NO ACTION UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS

GERALD BALFOUR ON GOVERNMENT POLICY

Asquith Says Adoption of Chamberlain's Proposal Would Foment Quarrels With the Colonies.

London, Oct. 9.—The discussion of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals continues keen, but so far the Liberals have made no organized attempt at a counter-campaign. Mr. Asquith, the Liberal leader, at Conderford, an iron and coal centre in Gloucestershire, yesterday contended that it was impossible to retaliate upon the protected countries without taxing food or raw material, and experience proved that retaliation did more harm to the retaliators than the retaliated. The adoption of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals would foment quarrels with colonies. It was calumny on the colonies to say that the unity of the Empire was impossible without preferential tariffs.

Mr. Bryce, M. P., speaking at Lancaster, expressed similar opinions, and characterized Mr. Chamberlain's statements as grotesquely untrue and worthless.

Gerald Balfour, president of the board of trade, addressing a meeting at Leeds, reaffirmed that the government was pledged not to give effect to the fiscal reform proposals until after an appeal to the country had been made, and he intimated the possibility that after Mr. Chamberlain had concluded his mission, it might be found that the taxation of food was within the range of practical politics.

Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian ex-premier, presiding at a meeting in London, expressed his complete approval of Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

The newspapers are industriously collecting prominent colonial opinions on the fiscal question which so far is not unduly enthusiastic, although largely favorable to Mr. Chamberlain.

No Falling Off.

London, Oct. 9.—Addressing the semi-annual meeting to-day of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada, the president, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, took exception to Joseph Chamberlain's quotation on "American authority" during his speech at Greenock on Wednesday, to the effect that American trade was falling off. Sir Charles said he saw no appreciable slackening of the flow of business. The impression which he brought home after his recent visit to Canada and the United States was that the industries of both countries were progressing, and that under ordinary conditions there seemed to be no reason why their continued development should not be maintained, "in spite of the ill-directed efforts of the combinations which had introduced such disturbing influences in the natural course of business."

Views of Railway Servants.

London, Oct. 9.—The congress of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, in session at Peterborough, representing most of the railway employees of the United Kingdom, passed a resolution to-day as follows:

Viewing with alarm the proposed fiscal changes introduced by Mr. Chamberlain, and believing that they would add to the burdens of the working classes and prove ineffectual in serving the purpose of Imperial unity, this congress, while viewing with some concern any increase in the importation of manufactured goods, consider that before any scheme of retaliation is adopted there should be a thorough inquiry in which the industrial and commercial classes should be consulted."

OPERATIONS SUSPENDED.

Macedonians Will Give Sultan Till Spring to Introduce Promised Reforms.

Vienna, Oct. 9.—It is reported from Sofia that the Macedonian committee has resolved to suspend the revolutionary operations till the spring in order to see whether Turkey will execute the promised reforms.

Turks Crossed Frontier.

Kosendil, Bulgaria, Oct. 9.—A battalion of Turkish troops, occupying a post at Karamanitza, yesterday crossed the Bulgarian frontier and attacked a Bulgarian blockhouse. The Turks subsequently attacked the village of Guvesevo and looted a number of houses, but on the approach of Bulgarian reinforcements, retired. Three Turks were killed.

THE NEW MINISTERS.

Assumed Duties After Privy Council Held by King Edward.

London, Oct. 9.—The new cabinet ministers have assumed their duties, the seats of office having been exchanged at a privy council meeting held by King Edward at Buckingham Palace this morning. All the retiring officials and their successors were present, with the exception of the Duke of Devonshire, the late Lord President of the Council, and Mr. Arnold Forster, the new War Secretary. The latter was indisposed and the former was subsequently received in private audience by the King.

ONE PERSON DROWNED.

Patterson, N. J., Oct. 9.—The heavy rains of last night and to-day caused a flood in this city and vicinity which at three o'clock to-day threatens to prove as disastrous as that of two years ago. So far as known but one life has been lost. The river rose a foot between 2 and 3 o'clock. Hundreds of tons of coal were washed into the streets from the Lackawanna railroad pockets.

