

Day's Affairs At Ottawa

Annual Conclave of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Masonic Rite.

Canadian Customs Officials in U.S. Reported to be Doing Good Work.

Question of Military Training for Boys is Shortly to Receive Consideration.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Oct. 25.—The supreme council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion is in session at the annual conclave in this city.

Officials appointed some time ago by the customs department for work in the United States are giving general satisfaction.

Question of military training for boys in schools. This is Sir Frederick Borden's scheme, to which he made allusion in the Commons last session.

Military Training for Boys. A conference will shortly be held between representatives of the Dominion and several of the provinces to consider the question of military training for boys in schools.

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Dominion News Notes

Vancouver Merchants Petition C.P.R. to Reduce Rates From Coast to Edmonton.

Work Has Started on a Big Land Reclamation Scheme at Sumas.

Wife Repays Defalcation.

"GRAFT" IN INSURANCE

A COMMITTEE OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED MISCONCEPTION OF THE COMPANY'S POLICY.

It is an entire misconception of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Canada's policy, and the committee has been appointed to investigate the alleged misconception of the company's policy.

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FALL RIVER SITUATION.

Fall River, Mass., Oct. 25.—Each of the five unions connected with the textile industry voted unanimously tonight to postpone action on the matter of declaring a strike until next Monday.

RECEIVED BY POPE. Rome, Oct. 25.—The Pope today received Lieut. Frank E. Ridgley, three other officials and 48 Catholic sailors from the United States cruiser Minneapolis now at Naples.

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE. Paris, Oct. 25.—A detailed despatch from M. St. René Taillandier, the French minister at Fez, received today, says that the Sultan of Morocco also says the Franco-German programme for the Moroccan conference, and also Algeiras, Spain, as the meeting place of the conference.

TRAGEDY IN HOTEL. Elmira, N. Y., Oct. 25.—A special to the Advertiser from Oakland, Cal., states that the Metropolitan hotel there with its wife and child, was murdered in his room by his wife, who shot him in the temple. The child witnessed the tragedy.

ROOSEVELT'S TOUR. Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 25.—President Roosevelt and his party arrived here at 3:30 p. m. from Little Rock. Several special trains of the President's train left the train here and departed for Washington.

MISSIONARY DEVELOPMENT. Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 25.—At the annual meeting of the Sunnyside Association at Cooperstown, N. Y., held in this city tonight Rev. W. G. Puffer, of South Farmington, Mass., said that the great prosperity of the country interferes with religious and missionary work. In spite of the general prosperity he said that the missionary societies of the country were never so low in debt as at present.

SECOND PEACE CONFERENCE. Rome, Oct. 25.—The Italian government expects to receive in the near future a preliminary survey of the discussion by the second peace conference at the Hague, called by the Emperor of Russia. Four parties have been invited to the conference.

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Mutual Life Under Fire

Pres. R. McCurdy Announces That Committee Has Been Appointed to Investigate.

Court of Inquiry Adjourns to a Date After the General Elections.

Actuary McClintock's Ideas at Variance With Methods of Doing Business.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The feature today in the insurance situation was the announcement by President Richard A. McCurdy of the Mutual Life Insurance Company that a committee of the board of trustees of his company had been appointed to investigate the company and its methods.

The committee comprises William H. Trusdale, E. H. Morris and John W. Anichinich, all prominent in the financial and business world.

Another interesting development was the statement uttered today by President Morton of the Equitable Life showing that the receipts of that company for nine months of this year exceeded the expenditures by \$16,723,197, an increase over \$500,000 compared with the same period of last year.

Receipts from premiums on policies for the third quarter of this year were \$3,125,000 less than last year, but for the first six months there was an increase over last year of \$424,948.

After an entire day given over to the examination of Emory McClintock, actuary of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and to the reading of reports, the committee adjourned until November 8, the day after election.

Some of Mr. McClintock's explanations brought out the fact that his ideas were in many respects at variance with the established business of insurance companies, and that of his own company in particular.

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Strike Spreading All Over Russia

Railway Trouble Which Started in Moscow is Affecting Distant Parts.

Street Cars Stopped and Crowds of Workmen Are Parading the Streets.

WARSAW, Oct. 25.—Traffic has been stopped on the Warsaw-Vienna line.

Polva, Oct. 25.—A general strike has been declared here. The schools are closed and no newspapers will appear tomorrow.

Odessa, Oct. 25.—A strike on all the southern railways is announced for tomorrow. Trains are only running between Odessa and Kiev.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—All the cotton mills and other factory employments are at a standstill. The result of these deliberations is not yet known.

The ministers were summoned to meet, not as committee of ministers, but as the council of ministers of which Count Solovky is the chairman, and the selection of Count Witte to preside, was done by direction of the Emperor, showing that the ministerial cabinet is actually, though not formally, an accomplished fact.

It is understood that an edict formally establishing a Ministerial Cabinet which will bear the old name "sovyet" with the outer world this morning.

Large meetings of workmen were held last night in the university and higher school, at which the sentiment was unanimous for continuing the strike on the railroads.

The proceedings at several of the meetings were strongly revolutionary in character, the speakers railing their auditors all "Chibovniks" and on the police to meet the troops with armed force.

These speeches were received with enthusiastic cheers. The police were powerless to interfere, the precincts of the university being forbidden ground to them under an imperial ukase.

CHANGE OF RUN. Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 25.—The steamer Watcom, recently removed from the Seattle-Victoria run by the Is. and Navigation Company, will replace the State of Washington, which will be taken off the Bellingham-Seattle run at the beginning of next month.

NANAIMO LADY'S DEATH. Nanaimo, Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. David Adams, a well-known and old-time resident of the city, was found dead in bed this morning, death being due to acute alcoholism.

Deceased has been suffering for some time from the same ailment, which resulted in her death, she was 42 years of age. The coroner decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

REARRANGING RAILWAY BOARDS. New York, Oct. 25.—The directors of the Erie electric trolley and the Erie Railroad, which are now being reorganized, most of the directors being in the Erie board.

J. D. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad, and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, was elected president of the Erie Railroad.

The general strike on the railroads is complete, except in a few border provinces; and St. Petersburg, Moscow and other large cities are almost as closely beleaguered as if they were invested by besieging armies.

At the same time the industrial strike has assumed large dimensions and the turbulent elements in several localities are offering open resistance to the strikers.

The ministers, who had been in session during the night, continued their deliberations until long after midnight. The result of these deliberations is not yet known.</