

## Result Not Made Known

The Proceedings at the Caucus of Government Members Pro- found Secret.

No Official Announcement Will Be Made Until His Honor Returns.

The supporters of the provincial government in the legislature held a caucus last evening in one of the committee rooms in the parliament buildings, which was attended by all the members with the exception of Messrs. Helgesen and Kinchant, Cariboo; Mr. Kellie, Revelstoke; and Mr. Prentice, East Lillooet. The proceedings commenced shortly after 8 o'clock and were prolonged until shortly after midnight. No reporters were allowed to attend, and the gentlemen present bound themselves to keep secret what took place.

The object of holding the caucus was to discuss the action of the Premier in asking Hon. Joseph Martin to resign his portfolio as Attorney-General, and Mr. Martin's refusal to accede to the request.

No official announcement of what took place will be made until after the return to the city of His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, who is in the north and is expected to reach here on the steamer Tees on Sunday or Monday next.

In view of the pledges of secrecy given by the members, and the absolute silence maintained in consequence, it is impossible to learn what was the conclusion arrived at. All kinds of guesses are being made and printed as reliable statements, but until the official announcement is made, those who know the most will say the least.

The general impression existing among those who take the greatest interest in the matter, outside of the members of the legislature on the government side, is that Hon. Joseph Martin has agreed, in view of the expressed wish of the majority of those present last night, to abide by the decision of His Honor. If this should mean the vacating of the position of Attorney-General, a successor is to be found among those legal supporters of the government who do not at present possess a seat in the house, and rumor is again busy with the name of Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P.

Two things can be stated definitely: there is no possible chance of a coalition government being formed, and there is absolutely no likelihood of a general election being precipitated.

Exactly what has been done, and what will be done, will, however, not be known, hysterical contemporaries to the contrary notwithstanding, until His Honor or the Lieutenant-Governor has taken action.

## CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION.

Mrs. Perot, of Baltimore, Arrested at Liverpool—A Painful Scene Between Mother and Daughter.

Liverpool, July 27.—On the arrival of the Dominion line steamer Cambrian at this port this morning, Sergeant Collins, of Scotland Yard, and Sergeant Bell, of Liverpool, arrested Mrs. William V. Perot, of Baltimore, on a charge of abducting her daughter from Baltimore.

Mrs. Perot was accompanied by a tall military looking man, and the party had taken passage as Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and daughter. The arrest was made at the customs department while they were waiting for the departure of the express train for Euston station. "Pierce" is Captain Blood, brother of Lady Colin Campbell. Mrs. Perot did not deny her identity, but had not anticipated arrest, and was terribly surprised by the event. The arrest was effected quietly, but there was a painful scene between the mother and daughter, who began to quarrel, the child weeping bitterly. The police reassured the mother for the present. The child and mother were taken to the police office, but proceeded to Euston station by a later train. Mr. Perot will appear at Bow street station this afternoon with Capt. Blood, who took charge of the luggage and accompanied Mrs. Perot to London.

Mrs. Perot was quietly but elegantly dressed in a silver gray suit and wore a thick white veil. London, July 27.—Mrs. Perot was arrested at Bow street police court this afternoon and remanded for a week.

## SOUR GRAPES.

Consul McCook Underestimates the Output of the Klondike. Washington, July 28.—Information from Klondike, dated June 26 has reached the state department from United States Consul McCook. He says that \$10,000,000 instead of \$20,000,000 in gold will cover the product for the past 12 months, and adds that reports from Alaska indicate that more gold will be found there than will ever come out of the Klondike.

## MAY EVANS ARRESTED.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, July 27.—May Evans, the woman who is implicated in the robbery of Count Carbouneau, the wealthy Frenchman, who represents a Klondike syndicate here, has been captured at New Westminster, after a hot chase by the local detectives.

May admits having taken \$800 from Carbouneau, but denies knowing anything of the \$3,500 which was taken from the Frenchman on Tuesday night. The Evans woman had two companions in the affair, who will be held with her for the crime.