THE ATLANTIC CUP.

Yachts Will Sail From Sandy Hook to Needles for Trophy Presented by Lipton.

New York, Oct. 9.—The Herald says: "It was definitely decided last night that the Atlantic Yacht Club will be the custodian of the $2,500 cup which Sir Thomas Lipton has offered for an ocean race from Sandy Hook lightship to the Needles in May next. The conditions of the contest will be published at an early date. In addition to the honor of having the winning yacht's name inscribed upon the cup, it is announced that the Atlantic Yacht Club will give three additional cups, one of the value of $500, to go to the first yacht finishing, one of $300 to go to the second yacht, and still another of $200 to go to the third boat. The restrictions of the race will be few. Each yacht will take its own time at the finish and all allowance will be barred."

Sails for Home.

New York, Oct. 9.—Sir Thomas Lipton sailed for England to-day on the steamer Cedric. Sir Thomas said he was not feeling as well as he looked, but that he expected to gain strength on his way to England. Sir Thomas bid good-bye to H. H. Davies, his agent in this country, and Capt. Webster, who were the only persons at the dock to see him off. He would not talk of the possibility of his challenging again for the cup. The Cedric also carries J. Coleman Drayton, Dr. Hans Schwehel, Austro-Hungarian vice-consul at Chicago; M. P. Whittaker, M.P., and W. H. Trusdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad.

MAN KILLED.

His Stepson Is in Custody Charged With Shooting.

St. Louis, Oct. 8.—Thomas Lucas, a 16-year-old colored boy of Brooklyn, Ill., across the river from here, is a prisoner charged with killing his step-father, Charles Anderson, also colored, aged 40. Anderson, who had quarreled with the boy's sister and threatened her, was shot through the lungs with a revolver.

SIX MEN BURIED.

They Were at Work in Railway Cutting When Caught by a Cave-in.

Greensburg, Pa., Oct. 9.—While a number of Italians were at work with a steam shovel on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's improvements of Bolivar, Pa., to-day, a portion of the hill through which a deep cut is being made, caved in, burying the men and the steam shovel. The work of rescuing the men is being pushed, but owing to the immense quantity of earth covering them the progress is slow. It is believed that at least six men have been killed.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—Clarence Monk has been appointed landing waiter at Vancouver.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced in the House to-day that the amendment to the Audit Act was to be dropped. This is the bill which was introduced to settle the difficulty with the auditor-general. The affair has been settled amicably without legislation.

RUMORED OCCUPATION

Of Mesampho by the Japanese—Rumor of Proposed Partition of Korea Not True.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Frankfurter Zeitung states that news has reached there from Chefoo to the effect that the Japanese have occupied Mesampho, and that an official declaration of war is expected.

Not True.

London, Oct. 12.—The Tokio correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the statement that Russia has proposed the partition of Korea is unfounded. It is generally asserted, but not yet officially confirmed, that Japan has obtained the concession for the Seoul-Kaiseng section of the Seoul-Wiju railway, and also for the Masampho branch.

It Must Come.

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A SAD FATALITY AT CUMBERLAND

EX-MAYOR ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIS DAUGHTER

Contents of Both Barrels of Gun Lodged in Girl's Face and Breast.

Nanaimo, Oct. 9.—Last night ex-Mayor James Carthew, of Cumberland, accidentally shot and killed his eight-year-old daughter, Hazel.

Mr. Carthew was out on his own land shooting grouse, and was accompanied by his two children, Hazel, the victim, and a boy. He was about to fire and turned to the boy warning him to keep out of the way. At that moment the gun, which chanced to be in line with the little girl, was accidentally discharged, the contents of both barrels striking the child, who was but a few feet away, in the face and breast, and tearing the flesh to ribbons. A hole was literally blown into the carolid artery.

