

# LAURIER SHOWS HIS STRENGTH IS NOT WANING

## Mercilessly Scores Alliance Between Conservatives and Nationalists—Prime Minister, in Speech at Three Rivers, Defies Henri Bourassa.

Three Rivers, Aug. 18.—The statement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has lost his hold upon the people of Quebec province was shown up in its true colors yesterday by thousands of electors from Three Rivers and the surrounding country. Despite the threatening weather and the rush of the harvest, thousands of people thronged the city and cheered the remarks of their beloved leader.

Sir Wilfrid was in splendid form, and dealt with the various problems before the electors in masterly style. He carried the war into Africa at the very outset and mercilessly attacked Mr. Bourassa and the Nationalists. After reminding the citizens of Three Rivers of his forty years of public service and touching lightly upon some of the many achievements of that period, he turned like a flash to Mr. Bourassa's tactics.

"I tell you," he thundered, "that Bourassa is not able to overthrow Laurier," and later when he revealed the strange and unholy alliance between the Nationalists and the Conservatives he declared that "the Nationalists and Tories together are not able to defeat Laurier."

Sir Wilfrid defied the Nationalists to their worst, and ended by saying he would fight fairly and would stand up by the truth.

"I respect the truth, and if I cannot speak the truth I prefer to go down to the bottom. You electors have known me as a young man. You trusted me when I came before you as a young-adventurer, and I defy any person to point any way in which I have betrayed your trust."

In the course of his address the Prime Minister touched upon reciprocity and upon the Nationalist move-

ment and in every instance his arguments went home with telling effect and were cheered to the echo by his audience.

The bad weather and the harvest rush kept away many people, but the park at Three Rivers was crowded to its capacity. Sir Wilfrid, accompanied by Hon. R. Lemieux, Hon. Dr. Bland and hundreds of admirers, came down by special train from Montreal. At the station he was met by the Hon. Jacques Bureau, the Liberal committee and a monster gathering of citizens. A procession was formed and with bands playing and carriages decorated gaily, paraded through the streets to the park, where a stand had been erected. Hon. Jacques Bureau and Dr. Bland spoke during a steady rainfall.

Just as Sir Wilfrid Laurier arose to speak the sun broke through the clouds and a beautiful rainbow arched itself across the heavens. He had scarcely finished speaking when the rain came down in torrents, dispersing the crowd and preventing Hon. R. Lemieux and others from speaking. The rainfall did not allow either speakers or audience to do full justice to the occasion, but, on the other hand, it was as evidence of the hold Sir Wilfrid had on the people of this province, that the electors, accompanied by their wives and families, stood for hours to hear and see their chief. The simple, honest habitant was willing to brave the elements that by doing so he could hear his leader. The arguments and appeals of Sir Wilfrid found a ready response in the hearts of this gathering. Laurier is still the "Les Grand Chef" and the idol of his people.

### SOLDIERS ARE GUARDING RAILWAYS

### FIVE THOUSAND ON DUTY IN LONDON

#### Union Leaders Claim 200,000 Men Have Obeyed Call for General Strike

London, Aug. 18.—At noon the strike order issued last night by the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and allied organizations of employees had been a partial success.

Some of the railway lines were operating only a few trains, while on other lines the service continued practically normal.

The military held possession of the stations along the lines to protect men going to work and to guard the property of the companies.

At the same time the government continues its efforts to avert the general stoppage of transportation service. Sydney

Paton, president of the board of trade, who had an early morning call from Viscount Richard D. Haldane, secretary of state for war, again met the railway managers and the officials of the union to consider the government's suggestion for the appointment of a royal commission which should investigate and report what amendments, if any, should be made to the legislation agreement now existing between the owners and the employees.

The union leaders this afternoon expressed themselves as satisfied with the terms of the strike order. They stated that 200,000 men quit work.

James H. Fry Thomas, labor member of parliament for Derby, and assistant secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, asserted that the strikers had almost paralyzed the whole railway system of the United Kingdom.

The government proposal for a royal commission was considered by joint committees of railway societies during the afternoon, but the men did not agree that they should deal directly with them.

Some 5,000 troops arrived in London during the night and morning following.

### LAUNDRY DISTRICT.

#### By-law to Eliminate Chinese Wash-houses in Residential Quarters of Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert, Aug. 17.—A laundry and wash-house by-law is to be introduced into the city council by Ald. Hilditch. It will be prepared by the city solicitor along the line of those adopted in other cities having for its object the forcing of Chinese who open wash-houses to keep their places clean and conform more to the rules observed in white laundries. It is proposed also to limit the location of laundries and wash-houses in the future.