## The Policy of Monroeism

Ambassador White Says It Will Not Be Abandoned by the States.

Arbitration Scheme Adopted by the Peace Conference is a Serviceable One.

(Associated Press.) London, July 27.—The Hague correspondent of the Times reports a long conversation with Mr. Andrew D. White, United States ambassador at Berlin, head of the American delegation. The ambassador, after referring to the earnest desire of the American people for a comprehensive arbitration scheme, as proved by the constant resolutions of large meetings held in all parts of America since the conference first held its sittings, said:

"I believe a vast majority of our people will welcome our arbitration treaty, and see in it a serviceable plan from the outset, and a germ from which a more complete system will be evolved by future conferences. As time progresses, without doubt, references to the tribunal will become increasingly natural and normal, and thus we may hope to have every advantage claimed for obligatory arbitration, without its overwhelming disadvantages. But it could hardly be expected that we should be willing to accept the requirement to sweep away at once, here and now, the policy of Monroeism. If any modification is ever made of that policy, it must be made by the United States after it has had the fullest opportunity to study the subject in all its bearings. Such a change cannot be made here by implications, in a treaty made distinctly for another purpose, and it is important that there should be no doubt on this point."

## THE MURDER OF HEUREAUX.

Assassin Fired Twice at the President—First Shot Caused Instant Death—Murderer and Accomplices Escape.

(Associated Press.) Port Au Prince, Hayti, July 27.—Nothing is known at the Dominican legation here or in other quarters regarding the assassination of Ulysses Heureaux, president of the Republic of Santo Domingo.

Details of the Assassination. Cape Haytien, July 27.—Details of the murder of President Heureaux, of Santo Domingo, received here, are to the effect that he was assassinated as he was about to leave on horseback.

The assassin, Rimón Caceres, surrounded by several accomplices, approached the president as he was talking to some friends, and fired twice with a revolver. The first bullet struck the president on the left side and penetrated to the heart, causing instant death. The second bullet killed an old man standing near the president.

The assassin and his accomplices fled to avoid the shots fired at them by the president's friends. It is not known if any of them were wounded. The body of the president was taken to the palace of the governor of Moca. President Heureaux's death has caused a panic. It is said one Juan Isidoro Jimenes, who took part in the attempted assassination in June, 1898, is a candidate for the presidency. It is reported that General Maximino Gomez, former president of the Cuban revolutionists, who is a native of Santo Domingo, also aspires to the presidency.

The father of Caceres, the assassin, was put to death by the order of the president in 1894. Another Account. Port De France, July 27.—A financial crisis having arisen in Santo Domingo, and an insurrection being feared, the president went to the north and west of the island to prepare for all eventualities. He was about to leave Moca for Santiago, when he was killed. Booted and spurred, ready to mount his horse, he was under the gallery of a house in the Rue Colon, talking with two friends at 4:30 p.m., when an old man approached to ask for alms. Just as the president gave the old man some money, the assassin rushed forward and fired twice from a revolver. One bullet struck the heart of the president, killing him instantly, the other killed the old man by his side. The crime was committed so rapidly that the president was unable to utter a word in time to prevent it. The assassin's party returned the fire of the president's friends.

It is believed by many that the murder was the result of a political conspiracy.

## FRASER FALLING.

(Associated Press.) Lillooet, B. C., July 27.—The river is falling steadily. The weather is cloudy and cooler.

## THE LATE ROBERT INGERSOLL.

(Associated Press.) New York, July 27.—The body of Robert Ingersoll was cremated to-day at Fresh Pond crematory.

## Reform of the Senate

Resolutions Will Not Be Submitted to the House This Session.

Another Discussion on Preferential Trade—Mr. McNeill and Proposed Concessions.

Railway Subsidies Will Be Brought Down To Night—A New Departure.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, July 27.—Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Wilfrid Laurier met to-day and talked over prorogation. The result of the conference has been that the Senate reform resolutions will not be gone on with this session.