Mr. Carthew picked up the child, but before he could reach the house, which is close at hand, she was dead.

Mr. Carthew is almost demented. The family, which has resided here for a long time, is very popular and the greatest sympathy is expressed by all in the district. An inquest will probably be held.

VISITING ARTILLERY.

London Company Pays a Visit to Washington.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The Honorable Artillery Company, of London, accompanied by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of Boston, arrived here this afternoon. The visiting organizations were met by General Corbin and Major Green, U.S.A., and were escorted to the Arlington hotel by troop E of the Second Cavalry, and the Minute Men of this city. The street was lined with spectators. Arrangements have been completed for the reception of the visitors at the White House to-morrow afternoon.

Lord Denbigh sent the following cablegram to King Edward from New York last evening:

"To the King, London: Pleased to inform Your Majesty four days' visit to Boston most successful. Saturday visited Providence. Great reception. Enormous enthusiastic crowd in Boston for church parade Sunday. Yesterday saw magnificent march and drill West Point cadets. Commandant sent respectful greetings to Your Majesty. Great cordiality toward Your Majesty and England. Going to Washington to-morrow and President receives us."

Lord Denbigh this afternoon received the following message from King Edward:

"The Earl Denbigh, commanding Honorable Artillery Company, Washington: Delighted to hear how enthusiastically you have been received everywhere, and it is very kind of the President to receive you."

WIPING OUT INSURGENTS.

Turks Have Nearly Completed Their Work in Northern Part of Monaster.

Uskub, European Turkey, Oct. 10.—Official dispatches regarding the recent engagement between Turkish troops and insurgents at Kaimakachalan stated that 100 insurgents were killed including four chiefs.

A band of thirty revolutionaries were destroyed near Nevrokop on Wednesday. Two villages, each of 600 houses, have been bombarded and burned.

Annihilated.

Monastir, Oct. 10.—The military operations in the northern part of the Monastir vilayet are nearly finished. The last remaining band in this district, numbering ninety-three was annihilated by the Turkish soldiery on October 6th, after a desperate fight. The band sought to stop the Turkish advance by rolling huge boulders down a mountain side. A number of Turks were killed or wounded. The Turks continued their advance and after a desperate battle on a ridge sixty-three insurgents were killed. The remainder surrendered later.

The Frontier Troubles.

Sofia, Oct. 10.—The war office to-day ordered the complete mobilization of the first and second classes of reserves resident in the Kostendil district and of the Thirteenth Macedonian Infantry. This step was taken as a precautionary measure in view of the repeated provocative acts of the Turks on the frontier.

The war office has decided in view of the situation not to send home any of the reserves for the present. The Dnevnik says the authorities are surprised and concerned at the frequent aggressions of Turkish troops along the frontier. The Bulgarian ministry has formally complained to the Turkish government on the subject and has pointed out the deplorable results which such conduct must have on the relations between the two governments at a moment when direct negotiations are proceeding.

About 700 refugees arrived yesterday at Pastra, near Rila, from Razlog.

It is estimated that 20,000 refugees are now in Bulgaria. Of this number 13,000 are in the Bourgas and Varna districts. The remainder are distributed in the Rila, Samakov and other districts.

It is believed in official circles in Paris that if hostilities are precipitated between Russia and Japan, the latter will take the first step. The Port Arthur correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald denies that any force of Japanese have yet concentrated in Korea.

STORM AT SEA; FLOODS ON LAND

VESSELS WRECKED AND TOWNS INUNDATED

Situation at Paterson is Grave—Bridges Have Been Swept Away—Railways Crippled.

