commerce the use of the canal upon such terms as it sees fit, the sole question is: "Has the United States, by the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, deprived itself of the exercise of the right to pass its own commerce free or to remit tolls collected for the use of the canal?"

**For Neutralization of Canal.**

The president points out that the rules specified in the article of the treaty which is made the basis for the British protest were adopted by the U. S. as the "basis of the neutralization of the canal and for other purposes." This article, he further says, "is a declaration of policy by the U. S. that the canal shall be neutral, that the attitude of this government towards the commerce of the world is that all nations will be treated alike and no discrimination made by the U. S. against any one of them observing the rules adopted by the U. S. In other words it was a conditional favored nation treatment, the measure of which in the absence of express stipulation to that effect, is not what the country gives to its own nation, but the treatment it extends to other nations.

"Thus it is seen that the rules are but the basis of neutralization intended to effect the neutrality which the U. S. was willing should be the character of the canal and not intended to limit or hamper the United States in the exercise of its sovereign power to deal with its own commerce, using its own canal in whatsoever manner it saw fit."

**An Absurd Conclusion.**

The president argues that if there is nothing in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty preventing Great Britain and the other nations from extending favors to their shipping using the canal, and if there is nothing that gives the U. S. any supervision over or right to complain of such action, "then the British protest leads to the absurd conclusion that this government in constructing the canal, maintaining the canal and defending the canal, finds itself shorn of its rights to deal with its own commerce in its own way, while all other nations using the canal in competition with American commerce enjoy that right and power unimpaired.

"The British protest, therefore, is a proposal to read into the treaty a surrender by the U. S. of its right to regulate its own commerce in its own way and by its own method, a right which neither Great Britain herself, nor any other nation that may use the canal, has surrendered or proposes to surrender."

## HACK DRIVER IS ARRESTED

After the police had conducted a long search for him John Morton fell into the hands of Detective Leavitt yesterday. Morton, who lives at 560 Parliament street, was driving a hack on July 13 and ran down Miss Gladys White as she was returning to work at the noon hour. The driver did not stop, but drove away from the scene and had not been located until yesterday. The young woman was recently discharged from the hospital, where she has been as a result of the injuries received in the accident.

### Great Saving In Govt. Phone System

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 24.—Reforms introduced by the administration of the Manitoba Government telephone system are expected to effect an annual saving of $80,000 a year. Three hundred and fifty miles of new rural lines are planned and this work will be carried out under contract as more economical than the past day labor system.

## POLES IN FIGHT AFTER HEAVY DRINKING

### Thirty Foreigners at the Humber Used Stones and Sticks of Wood, But When the Police Arrived Everything Was Quiet Again — Summonses Served Tomorrow.

About thirty Poles indulged in a free fight at the Swansea Polish colony on Sunday morning. One little child narrowly escaped being seriously injured and some of the other foreigners were bruised and cut up before the battle was halted.

The result will be that County Constable George Simpson and a few other county constables will pa ya visit to the colony on Tuesday morning and arrest a score or so of the Poles for yesterday's rampage.

Too much liquor was the cause of he trouble.

Late Saturday night the Poles began to fight. A resident phoned for the police but could not get into communication with any.

On Sunday morning they started again. The fight took place in the backyard of the house farthest north in the row on Southport street, where the colony is situated.

**Shouted for Police.**

Four foreigners were at first engaged and then more took a hand. Sticks of wood flew; stones were hurled. Some of the Poles were knocked out and lay on the ground. Matters were approaching the point where the men were becoming desperate when someone shouted that the police were coming.

As if by magic all trouble ceased. The defeated contestants were helped into the houses and when County Constable Simpson arrived all was quiet.

In vain the constable tried to get the guilty ones. No one knew anything about the trouble and all insisted on their ignorance of the English language.

Mr. Simpson sent for Interpreter Adalia and with County Constable Dennis once more set out for the colony. The stories of the trouble that Mr. Adalia secured will likely be turned over to the county crown attorney. The police will wait until Tuesday morning and then take the offenders in charge.

**Too Much Liquor.**

Ever since the colony has been in existence liquor has been taken to the camp in wagon loads. One resident stated that sometimes a whole load of from 35 to 40 kegs would be left in the colony.