Ald. Hilditch in his notice of motion designated blocks 41 to 46, section 5, as the location for laundries and wash-houses.

Ald. Smith wanted to know if this would apply to steam laundries. Ald. Hilditch said it would apply to any built in future. It would not apply to those now in existence.

Ald. Douglas objected to making that a laundry district. Ald. Hilditch said he did not care where it went. If there was any other site more suitable he would accept the suggestion. He explained that his action was taken now because there was an application in for permission to build a Chinese wash-house on Fifth avenue where one had burned down before. The by-law was introduced to prevent the erection of Chinese wash-houses in the residential quarters.

### FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

Cuernavaca, Mex., Aug. 17.—The first battle of the Morales revolution was begun yesterday at Yautepac, 27 miles from here. Under the direction of Jesus Morales, a considerable force of the followers of Emiliano Zapala opened fire on the eighteenth battalion as it entered the town.

From tops of the surrounding hills, and church towers the insurgents fired into the ranks of the federalists, who were answering the fire when carriers left to bring the news to General Huerta's headquarters here.

Among the federalists being sent forward is the force of former revolutionists under General Ambrosio Figueroa. The federal advance is the movement made by Huerta in compliance with his orders to wipe out the rebellious followers of Zapala, who refused to be mustered out "until the federalists were withdrawn and a new governor appointed."

### CUTTING WHEAT CROP IN MANITOBA

#### Harvesting Will Not Be General in Alberta and Saskatchewan Until Next Week

Winnipeg, Aug. 18.—A local paper will publish to-morrow reports from 150 special correspondents on crop conditions through the prairie West, and of these quite one-half claim prospects of bonanza yields running from 30 to 45 bushels for wheat and 60 to 100 for oats. Ten to twenty per cent of the wheat crop has been cut in Manitoba, but harvesting will not be general in Alberta until August 21, and in Saskatchewan before August 25.

Summarizing, these reports point to the greatest average yield the Canadian West has known, provided conditions remain good.

### DAY TRIAL FIXED

Before Judge McInnes in the county court to-day the trial of John Day, charged with having navy yard stores in his possession, knowing the same to have been stolen, was fixed for Sept. 1st at 10 o'clock.

At the preliminary hearing the accused elected a trial before the higher court and August 17 was set by Judge Lampman when the accused elected a trial before the county court judge.

Judge Lampman being engaged taking Judge Young's court at Atlin this week, Judge McInnes was called upon to make another date and heard H. Dallas Helmecken's application on behalf of accused. J. A. Aitman was present on behalf of the crown.

### FINED FOR ILLEGAL FISHING.

New Westminster, Aug. 17.—Chief Inspector Cunningham of the fisheries department tried eighteen cases of infringement of the salmon fishing regulations. The accused, mostly Japanese, were convicted of fishing with nets exceeding the regulation length of 150 fathoms and fined \$10 and costs each. The question of confiscation of the nets was reserved.

### PORT ALBERNI LIBERALS.

Port Alberni, Aug. 17.—A successful re-organization meeting of the Port Alberni Liberal Association was held in the offices of Jas. R. Morton, First avenue. Several new members were enrolled and officers were elected as follows: President, J. A. Maughan; vice-president, R. M. Ellis; secretary-treasurer, R. F. Blandy.

### VISITING JOURNALISTS.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 18.—The visiting British journalists arrived here last night.

### NOT A NEW QUESTION.

As proof of the fact that reciprocity with the United States has been an important issue on Vancouver Island ever since it had an existence, as a British Colony, we quote the speech of the first Governor of the Colony to its first Legislature. The following are the words of Sir James Douglas, spoken in the year 1854:

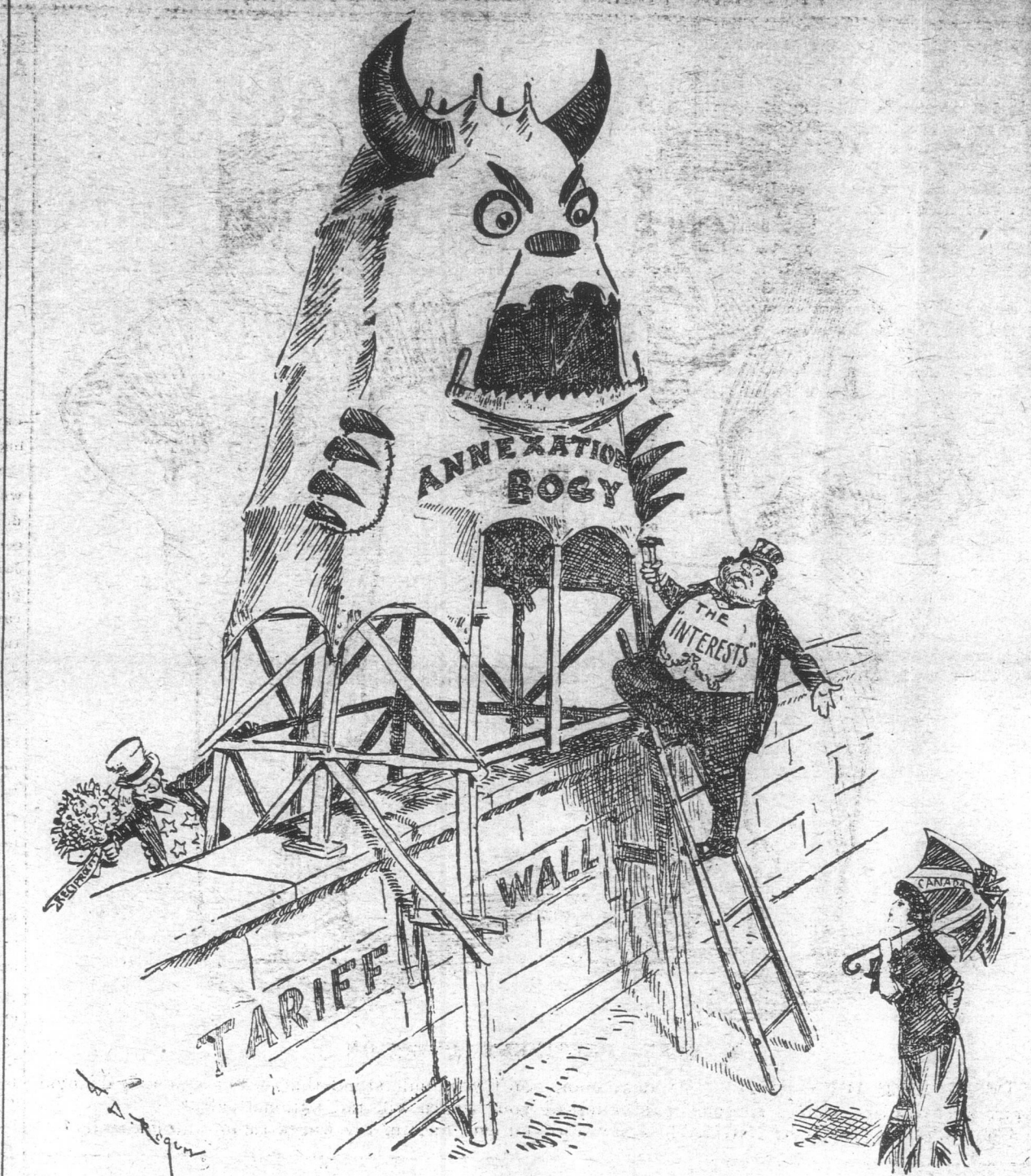
"Gentlemen, I am happy to inform you that Her Majesty's government continues to express the most lively interest in the progress and welfare of this colony. Negotiations are now pending with the United States, which may probably terminate in an extension of the reciprocity treaty to Vancouver Island. To show the commercial advantages connected with that treaty I will just mention that an import duty of £30 is levied on every £100 worth of British produce which is now sent to San Francisco, or to any other American port; or, in other words, the British proprietor pays as a tax to the United States the value of every third cargo of fish, timber, or coal which he sends to any American port. The reciprocity treaty utterly abolishes these fearful imposts, and establishes a system of free trade in the produce of British colonies. The effects of that measure in developing the trade and natural resources of the colony cannot, therefore, be hardly overestimated. The coal, the timber, and the productive fisheries of Vancouver's Island will assume a value before unknown, while every branch of trade will start into activity, and become the means of pouring wealth into the country. So unbounded is the reliance which I place in the enterprise and intelligence possessed by the people of this colony, and in the advantages of their geographical position, that with equal confidence, and a fair field I think they may enter into a successful competition with the people of any other country. The extension of the reciprocity treaty to this island once gained, the interests will become inseparably connected with the principles of free trade, a system which I think it will be sound policy on our part to encourage."

### ADMIRAL'S TRIP CURTAILED.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 18.—An attack of acute indigestion declared by his attendants to be slight, caused the cancellation of the programme of entertainment in honor of Admiral Togo, Japanese naval officer here yesterday. The proposed trip of the admiral to Provincetown to receive the courtesies of the United States fleet at that port was also abandoned.