New York, Oct. 10.—The Norwich line passenger steamboat City of Worcester, which left New York this evening, was blown on the rocks of Execution Light, near City Island in Long Island Sound, to-night, and lies in a dangerous position off shore. With a wind blowing at sixty miles an hour and rain falling so as to make the night inky black, it is supposed that the City of Worcester either lost her course or was blown out of it. Execution Light, although powerful, was obscured by the storm to-night. The steamboat sent up distress signals upon running aground. The steamboat Vernon, bound for New London from New York, put about and attempted to run alongside the Worcester to take her passengers off. For three hours the Vernon laboured, but when last seen from the shore, had been unable to render assistance. Life-savers were unable to launch a boat from shore because of the heavy sea.

Tug Lost.

Block Island, R. I., Oct. 10.—A severe northeast storm has been raging here since Wednesday. The tug Iykens is reported lost; also a barge off Montauk Point on Friday, but the crew is said to have been rescued. A Reading tug, anchored off here, is also thought to have lost her tow.

Crews Missing.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 10.—The three-masted schooner Nellie W. Howlett, from Pensacola, Capt. Gheem, lumber laden, is a total wreck off Dam Neck station. The crew has been saved. The United States cruiser Olympia, in dry dock here with her bottom torn out, is threatened by the flood. The tide is now within a few inches of the top of the cassion. Two four-masted coal barges carrying crews of four to six men are ashore at Virginia Beach. The life-saving crews dropped lines over both, but received no response. The fate of the crews is unknown.

The Flood at Paterson.

Paterson, N. J., Oct. 10.—The flood situation to-night is very grave. The water at Garfield avenue is higher by fifty inches than the point reached in 1902. The damage to the city is estimated at over $2,000,000. Crowds of men are guarding the gate house at the mill race, and at the first intimation that the gate will break away at Bruce street the gate house will be blown up with dynamite so as to turn the water into the chasm of the Passiac falls. The people are expecting the great Dundee dam to go at any time and a gun was fired at 10 o'clock to give the signal of extreme danger to the horror-stricken people. Should this dam give way it is feared that there will be a repetition of the Johnstown disaster. The bridges in the city are giving way one by one, causing a panic among the people. Already to-night five bridges have gone down under the strain of the frightful current. They are the Straight street bridge, Hillman Market, Moffat and Broadway bridges. At 11 o'clock to-night the water is within three inches of the boiler in the Edison Electric Light Works. The bridge of the company is washed away. The large bridge used by the Susquehanna railway is weakened. The company abandoned running trains over it to-night, passengers being transferred and the women carried by railroad employees. A three-story building at Athenia, three miles from here, was washed away. There were eighteen people in the building. They were rescued with difficulty.

In Lackawanna Valley.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 10.—The most disastrous flood in the history of the Lackawanna Valley created havoc and destruction along the course of the Lackawanna river from Forest City, eighteen miles north of here, to Pittston, eight miles south of here, where the river empties into the Susquehanna. Mines are flooded, electric light plants are under water and electric railways are at a standstill. Steam railways are also great sufferers. No trains have arrived here from New York since last night. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and the Jersey Central are the chief sufferers. The Delaware & Hudson, whose trains for a time were stalled, began operations to-day. The New York, Ontario & Western railroad is completely tied up. The plants of over a dozen manufacturing concerns along the low lands of the Lackawanna river have been forced to shut down. The principal electric light company, on which the city depends for light, and on which many factories depend for their power, was under six feet of water to-day, but the river is subsiding rapidly.

Fled For Lives.

Dover, N. J., Oct. 10.—Longwood dam on the Rockaway river at this place broke to-day causing a torrent of water to rush through the rolling mill of the Ulster Iron Works. One hundred men were forced to flee for their lives. The Richardson and Boynton Stove Works and other buildings in the vicinity were flooded.

Man Drowned.

Hobart, N. Y., Oct. 10.—Several iron bridges on the Ulster & Delaware railroad between East Meredith and Phoenicia, have been carried away by the storm. Several trains were held up in the gorges of the Catskills. Morgan Olmstead, a Grand hotel employee, fell into Birch creek at Pine Hill and was drowned. One man who tried to save some property from a floating barn near Delhi was drowned.