In the seven houses it is estimated that there are 110 Poles.

## LINDSAY MAN DROPPED DEAD

Herbert C. Smyth of Lindsay, who came to Toront oon Saturday to attend a reunion of the Smyth family at the home of his brother, 205 Albany avenue, was found dead in his bedroom early yesterday morning. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

The family reunion of Saturday was attended by brother from all part of Canada, one coming from Halifax. It wa about 8.30 yeterday morning when ome of the other in the house went to wake Mr. Smyth, and found him dead in his room. Dr. W. T. Williams of Bathurst-street was called, and notified the chief coroner, who decided that no inquest was necessary.

The body was removed to F. W. Matthews' undertaking rooms on Spadina avenue and will be sent to Lindsay tomorrow morning.

Mr. Smyth was 42 years old, and married. He was one of the best known citizens of Lindsay.

**Finds Husband Dying in Bath Tub.**

BERLIN, Ont., Aug. 25.—Morris Linovitch, who resides in the Westlop Block, was found unconscious in the bathtub by his wife yesterday, and was almost suffocated by gas fumes from an instantaneous water heater. Immediate medical aid and restoratives brought the man back to consciousness. Medical attendants state that it was a very narrow escape from death.

## LONDON'S WIRES WITH WORLD CUT OFF

### Fire in General Postoffice of Metropolis Destroys All Telegraphic Communication — Will Take Week to Restore Service — Provincial Newspapers Greatest Sufferers.

LONDON, Aug. 24—(Can. Press.) — London tonight is entirely cut off from telegraphic communication with the rest of the country and with the continent, and for a time connection with America was severed, as the result of a fierce fire which broke out in the General Postoffice, in which building the Central Telegraph office is situated and where all the wires of the service are concentrated.

While the fire was extremely fierce no lives were lost and the damage was confined to the inside of the building.

A thousand employes, a majority of them being women, got out of the structure promptly and without panic. The telegraph service to and from the capital will be crippled for several days.

The fire started at seven o'clock this evening and was caused by the fusing of a wire in a test box on the fourth floor. The gallery, affected soon, was filled with volumes of thick smoke. The building sustained no structural damage, but the losses to cables and instruments and furniture were very heavy, the furniture suffering from the tons of water which the fire engines poured in and which streamed thru the whole building.

The entire fire brigade of the east end of London, covering a radius of several miles, soon was on the scene with a big salvage corps, and by eight o'clock tonight the fire was over and the engines had ceased to pump water into the building. The lighting apparatus was out of commission, however, and a strange scene was presented as the salvage men groped about the huge structure with lanterns and with candles flickering dimly.

**Hazardous Work.**

Thousands of wires underneath the floors had fused and the firemen were forced to tear up part of the floors to get at the flames, the work being exceedingly dangerous.

Getting the employes out without a panic was an achievement on which the officials congratulated themselves. On Saturday night the telegraph staff is considerably smaller than that on any other night, the volume of business handled being less. As soon as the fire was discovered all the women were ordered to quit the building im-

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## MUSICIANS NOW WOULD GO BACK

### Offer to Return to Vaudeville and Burlesque Theatres for $3 a Week Increase.

The World was informed yesterday that the striking musicians had approached certain of the vaudeville and burlesque managers offering to return to work if an increase of $3 per man per week were granted them. This would bring the wages up to $22 per week, being $2 less than the men had asked, and $1 more than the managers' association had offered before the strike was declared. No word as to whether this offer would be covered was forthcoming from the managers and for a week at least, the sound of the pianos will still be heard in all the two-a-day houses in the city.

## NAVY ALMOST WITHOUT TARS

OTTAWA, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—It is understood that a contingent of English bluejackets are coming to Canada in a week or two to join the Canadian cruiser Rainbow, now lying practically idle on the Pacific coast. The service term of the present crew, which is largely English, will soon be up and most of the men are going back to England. With the Niobe away the prospect was being faced of a navy without a crew.

Admiral Kingsmill and deputy minister of naval affairs Desbarats, who are now on their way from England, saved the situation by arranging for the service of a new crew of English tars. These are expected to arrive in a few weeks.

### Motor Has Shot Thru Tunnel at Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—That the motor driven into the Ontario Power Company's forebay several days ago, when it caught fire, has been carried thru the power tunnel and dumped into the river below the falls is the belief expressed today.