### AERIAL FLIGHTS.

Chicago, Ills., Aug. 17.—The gusts of wind that made flying dangerous yesterday were missing when the meet opened to-day. Instead there were slight but steady breezes off the lake and aviators said it would help rather than hinder the flights. C. P. Rodgers retained his hold of the duration lead with 13 hours and 29 minutes and 18 seconds in the air.



THEY DON'T SEEM TO SEE IT

—New York Herald

### NEW C.P.R. LINERS FOR THE PACIFIC

#### FAIRFIELD COMPANY TO BUILD TWO STEAMERS

#### Will Be Larger Than Atlantic Empresses—Average Speed of Eighteen Knots

Montreal, Aug. 18.—It has been officially announced that the Canadian Pacific Railway yesterday placed an order for two new steamships for its Vancouver-Victoria-Hongkong service. This step has been under contemplation for some time, the C. P. R.'s rapidly increasing freight and passenger traffic on the Pacific ocean necessitating the securing of increased transportation facilities.

The contract for the new boats has been let to the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company of Glasgow, one of the largest firms along the Clyde.

The new ships will be of the most modern construction in every respect. They will be 595 feet long over all, and will have a tonnage of about 18,000. They will be equipped with engines of from 15,000 to 17,000 horse power and will be required to maintain an average speed of eighteen knots per hour and develop on their trial trips a speed of twenty knots an hour.

In size a trifle larger than the Atlantic Empresses, the new boats will have accommodation for thirteen hundred passengers and will also have a huge freight carrying capacity. The new boats will be literally floating palaces. They will be luxuriously finished and will undoubtedly materially decrease the running time between B. C. ports and the Orient. The boats will be ready in January 1913 and will cost over \$2,500,000, fully completed.

### TAKEN AFTER LONG CHASE.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 18.—Trailed across the continent for eighteen months by the brother of the man he killed, John Sullivan is now in jail here, charged with the death of Thomas Weeks, in Kansas City in May, 1910. Herman Weeks, the brother, recognized him on the street. Sullivan says he killed Weeks in self-defence, according to the police.

### MCCURDY WINS BOMB THROWING CONTEST

#### Secures Second Prize in Nine Mile Speed Event for Biplanes at Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Suits were filed here yesterday by the Wright company in the United States circuit court against the International Aviation Meet Association, its officers and members, charging an infringement of patent by every one of the two score aeroplanes at the meet, except the Wright aviators, and asking protective profits and damages.

Lincoln Beachey flirted with death again in his flight yesterday, and he was forced to make another spectacular descent, from which even his brother aviators scarcely expected him to escape alive. When about 2,000 feet high his engine ran out of gasoline. A streak of smoke could be seen stretching behind the aeroplane, and it was at first thought the machine was on fire. He reached the earth by a steep glide, which threatened to dash him to pieces. He brought the machine to a standstill and escaped unharmed. As a result of accidents thus far, the course has been changed from the crib course out into the lake into one along the shore.

Results: Nine-mile speed contest for biplanes—Lincoln Beachey won; time, 15:40.4 seconds; J. A. D. McCurdy second, time 13 minutes, 40 seconds.

Starting—John J. Frisbie, 131 feet, 9 inches.

Bomb throwing—J. A. D. McCurdy, five points out of a possible twenty-four.

Passenger carrying speed contest for monoplanes—Thomas J. Sopwith, 13 minutes, 44.32 seconds.

### MISSIONARIES WILL HOLD CONVENTION

#### Monster Gathering Planned for Vancouver in Middle of October

Vancouver is to be the seat of a remarkable religious gathering in October. From October 18th, to the 29th, the "Men's Missionary Convention" of the Laymen's Missionary Movement will hold its sessions there. Some of the leading men—lay and clerical, the missionary experts and specialists of the churches from Eastern Canada—are coming to participate in these meetings.

The convention is interdenominational in character. Dr. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada; Dr. Sydney Gould of the M. S. C. C.; Dr. P. McKay, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly; Mr. J. F. Brown, Chief Justice of Saskatchewan; Mr. H. K. Caskey, General Secretary of the L. M. M. for Canada and a number of other men will be on the programme.

Mr. Senior of Toronto is to be musical conductor. Locally, British Columbia will be represented on the programme by some of her strongest men. The Right Rev. the Bishop of New Westminster will lead the devotions of the convention on the first evening. The best known man in public life in B. C. has been asked to give the address to the visiting delegates, and it is expected he will agree to do so.

The names that will take the largest place in the public eye will undoubtedly be those of John R. Mott, L. L. D. and Sir Andrew Fraser. While in India as Governor of Bengal, Sir Andrew Fraser obtained a very intimate knowledge of the workings of the missions and he has very decided convictions in regard to the value of them. He does not belong to the official class who sometimes, when they return from non-Christian lands say missionaries are a failure. He is a most ardent advocate of missions.