DESTRUCTIVE LANDSLIDE.

Two Valuable Farms Swept Into River —Suicide at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—News has reached here of a landslide some 20 miles from Buckingham. Two farms, worth about $5,000 each, were piled into the river, and live stock and outbuildings were destroyed. The distance covered by the slide is said to be about three-quarters of a mile. No lives are reported lost.

Daniel McDonald, aged 42, an employee of J. R. Booth, residing at 351 Rochester street, committed suicide on Saturday by shooting himself through the heart while in his son's bedroom. Despondency was the cause of the act.

Mr. Charlton's Dominion Election Act was discussed in the House on Saturday.

STEAMBOAT RACING.

Ramona Damaged on Fraser, and Will Have to Be Laid Off For Repairs.

Vancouver, Oct. 12.—Steamers Hamlin and Ramona had a race on the Fraser river on Sunday morning, and as a result the Ramona is suffering a damage of over a thousand dollars, and will have to be laid off a week or two for repairs.

The steamers were going up river, and each was trying to be the first to reach the railway bridge at Mission. Up the river the steamers careered side by side, and it was not until they were within two hundred yards of the swing that the Hamlin gained any advantage. She managed to squeeze in ahead, and the Ramona was bumped out of her course. She struck the bridge with a smash about fifty feet to the north of the channel span she was heading for. The pilot house hit the bridge timbers and was carried aft bodily. All the upper works, even with the pilot house, were shaved off.

The Hamlin, seeing the predicament of her rival, came back and towed her to a wharf. The captain of the Ramona stayed in the pilot house all the time while it was being carried down the storm deck, but was not injured. No one else was injured.

BOUNDARY QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Statements Attributed to Lord Alverstone and Mr. Aylesworth Are Not Credited.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—R. L. Borden asked in the House to-day if there was any truth in the story sent out by the Canadian Press Association from London, England, that Mr. Aylesworth stated that he was endeavoring to stiffen the back of Lord Alverstone in connection with the Alaskan boundary award, but that the outlook was that Englishmen were going to side with the Americans.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that the government had no information on the subject, but he did not think that Mr. Aylesworth would have expressed the statements that were attributed to him.

Mr. Bell, Pictou, also read an item from a newspaper stating that Lord Alverstone had expressed the opinion privately that the United States has the strongest end of the case, and he was to give his judgment that way.

Sir Richard Cartwright did not think it was at all likely that Lord Alverstone would have said that.

RULERS GOING TO FRANCE.

The King and Queen of Italy Will Arrive in Paris on Wednesday.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Because of the prospect that it may have political results as important as those which attended the courtesies exchanged by President Loubet and King Edward, France is awaiting with eagerness the approaching visit of the King and Queen of Italy, who will cross the French frontier Wednesday.

On arriving in Paris on Wednesday afternoon, their Majesties will be received by President and Madame Loubet and other officials. The Italian rulers will live in the palace of the ministry of foreign affairs during their stay. The apartments have been exquisitely furnished and the King will occupy a bed used by Napoleon.

The programme for the entertainment of the King and Queen include a gala performance at the Grand Opera, banquets, a shooting trip for the King, and a visit to the museum Louvre for the Queen. Next Sunday there will be a review, and the visitors will leave for Rome afterwards.

The decorations being put up in Paris in honor of the visit will surpass those erected for King Edward.

The statesmen of France and Italy recognize that there are possibilities in the visit of the Italian King of the greatest importance which may lead to closer relations and seriously effect the triple alliance. Signor Prinitti, the foreign minister of Italy, has declared that, allied, the two countries could exercise great influence on the European concert. President Loubet shares this opinion, and earnestly seeks a rapprochement, with a Franco-Italian treaty of arbitration similar with the one about to be concluded with Great Britain.

IRISH LAND BILL.

Redmond Thinks Party Will Be Able to Compel Landlords to Sell Grazing Ranches.