After two days' work in the forebay divers have failed to locate the car. A door from the machine was picked up at the Maid of the Mist Landing.

## MUST RESTRAIN EAGERNESS TO TESTIFY

### Col. Roosevelt Wanted to Appear Before Senate Investigation Today to Answer Archbold Testimony, But Will Not Have Opportunity Till Late in September.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(Can. Press.)—Col. Roosevelt will not have an opportunity to answer John D. Archbold's statements before the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures until late in September.

Senator Clapp, chairman of the subcommittee, to which Mr. Archbold told his story of having contributed $100,000 to the Roosevelt fund in 1904, telegraphed Col. Roosevelt at 4 o'clock this morning that the committee would not be able to hear him Monday as the colonel desires.

Late to-day Senator Clapp received a telegram from Senator Dillingham of Vermont, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, announcing that Senator Pomerene of Iowa would be appointed to take the place of Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee, who has resigned on account of the illness of his wife, who is in Colorado. Senator Pomerene is now in Ohio, however, and Senator Clapp said it appeared impossible to bring the subcommittee of five together before the end of September.

Following the receipt of Col. Roosevelt's telegram last night, Senator Clapp made efforts to bring the committee together Monday. Senator Lea insisted on resigning at once, however, the illness of his wife and child making it imperative that he should leave Washington. Senators Oliver and Pomerene already had left Washington. Senator Jones left to-day for the Pacific coast. The committee undoubtedly will proceed later in September with its investigation even tho the Penrose resolution for additional authority should not be passed by the senate tomorrow.

## *In Hurry to Tell*

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 24.—(Can. Press.)—Col. Roosevelt announced tonight that he wanted to appear Monday in Washington before the senate committee investigating campaign contributions, to refute the testimony of John D. Archbold yesterday morning concerning his knowledge of an alleged contribution of $100,000 by Mr. Archbold to the Republican campaign fund of 1904.

"I have wired Senator Clapp, chairman of the committee," Col. Roosevelt said, "that I would like to appear before the committee on Monday."

At the time Col. Roosevelt made this announcement, he had not received a reply from Senator Clapp to his telegram, but had arranged to leave Oyster

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## BURGLARS FLED PAST SIXTEEN OFFICERS

### Alarm Was Given for a Jewelry Store, But One Policeman Saw a Light in Drug Store and Fired His Revolver When Clerks Refused to Open the Door.

When three burglars attempted to force an entrance into the rear of Scheuer's jewelry store at 90 Yonge street about 9.20 last night, a great sensation was created. Before the excitement had subsided shots were fired, bricks wre hurled, and one young man had a very narrow escape from receiving a bullet in the side. But the outcome of it all was that the "birds" flew thru a hole in the police net.

T. Burrows, watchman at the Star Buildin gon King street, had just made his rounds on an upper storey of the building. He looked out of the window to get a breath of fresh air. While in this attitude he happened to glance down into the lane running between the Star Building and the stores on Yonge street. This passage has an entrance on Yonge and the other on Adelaide.

Hearing the noise of glass breaking, he saw a man throwing a brick against the rear window of Scheuer's store. This man called to two other men who were on the other side of the fence.

That was enough for the watchman. He rushed to the telephone and called the police, advising the officer for them to come to the Star Building and he would show them the spot where the burgalrs were at work.

**Sixteen Policemen.**

Instead of doing this 16 policemen with detectives and a part of Toronto at their heels piled into the lane. There were shouts and calls. Officers jumped fences in a vain search.

At last one sleuth approached the rear of Bingham's drug store. He spotted a dim light in the shop. Not knowing that it was a drug store and was open for business he naturally supposed that he had the robbers trapped.

"Open the door," he commanded.

Instantly there was a chorus of dissenting voices from within and bolts were shot into places.

"Open or I shoot," shouted the officer.

"We'll fire back," came the reply.

The policeman waited for no more, but calling out a warning he blazed away in the direction of the ceiling. It is understood that this shot broke a mirror and shattered the glass in all directions. But the heroes on the other side of the door were not daunted. Believing that there were three ferocious robbers outside they shot the rest of the bolts and retreated. One of them says that he counted three distinct shots, while another insists on two.