Preferential Trade. There was another protracted discussion on preferential trade in the House to-day on the motion for supply.

It was stated by Mr. McNeill, who refused to accept the resolution which Premier Laurier had given him and which was along the lines of the present tariff matter. Mr. McNeill wanted the resolution confined to tariff preferences only, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's included other concessions.

Mr. McNeill moved his own resolution, and finally Sir Charles Tupper got him to withdraw it, to see if one which could be unanimously agreed upon could be put through.

Mr. Edwards made a free trade speech.

## Railway Subsidies.

The railway subsidies will be brought down to-night and will be pretty heavy. The government has made a new departure in regard to granting of subsidies. For instance, in respect to the subsidy to the Rainy River there will be a clause to prevent that road amalgamating with the Canadian Pacific Railway, thereby securing the advantages which an independent road can bring the country for the taking of produce of the great west to the seaboard. An absolutely independent road will be secured. In respect to all roads for which subsidies are given, power will be retained by the government to secure to other railways running powers over those roads.

There will also be a clause which is an additional one to that in the railway act, making provision that rates and tolls must be approved by the Governor-General in Council.

Another clause will be inserted, compelling the road for which assistance is given, to perform work representing interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the amount of the subsidy.

Besides the Ontario and Rainy River and other western roads which will get subsidies, will be one for the extension of the Dauphin road, the Edmonton District Railway, and about 50 miles of the coal road from the foot hills, running in the direction of Montana.

## DEATH CLAIMS PROSPECTORS.

A Large Number of Men Have Lost Their Lives in the Kowak River—No Gold Found.

(Associated Press.) Seattle, July 27.—Mr. Kyle, who was the leader of a party of 28 Bostonians who wintered at Arctic City, was a passenger on the steamer Ellihu Thompson which arrived yesterday. He says between 25 and 50 prospectors were drowned in the Kowak river last season. The names are unknown to him. No gold was found on the Kowak.

At Beaver, 300 miles north of Arctic City, many deaths were reported last winter from scurvy and exposure. Mr. Kyle also reports that the discharged soldiers and one miner were drowned three weeks ago while trying to cross from St. Michael to Cape Nome in a small boat. He did not know the names of any of them.

## INSANE MAN'S CRIME.

He Chopped His Wife and Two Children to Death and Then Committed Suicide.

Brazil, Ind., July 27.—Charles Wolf-fangel became violently insane last night at his home in Denmark, south of here, and seizing a hatchet, chopped his two daughters and wife to death while they were sleeping. He then took a knife and cut his own throat. The murdered children were 8 and 12 years old.

## AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

Voting in Victoria—A Majority in Favor of the Scheme.

Melbourne, Victoria, July 27.—Voting on the question of federation is proceeding in Victoria. The returns received up to 5:30 o'clock this afternoon show 43,000 votes cast in favor of federation, and 11,000 votes against. An overwhelming majority in favor of federation is assured.

Later—The complete returns gave 107,047 votes in favor of federation and 8,800 against.

Incomplete returns from Tasmania, where polling also is in progress to-day, show 11,000 votes for federation and 720 against.

## STEAMER SUNK.

And One Hundred and Fifty-five Passengers Drowned.

Berlin, July 27.—A despatch received here to-day from Nijni Novgorod reports a collision between a cargo and passenger steamer on the river Volga. The latter sunk, drowning 155 persons.

## NOTICE OF ENGAGEMENT.

In which Last Night Six Soldiers Were Killed and Twelve Wounded.

(Associated Press.) Manila, July 27.—Brigadier General R. H. Hall, with one thousand men, captured the rebels on Laguna de Bay. The loss of the United States forces was four killed and twelve wounded.

The Sherman Sails for Home. Washington, July 27.—General Otis has notified the war department of the sailing of the Sherman with 1287 officers and men of the California regiment and 256 discharged soldiers. The total number of passengers is 1,567.

Philippine Manufacture Powder. Manila, July 27.—It is reported in Filipino circles at Manila that the insurgents recently received consignments of saltpetre and lead from Japan. The insurgents have been experiencing many difficulties in manufacturing good powder, that which they produced lacking power of penetration and range.