London, Oct. 12.—John Redmond, the Irish leader, speaking at Tulsk, Roscommon, expressed doubt whether the new Irish Land Act would prove successful in the congested districts of Connaught, but, he said, if the landlords refused to sell their grazing ranches to the congested districts board it would be easy in the present condition of the English parties to get compulsory powers at the next session of parliament. He therefore warned the Irish landlords and Irish government not to prove obdurate.

GOING TO ASSIST MR. CHAMBERLAIN

G. E. FOSTER WILL TAKE PART IN CAMPAIGN

Sails for England on Saturday—Manufacturers' President on Trip to the West.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster is to re-enter politics, but not in Canada. Mr. Chamberlain has asked for his assistance in his educational campaign in Great Britain. A deputation from the British Tariff Reform League brought the invitation a short time ago but Mr. Foster has only now decided that business interests will allow him to get away. He will sail for England on the 17th instant. The present intention is to be gone only six weeks, but if found advisable he may stay longer.

Child Stealing Case.

Montreal, Oct. 12.—Superintendent of Neglected Children Kelso throws a new light upon the case of Sister Magdalena, found guilty at Niagara Falls of stealing a seven months old child. The child is illegitimate and the sister not only cared for it but for the mother as well. Her action was only prompted by a desire to advance the best interests of the child.

The Soo Works.

Sault Ste. Marie, Oct. 12.—Argument began Saturday morning before Judge Johnson on a motion of Attorney Bicknell that Speyer & Co. be placed in possession of the works of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. The motion was resisted on behalf of the company, the ground taken being that Speyer & Company had no right of possession until they could show they intended operating the works. During the hearing it developed that Senator Dandurand of Montreal, had an option on all the property since October 1st on behalf of an English syndicate, the option contemplating a loan of eight million dollars with the right of purchase during the six months following. It was asked that the proceedings be stayed so that Senator Dandurand's rights to investigate and inspect would not be obliterated.

Immensely Impressed.

Winnipeg, Oct. 12.—Before leaving Winnipeg on Saturday, George E. Drummond, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, speaking for the members, issued the following to the press: "We are immensely impressed with the extent of the country, its wonderful possibilities and magnificent variety of scenery. We are surprised beyond measure with the development evident throughout the territory we have visited, in farming, ranching, lumbering, mining and fisheries. The future of such a country is beyond question. We are struck to an even greater degree by the buoyant spirit shown by the people from Winnipeg to the Coast, a spirit which is certain to bring success. We shall never forget the hearty Canadian welcome extended to us at every point, which made us feel that the east and west are united by a thoroughly national sentiment. With regard to the transportation question, the members of our association are one with the people west for increased and increasing facilities that will keep pace with the growing needs of the country, but we cannot but express our admiration for the great national work already performed by the Canadian Pacific railwdy. As Canadians we are proud of the service afforded by that company, on both rail and water. If there is one matter in regard to which we are not contented it is the very large proportion of United States and German goods at present flooding the markets of the west, and the amount of United States currency everywhere in circulation. We consider that in both these features of trade there is a distinct national loss which should be remedied at the earliest possible moment. A matter of very great satisfaction to the members of the association is the fact that we have learned from practical men at all points that Canadian goods in almost every department are the right quality, and in many lines admittedly superior to foreign made goods. We are further pleased to learn from many prominent Western Canadians that they would strongly encourage domestic competition to the fullest extent rather than continue the importation of foreign goods. The manufacturers are returning to the East determined to use every possible effort, even to the establishment of branch offices and factories, to meet the requirements of the Western market and to hold it in the general interests of both East and West for the people of Canada."

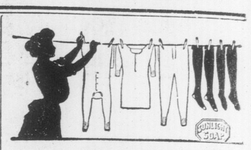
FIRES IN CUMBERLAND.

Outbreaks in Mine Which Is to Be Flooded.