**Bullets Were Close.**

Wm. Smith states that a bullet went between his arm and shaulder and another flew close by.

The policeman ran around to the Yonge street entrance in time to see three timid young men backed by more timid young men making a flank attack on the door.

The report was spread that Bingham's was robbed, but it was only a policeman attempting to catch the robbers, three more young men attempting to assist in the capture and other circumstances that caused the sensation at Bingham's.

Until a few days ago Mr. Bingham kept a loaded revolver at the store, but took it home recently.

Only a couple of old watches being repaired were taken from Scheuers, as the burglars could only reach a work bench thru the broken window.

### SIR WILFRID LEAVES TUESDAY

OTTAWA, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will leave on Tuesday for a trip thru to the coast. He will speak at the forestry convention which will be held at Vancouver on September 4, 5 and 6. The leader of the opposition has received a number of invitations to address meetings in the west, but it is considered doubtful if he will accept any of these. On his return from the coast he is scheduled to speak in New Ontario.

## MRS. BRUCE MAY DIE HER STATEMENT TAKEN

### Wife of Hamilton Man Held in Connection With Candy Poisoning Case Underwent a Serious Operation and May Not Recover.

HAMILTON, Monday, Aug. 26.—A new phase was put on the Zeipe poisoning case last night when the hospital authorities found it necessary to perform an operation on Mrs. James Bruce, wife of the man who was arrested on a vagrancy charge on Aug. 11, a few hours after Miss Zeipe died in Mrs. Bruce's room at the hospital, after having eaten candies which are thought to have contained poison, and which were given to Mrs. Bruce by her husband. Mrs. Bruce's condition last night was considered so critical that the police deemed it advisable to secure from her a sworn statement in regard to her knowledge of the circumstances surrounding Miss Zeipe's death, before she was put on the operating table. Accordingly Chief Smith, Acting Magistrate Milne and Police Court Clerk McHaffie went to the city hospital about 10 o'clock last night and drew up the statement which Mrs. Bruce signed and swore to. In case she fails to recover from the operation, which is feared, the statement will be used as evidence at the Zeipe inquest.

## Tributes to Memory Of General Booth In City Churches

### Ministers of All Denominations Spoke in Highest Terms of Life and Work of One of England's Greatest Men—Salvation Army Memorial Services on Wednesday and Next Sunday.

The churchman united with the Salvation Army worker yesterday in paying respect to the memory of the man acknowledged as the greatest religious leader since the time of Moses. The ministers in many of the city's prominent churches preached special sermons dwelling with the life and work of the departed general. These churches were thronged with those who revered the memory of one of the greatest Englishmen.

All members of the Salvation Army wore across their arm yesterday a band of white with the letter S, standing for Salvation, imprinted on it. The band played the general's favorite hymns, and reference to the leader who had gone to his well-earned rest were made at the various Salvation Army barracks thruout the city.

"The general has gone to his reward," said a staff-captain of the Salvation Army. "While we mourn his loss, we rejoice that he is now in the eternal life." White, but no black was displayed by the Salvation Army yesterday, and this was emblematic of a saved soul gone to its reward. It is a rule with the army that on no occasion shall black be worn in mourning of death. The death of a member of the Salvation Army is but the entering into the higher life.

**Two White Crosses.**

In memory of the departure from this earth of a pure soul—the soul of their loved general—two large white crosses were dropped across the front of the Salvation Army Temple Building. Between these and over the main entrance was placed a colored picture of Gen. Booth lifting up a fallen sinner. Beneath the words, "Bringing them to God from every land—Help us," General Booth. Above the picture hung a cluster of flags representing the leading nations of the world.

On the same principle of showing not mourning for a saved soul departed, the flag carried by the Headquarters' Band yesterday was not at half mast, but was surmounted by a cluster of white ribbons. The band played the general's favorite hymns, both in the open air and Temple services.

A touching tribute was paid to the memory of their great leader in the morning service at the Temple by the singing, under the leadership of Staff-Captain Hayes, of the hymn composed by General Booth himself—the favorite hymn of the Salvation Army:

"Oh boundless salvation; deep ocean of love,
Oh, fulness of mercy; Christ brought from above,
The whole world redeeming, so rich and so free,
Now flowing for all men, come roll over me."