Two Friars, recently arrested here on suspicion that they were the bearers of messages to Aguinaldo from the Philippines Junta at Hongkong, have been liberated for want of evidence.

## Quietly, But Firmly

Mr. Balfour Intimates That Kruger Must Grant Britain's Demands.

He Does Not However Despair of a Friendly Settlement of Difficulties.

(Associated Press.) London, July 27.—In the course of a speech at a Conservative luncheon this afternoon, Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, and government leader in the House of Commons, discussing the Transvaal said, if the government's end, less patience and endless desire to prevent matters coming to a crisis, and all the resources of diplomacy were ineffectual to untie the knot, other means must inevitably be found to loosen it.

He said, however, he took a more sanguine view of the situation. It was up to the Transvaal to prepare to grant substantial redress, although quite inadequate according to Great Britain's standard. It was manifestly impossible, Mr. Balfour said, that Great Britain should permanently submit to freedom of the Transvaal as an inferior race.

While he did not despair of the situation, it would be folly to pretend all the difficulties had been solved, or to proclaim peace which was not yet assured.

MRS. LANGTRY WINS THE GOOD WOOD CUP. (Associated Press.) London, July 27.—Mr. Jersey's (Mrs. Langtry) aged chestnut horse Mermaid won the Goodwood Cup at Goodwood meeting to-day. Lord Penrhyn's King's Messenger was second, and Wm. Cooper's Newhaven third. Three horses ran two miles and a half.

The directors of the New Victor Mining Company give notice that the capital stock of the company has been increased from \$175,000 to \$250,000.

Seal tenders will be received up to Thursday, the 27th inst by W. S. Gore, deputy commissioner of lands and works, for supplying and installing about 90 feet of granite coping or curb, to be set around the fountain at the Government Groceries, James Bay.

The power of attorney granted by Edward James to Thomas Elliott, of Fairview, for the sale of his interest in the said claim in Camp McKinney, has been revoked.

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## With the Filipinos

A Hongkong Newspaper Takes the Side of the Little Brown Men.

Proffered Terms Did Not Offer Na.ives What They Were Fighting For.

The Hongkong Telegraph, copies of which were received by the steamer Rionjun Maru this morning, takes the side of the Filipinos who are making the Americans fully appreciate the meaning of "white man's burden" across the Pacific. In an editorial in the issue of June 28 the Telegraph says:

"We have heard many opinions given on the subject of the refusal by the Filipinos to entertain the proposals set forth by the Americans for peace. Some of these opinions are in favor of the action taken by the Filipinos, and others again are against it. The American side of the question has been made public, but so far we are not aware that the Filipino view of matters has been given. The proposal for a cessation of hostilities came from the Filipinos themselves and was made, they state, with the object of securing an armistice while Aguinaldo laid the state of affairs before the people and took a vote in order to ascertain their wishes. So far it is generally understood, the war has been carried on for the purpose of gaining independence under a protectorate, but Aguinaldo was anxious to ascertain if any other temptation to the war would be acceptable to them. This request was refused on the ground that General Otis had no power to agree to a cessation of hostilities without the consent of his government and of the President of the United States."

"The Filipinos then requested the civil commission sent to the Philippines by President McKinley to give them an outline of the proposed form of government to be adopted by the Americans in the Philippines. To this civil commission agreed, and the following was their reply which was presented to the Filipino commission on 22nd May last:

"It is the prerogative of congress to decide the system of government for the Philippine Islands. While that action of congress is still pending, the President, under his military powers, may establish a government and has informed the commission that he is ready to establish the following system of government."

1. The Governor-General will be appointed by the President.

2. The heads of departments will be appointed by the Governor-General.

3. There will be a general advisory council elected by the people; the conditions for becoming electors will have to be carefully considered and determined, and the Governor-General will have an absolute veto.