Nanaimo, Oct. 12.—A serious gob fire broke out in No. 4 mine, long wall, Cumberland collieries, last night. The fire, which started from a spontaneous combustion of coal dust, assumed such proportions that it was deemed necessary to remove all the miners from this section and flood out the gob. Flooding is now taking place, and the management expect to resume operations on Wednesday.

Another gob fire of greater proportions broke out in the same mine this morning. The fire is very difficult to approach, owing to the number of large caves. The men have been withdrawn from that section, and a force is now engaged trying to surround the flames, which is regarded as very dangerous work, owing to the deadly gases thrown off from the refuse pile.

The trouble with the mule drivers at the Extension mines has been settled to the satisfaction of the majority, who have returned to work.



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MEET TO CONSIDER THEIR VERDICT

COMMISSIONERS SIT IN SECRET SESSION

It May Be Days Before a Decision is Reached—Hopeful Feeling in American Circles.

London, Oct. 12.—The last stage of the Alaska boundary arbitration began this morning at the foreign office when the commissioners met in secret session to consider their verdict.

United States Senator Lodge and Prof. Sir Louis Jette, one of the Canadian commissioners, were early on hand and Secretary Root and Senator Turner followed them into the cabinet room, where the deliberations are being held.

Then there was a long delay with some forebodings as Commissioner Aylesworth, of Canada, had not appeared. With any one of the commissioners absent no verdict could be rendered. Finally Chief Justice Alverstone asked one of the secretaries, who sat in an outer room, to telephone to Commissioner Aylesworth's hotel and find out the cause of his non-appearance. The tension was relieved by the receipt of news that the Canadian commissioner had just returned from the country, and was starting for the foreign office. Mr. Aylesworth arrived at 11.40 a. m. and the secret session commenced.

No decision is expected to-day.

While nothing can be known definitely a very hopeful feeling prevails in American circles. A significant reflection of this appears in the Times. Dealing with the difficulties encountered in the selection of a new British ambassador to the United States and the irritation which he would have to face both in Canada and the United States if the Alaska tribunal broke up with a disagreement, the Times says:

"We rejoice to say that there is believed to be something more than a possibility that an award may be agreed upon or rather that seven questions may be so answered as to end the matter."

The commissioners will sit daily from 11 a. m. until 1.30 p. m., when they will adjourn for lunch and will resume their deliberations at 2 p. m. adjourning for the day at 4 p. m. until a decision is reached.

MACEDONIAN REFUGEES.

Turkey Offers to Take Bahk Fugitives Now in Bulgarian Territory.

Sofia, Oct. 12.—Negotiations are proceeding between the Bulgarian and Turkish governments for the repatriation of the 20,000 fugitives of Macedonia now in Bulgarian territory. The Porte offers to take all the refugees back under the joint supervision of the Bulgarian and Turkish functionaries, but there are many difficulties in the way.

Regarding the frontier incidents the Porte has informed the Bulgarian government that the Sultan has ordered a commission to make the strictest investigation and punish the guilty officers.

CHARGE OF BLACKMAIL.

Chief of Police, Patrolman and City Councillor of Nome Released on Bail.

Seattle, Oct. 12.—Annie Brown, a dance hall woman of Nome, has preferred charges of blackmail against Noble Wallingford, chief of police, E. E. Hill, city councillor, and Patrolman Hackett, all of Nome. The three were arrested on September 17th by a deputy marshal and set at liberty on bail. She alleges that they forced her to give them $700.

VISIT POSTPONED.

Czar Decides Not to Go to Rome at Present.

Paris, Oct. 12.—The Figaro this morning, publishing from an authoritative source the statement that the Czar's visit to Rome has been postponed, adds: "This decision will not affect the good relation existing between the courts of Rome and St. Petersburg. The mere raising in political circles of the question whether the Czar would be welcomed suffices to wound Russia. Czar Nicholas is not afraid of hostile demonstrations, but he cannot carry out the plans of his visit under the existing Socialist conditions.