**In Thick of Fight.**

At the afternoon service, at which testimony from those present was given, many references endearing to the memory of the departed commander were made. A number of those who had been rescued by the Salvation Army in London and had come into personal touch with the general there related incidents of his kindness and unselfishness for others. He was always in the thick of the fight for lost souls, and some of those present recalled his personal visits to the different Salvation Army barracks thruout London.

Altho brief reference was made in the various Salvation Army gatherings thruout the city yesterday to the passing of the army's loved commander, special mention was left to the great memorial service to be held under the auspices of the Salvation Army on Wednesday evening in Massey Hall, when memorial addresses will be made by Commissioner Rees, head of the Salvation Army for the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland, and officers of the national staff. A noon hour memorial service will be held in the Salvation Army Temple on Thursday.

Next Sunday will be memorial Sunday and special memorial services will be held by the Salvation Army thru-

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## BABY WAS LEFT IN A HALLWAY

### Four-Months-Old Child Was Deserted and Police Want to Find Parents.

The police are looking for the parents of a four-months-old baby girl found in a hallway at 940½ West Queen street yesterday afternoon about 4.40. Gladys and Olive Rose, two sisters who live upstairs at the address, were surprised to find a carriage, with the infant resting in it, in their hall, and promptly notified the police. An investigation was made but the parents have not been located. The baby has been placed in the Infants' Home.

### RELATIVES WANT INQUEST

**Man Killed by Motor Driven by Reckless Tea Pedlar.**

BERLIN, Ont., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Word has been received from Hespeler of the death there on Saturday afternoon of Paul Jones, aged 73, who was run down by a motor in charge of a man named Humphreys of Guelph, and that Coroner Lockhart of Hespeler had deemed it advisable after consultation with the crown attorney here not to hold an inquest.

However, relatives living here, after hearing the circumstances of the accident from witnesses, are strongly of the opinion that an inquest should be held and are tonight interviewing the crown attorney and Detective Huber to see that their wishes are carried into effect.

Humphries is a tea pedlar and two weeks ago was fined thirty-five dollars in the police court here for speeding and colliding with another motor.

**The Princess Opens To-night.**

A most important announcement in the way of theatricals is the opening of the Princess Theatre to-night. The attraction chosen is that delightful comedy success, "Get Rich Quick Wallingford," which is regarded the greatest comedy of recent years.

## SHOWERS NOW OVER IN WEST

### "We Want Men" is the Great, Resounding Cry From Harvest Fields—Binder Twine Being Rushed In.

CALGARY, Alta., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Intermittent showers which prevailed in the district during the last twenty-four hours were not a factor in retarding the progress of harvesting, which is going ahead but slowly for the want of labor.

"We want men. Send all you can lay hands on," is the first of messages received from outside points. The rain that has fallen was only slight and has now ceased, today being as bright tho not quite so hot as Thursday. All reports are that the hot weather of the past seven days has greatly accelerated the prospect of high-grade yield.

Binder twine is being rushed in on the carload and it is not expected that any difficulty will be experienced, tho to be paradoxical a shortage would certainly tie up the crop tight.

### CONTRACTOR FOUND BY SOLDIERS ASLEEP IN BARN

FREDERICKTON, N.B., Aug. 24.—(Can. Press.)—After a squadron of dragoons and a company of militia had been turned out to scour the country in search of Wm. E. Trites of the firm of A. E. Trites and Son, hallway contractors, who has been missing since Thursday, he was found tonight asleep in a barn.

His firm is constructing the Gigson-Minto section of the road being built by Sir Thomas Tait, to be known as the Frederickton and Grand Lake Railway, and his friends account for his strange disappearance action by stating that he was worried and nervous over the slow progress being made by some of the sub-contractors.

### MORE SETTLERS FOR THE WEST.

HALIFAX, N.S., Aug. 25.—(Can. Press).—The Holland-American liner Noordam arrived in Halifax this morning with 2000 passengers from Bremen, Hamburg and Rotterdam. Of these 450 are destined for the Canadian west, being mostly farmers, while the remainder proceeded to New York.

The immigrants for Canada are from the steamer Frankfurt, which was in collision with the Barmen in the English Channel two weeks ago, and are being forwarded to Quebec by rail.