A speech he delivered a few days ago in the U. P. Assembly, Edinburgh, was a most telling bit of apologetic literature.

J. R. Mott has been a prominent figure and worker in missionary circles for the last 15 years. He was one of the Nashville convention of the Students Volunteer Movement in 1906, and again unanimously chosen Chairman of the Edinburgh World's Missionary Conference. By his tact, skill, courtesy and kindness he fairly captured the hearts of the members of that great gathering regarded by many as the greatest of Christian Councils. Mott is a scholar, an organizer, an author and a born leader of men. A keen, brainy, level-headed fellow to whom business men will be delighted to listen.

It will afford many of the men of this province the opportunity of a lifetime to hear these notable men, and it is expected that they will not miss it.

Rev. J. H. Cameron, B. A. of City Heights, Vancouver, has been appointed Field Secretary, and he will supply all necessary information to intending visitors to convention and churches. He will also visit the principal centres in the Province to stimulate interest in the movement and to endeavor to have all the churches adequately represented by full delegations.

### DESPOUDENT WOMAN'S DEED.

Hangs Her Two Children and Then Ends Own Life.

Warton, Ont., Aug. 17.—Mrs. Thomas Pettigrew, of Lion's Head, hanged her two children, James and Hazel, aged 12 and 12, then placing their bodies side by side in bed, hanged herself. The woman had been ill for years. The husband, who is a carpenter, was away from home.

### BORDEN'S TRADE POLICY REPUDIATED

#### CONSERVATIVE NOMINEE OUTLINES ATTITUDE

John Herron, Candidate for MacLeod, Tells Why He Will Vote for Reciprocity

Winnipeg, Man. Aug. 18.—At MacLeod, Alberta, Conservative convention on Wednesday night, John Herron, member for MacLeod for the past seven years, went back on Borden's trade policy.

In taking the nomination he said: "If elected again I will go to Ottawa and vote for the reciprocity pact. I think it dangerous in spots, but everyone in the constituency wants it, and therefore I will vote for it."

Mr. Herron, who declared that he favored reciprocity with the United States because everyone in his constituency was for it, issued a statement in MacLeod, Alta., last night, explaining his position. He said that Farmer unions had voted in favor of the ageement almost unanimously; town councils and boards of trade had indorsed it, and he had only a few letters opposing it. He said he saw dangers in reciprocity, but that if the people did not find it to work to their advantage, it could be cancelled by a stroke of a pen.

### OPPOSITION TO REDISTRIBUTION

#### Vancouver Aldermen Hold It is Not Necessary in View of Commission Vote

Vancouver, Aug. 17.—Ald. McMaster's by-law to redistribute the wards in the city encountered some opposition in the meeting of the city council, and was eventually laid over for two weeks. It has been provided that copies of bylaws shall be in the hands of the aldermen twenty-four hours before the council meeting, but owing to the city solicitor being in Victoria this did not happen in this instance.

Objections were entered by the Sunnyside Ratepayers' Association and the South Hastings Improvement Association against the proposed by-law, and Ald. Macpherson raised the most decided objection. He said that as the citizens had voted in favor of commission form of government the redistribution was hardly necessary.

"That reminds me of a man I used to know," Ald. McMaster remarked, "who did not paint his house because he might sell it." He said that wards were necessary and this would not prevent the carrying out of the wish of the people.

Some of the aldermen favored the bylaw going into committee of the whole, when changes might be made, and Representative McBeath of Hastings Township declared that the representatives from both Hastings and 301 should oppose it as it meant a violation of agreement. These newly annexed districts were to have two members on the council, and if this bylaw passed it meant that before they got their seats it would be made impossible to elect a single representative.

The mayor declared that the bylaw would have to go over.

### SEATTLE RECALL PETITIONS.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 18.—Recall petitions against Mayor George G. Dilling and Councilmen Max Wardell, E. M. L. Elms and J. Y. C. Kellogg, were filed with city comptroller yesterday. The petitions were filed by the Citizens' Recall Association, of which Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Sirtan are the leaders.

### ENDS LIFE AT SEA.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—The Allan liner Scyllian, which arrived in port to-day, reported the suicide of a passenger booked as Reginald Bignall, London. He was about forty years of age and was on his way out west. He leaped overboard a few days out from London.

### WILL ENGAGE ENGINEER.

Prince Rupert, Aug. 17.—An assistant engineer, at a salary not to exceed \$125, will be engaged for the city engineer's department. The city engineer asked for one, and the committee recommended that such be done.