"It is hoped in Russia that the circumstances compelling the postponement of the Czar's visit to Rome will soon cease, enabling His Majesty to make the visit he so greatly desires."

SPECTATOR KILLED.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—William Beats, an aeronaut, was almost instantly killed yesterday while making a descent, falling from a parachute when within 40 feet of the ground. The accident occurred in Golden Gate park. Maud Henry, aged 17, riding on a street car, leaned too far to witness the descent, and her head struck an iron pole. She was killed.

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GLEANINGS PROVINCIAL CONDENSED

—The total clearing clearing house for the tober 6th were 899,94

—In the prize list p an error appeared. Th Dunsolfe was given fo who took first on cocke second on spangled Hi

—The annual gener Victoria Terminal R Company will be held the company, Market B ber 21st, commencing a

—A careless hunter fields a few miles ou came within an ace Chinaman. Shot, whi force, struck the Orie ately did not penetrat

—The Aberdeen Ass edges with thanks do zines from Mrs. T. R. B Combe, Mrs. T. S. Gor ton, Mrs. McMicking, M ken, Mrs. E. Dickenso Robertson, Mrs. B. C. Helmcken, W. T. Knight and Rev. P.

—Miss Agnes Deans pal of South Park sch ed a very interesting article on "The Study Educational Monthly writer deals with her s different heads, and the in her usual entertainin article is well worth ful consideration.

—The many friends will be sorry to learn o of George T. Bitancou J. Bitancourt, storeke Bay, Salt Spring Is who was 25 years of Joseph's hospital from which he contracted s ago. The funeral will ford Harbor, Salt Spri o'clock to-morrow morn

—The filling of the is progressing very ste wagons have been bro force the work being the dredge. These are form the finishing layer mediately behind the re gravel car of the tram now been brought into is dumping filling on th it is shovelled into its

—The intermediate la ship of the province go minster intermediate la season, they having wo played, says the News also won the hand trophy, donated by Ha of this city, for the pro ate championship, to be before becoming the pr team. The cup was present British Colum League in 1899 by Vanc New Westminster, in ver, and in 1902 and 1 Westminster boys, who good.

—It will doubtless co announcement to the m Victoria that the great "Creation," so successfu Metropolitan church a April, is to be reprodu place this fall. Since it numerous requests have a repetition, and it wi carry the work out on p lines as before. Rehe mence forthwith. Ladi desirous of assisting in respectfully requested names and addresses Lorick Piano Co.'s st ment street, or address Friday 16th inst.

—Donations for the m ber are ackonwledged b the B. C. Protestant from the following: Mr lock, clothing; A Frien Tavish, clothing and pi Hampton, Oaklands, on Mrs. Jackson, Hillside a A. R. Melon, clothing; clothing; Mrs. Crow Bal shoes; E. Johnson (Tzo fresh salmon; Mrs. Sco Mrs. Ernest Hanington Andrew Gray, apples; plums, pears and clothi Hillside avenue, clothin clothing and shoes (Colwood), per Mrs. D potatoes, half ton whe feed, two sacks turnips ions, one sack beets; M digon, clothing; Miss B ish, candy; Pussy Gran Goodacre, two dozen sp cooking utensils, tins, ja baskets; Bishop & Cla Mr. King, expressage; onist, daily papers; Mrs. daily; Mrs. Brown, Esqu ambulator.

—Mr. J. J. Stephens member of Victoria's te married in Mexico some Mexican Herald, publis of Mexico, says: "P Stephenson, formerly en tic work in the city, an as private tutor in the Moreno at Guaraccia ha ried to Miss Sarah Gui the Rev. Father Vera a San Francisco in Zam morning. The sponso Josephine Galindo an Tejeda, the bride's siste Manuel Moreno and C while Misses Aurora a acted as bridesmaids. ding breakfast at the numerous felicitations f cluding receipts of beau presents, the couple to their temporary home at