4. The tribunals of justice will be vigorous, strong and independent, and the magistrates and principal judges will be appointed by the President.

5. The President desires that the magistrates and judges, also the heads of departments, be chosen from the natives, or Americans, or both, according to their merits.

6. The President anxiously desires bloodshed to cease, and fervently hopes that the Philippine people at no distant date will enjoy the greatest measure of local self-government, reconcilable with the maintenance of peace and good order.

## SPORTING NEWS.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE CLUB TOURNAMENT.

In glorious weather and in the presence of an appreciative gathering, the annual club tournament of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club was continued yesterday afternoon. The following are the results of the games played after the Times went to press:

F. Patton and Miss Patton (rec. 5-6 of 15) beat B. H. Drake and Miss Eva Loewen (rec. 3-6 of 15)—6-3, 6-4.

R. H. Pooley (owe 15) beat L. M. Rogers (owe 15)—6-3, 6-4.

G. H. Barnard and Mrs. E. Crow Baker (rec. 1-6 of 15) beat F. T. Cornwall and Miss G. Loewen (rec. 3-6 of 15)—6-4, 1-6, 6-0.

C. R. Pooley (rec. 15) beat L. Crease (rec. 15)—6-2, 6-1.

A. J. O'Reilly (rec. 15-3) beat P. S. Lampan (rec. 1-6 of 15)—by default.

W. T. Williams and Miss Williams (rec. 15) beat F. B. Ward and Miss Ward (rec. 15)—by default.

J. F. Foulkes (owe 40) beat G. C. Johnston (owe 15-3)—6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

R. B. Powell (owe 30) beat B. G. Goward (scratch)—6-4, 6-2.

A. D. Severs (owe 15-2) beat E. A. Jacob (rec. 1-6 of 15)—6-1, 6-1.

S. T. Wootton (rec. 15-3) beat W. H. Langley (rec. 15-3)—6-3, 5-6, 6-2.

Mr. Foulkes had a very close game with Mr. G. C. Johnston and for a time it looked as if the champion would have to submit to defeat. Playing with wonderful steadiness, however, he managed to turn the tables and received well earned applause for his conversion of a possible defeat into a creditable victory.

Mrs. E. Crow Baker and Mr. G. H. Barnard met Miss G. Loewen and F. T. Cornwall in the mixed doubles, and a very keen struggle was witnessed, the first named couple winning.

In the open tournament next week there will be exceptional interest as Champion Sam Russell, ex-Champion G. A. Ford, and Lady Champion Miss Riley will be present. It will be a real treat for Victoria tennis players to see the best work these champions from across the line can do, and the court will doubtless be crowded during the play.

W. T. Williams (rec. 15) defeated F. J. Patton (rec. 15-3)—6-4, 6-1.

T. Goward and Miss C. Powell (owe 15) defeated P. S. Lampan and partner by default.

B. T. Goward (owe 30) defeated R. H. Pooley (owe 15)—6-3, 6-3.

G. Goward and Miss Wilson (rec. 3-6) defeated F. N. Denison and Miss S. Pemberton (rec. 15)—6-4, 6-0.

Lieut. Hay, R. N. (rec. 15) defeated W. T. Williams (rec. 15-3)—6-1, 6-1.

J. F. Foulkes and Miss A. Bell (owe 15-3) defeated G. C. Johnston and Miss Prior (owe 3-6)—6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

D. M. Rogers and Miss Deniston (owe 15) defeated J. B. Green and Miss Green (rec. 1-6)—6-1, 6-2.

R. H. Pooley and Miss Keifer (owe 2-6) defeated G. H. Barnard and Mrs. Baker (rec. 1-6)—6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

F. T. Cornwall (scratch) defeated G. S. Holt (owe 4-6)—6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

B. H. T. Drake (rec. 4-6) defeated A. J. O'Reilly (rec. 15-3)—6-5, 6-1.

S. Y. Wootton (rec. 15-3) defeated F. N. Denison (rec. 15-3)—6-4, 6-3.

R. B. Severs (owe 30) defeated G. H. Barnard (rec. 3-6)—5-6, 6-3, 6-5.

J. B. Green (rec. 15-3) defeated H. S. Baker (rec. 15-3)—7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

R. B. Powell and Miss M. Goward (owe 30) defeated Lieut. Hay, R. N. and Miss Newcombe (rec. 4-6)—5-7, 6-0, 6-3.

OPEN TOURNAMENT COMMENCES MONDAY.

Although much interest is being taken in the club tournament, the real tennis week will commence on Monday next when the open contests commence. As mentioned yesterday, Messrs. Hurd and Russell and Miss Riley are among the front-over-the-board entries, and, in addition, there are many other well known exponents of tennis. The lists closed last evening and the work of handicapping is being proceeded with, the task being one of considerable magnitude.

Mr. L. Pelly, of Seattle, will be among the players, and Messrs. P. J. Frandell, W. Fildmarsh and F. Fletcher will be here from Tacoma. Among the ladies will be Miss Knox, Miss Beattie and Miss Twigg, of Rossland, capital, \$500,000. Scottish Canadian Mining and Development Company, of British Columbia, capital, \$1,500,000.

A Dominion Order-in-Council is promulgated to the effect that the provisions in section 14 and 15 of the regulations for the disposal of Dominion lands within the railway belt of British Columbia, established by Order-in-Council of September 17th, 1887, and September 17th, 1889, for the reservation to the crown of the timber on lands, homesteaded in said belt, shall be, and is rescinded, and all persons who have received homestead entry for lands within said railway belt prior to date of subsequent to date, are entitled to the timber on their homesteads free of dues. This provision shall not apply to any timber heretofore granted, or in respect of which any license or permit to cut has been issued to any other person or corporation, nor shall it apply to timber for which dues have either been paid or on dues to the crown.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:

Hugh McLeun, Kamloops, to be supervisor of the Provincial Home, Kamloops, vice Joseph Rathford, resigned.

J. Kenneth Macrae, Victoria, to be a notary public for the counties of Victoria and Nanaimo.

Wm. J. Frythall, of Vancouver, to be a member of the municipal voters' lists, 1899.

Evelyn M. Sandilands, of Sandon, to be a notary public for the province.

John Keen, of Kaslo, to be assessor and collector under the assessment act, provided under the revenue tax act for Slovan, in lieu of Nelson division; such appointment to date from July 1st.

John Kirkup, of Rossland, to be assessor and collector under assessment act for the portion of West Kootenay, described as follows: The Nelson riding and that portion of the Rossland riding within the county of Kootenay; such appointment to date from July 1st.

His Honor the Lieut. Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of Messrs. Wm. Sanl, Clinton; Cornelius D. Hallman, of Pavilion; and J. S. Helmsken, M. D., of Victoria, of the office of Justice of the peace.

## ATHLETICS.

J. B. A. A. MEETING.

Last evening a well attended meeting of the committee in charge of the proposed athletic gathering to be held under the auspices of the J. B. A. A., was held in the club house. Mr. E. E. Billingham presiding. A letter from the tramway company was read, offering the use of the Oak Bay Park for the meet. A committee was appointed to inspect the park and also the Caledonian ground with a view to securing the one best suited for the occasion. Saturday, Sept. 10th, was fixed upon as the date of the sports, which are to be strictly confined to amateurs, according to the Canadian interpretation of the term. All the amateur athletic clubs in the province and in the neighboring American cities will be invited to take part. Cycle racing will be made an important feature of the meet. The committee will try to arrange for excursion rates from provincial and American points. The details of the programme were left in the hands of a sub-committee to arrange and report. Mr. E. Billingham was appointed permanent chairman of committee; Mr. F. C. Pope was appointed assistant secretary, and Mr. F. C. Thompson was added to the committee.

## CRICKET.

AUSTRALIANS V. SURREY.

London, July 26.—In the match begun at Kennington on Monday, the Australians made 350 runs, while the Surrey eleven scored a total of 462 runs.