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NAVAL BILL MUST GO THROUGH HOUSE

This is Decision Reached by Government to Aid Mother Country

BACKED BY PUBLIC WILL FIGHT IT OUT

Victory Will Perch on Government Banners is Feeling in Ottawa—Bill Will Pass Both Houses Without Amendment.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 12.—The House of Commons today resumed its session on the Naval Bill. The bill was passed by a vote of 100 to 20. The government is determined to pass the bill without amendment. The opposition is expected to be defeated. The bill provides for the construction of a new fleet of battleships and cruisers. It also provides for the improvement of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The bill is expected to be passed by the Senate as well.

FLOODS IN OHIO RIVER

From 700 to 1,000 Families Driven from Home by Rising Waters—River Still Coming Up.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 12.—Between seven hundred and a thousand families have been driven from their homes along the waterfront here during the past twenty-four hours by the rising waters of the Ohio. The stage at this point at seven o'clock tonight, according to the local weather bureau, was 35.5 with a rate of rise of 3 feet an hour. A stage of 38 feet is predicted by tomorrow morning and of forty feet by Tuesday evening. This would put the water over the cut-off embankment east of the city by Monday noon, flood an area of several square miles and render approximately 400 families homeless. Railroad service throughout the state is impeded, though not suspended. Despatches from many Kentucky points tell of damage to homes and other property. Allan McKinney, a farmer near Hopkinsville, was drowned today when his skiff collided with a submerged bridge pier and capsized in the swollen waters of Pond River.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, announced tonight that he had released infielder James Mathes to the Syracuse Club of the New York State League.

BRITAIN IS SWEEPED BY A BIG STORM

Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down—Great Damage to Shipping. LINERS EXPERIENCED VERY HEAVY WEATHER. Thirty-three Hours of Snow and Gales in North of England—Many Small Vessels Wrecked.

London, Jan. 11.—The United Kingdom was swept Saturday and Sunday by heavy gales and snowstorms. There have been many wrecks of small craft, and coast shipping has been considerably damaged. Vessels arriving in port today felt the full fury of the storm and some of the vessels were badly scarred. In the north of England the storm was of terrific severity, lasting thirty-three hours, and there was a continuous snow fall in the Newcastle district. Telephone and telegraph wires are down in all directions. The steamer Muretaun was held alongside the landing stage at Liverpool until 9.20 o'clock tonight when she sailed direct for New York. The steamer Celtic, which arrived at Queenstown this afternoon, reports having experienced terrific weather. The gale was so violent on Friday and Saturday that the passengers were forbidden on the promenade deck. The Celtic at five a. m. on Saturday spoke the steamer Celtic Wayfarer for New Orleans. The Wayfarer was at this time in latitude 47 degrees, 25 minutes; longitude 26 degrees, 25 minutes. She had lost her funnel and all her lifeboats, and the steering gear was disabled. The Celtic reported that the wayfarer was putting back to Liverpool. A wireless message stated that the steering gear had been repaired, and that the Corsican and Megantic were standing by. The British steamer Willborne, Philadelphia, Dec. 27 for Hamburg, reports having spoken on Jan. 4th to the German steamer Abyssinia, which sailed from Hamburg, Dec. 22 for Philadelphia. The Abyssinia signalled that she had met with an accident, the nature of which, however, was not disclosed. The German steamer Claus Horn, from Jacksonville, Norfolk and other ports for Bremen, reports having lost all her deck cargo and two blades of her propeller, but is proceeding to Bremen. The Danish steamer Gkoek has been wrecked off Girdland, Scotland, with the loss of seven lives.

BIG FIRE IN TRURO

Special to The Standard. Truro, Jan. 12.—This town was visited by a heavy fire tonight, starting in the McNut block on Prince street. Several buildings were burned.

POLITICAL RIOT IN A PORTUGUESE CITY

Whole Population of Cezimbrina Took Sides in Quarrel Between Rival Factions—Three Dead, Many Wounded.

Lisbon, via the frontier, Jan. 12.—The accession of Dr. Afonso Costa to power is responsible for a desperate political riot at Cezimbrina, 18 miles south of Lisbon. A fight started between the democratic and conservative parties, but soon the rest of the populace took sides. Revolver shots were freely exchanged. Detachments of republican guards hurried to the scene, but failed to have any effect on the combatants until they fired several volleys into the struggling mass. Then momentarily the warring factions sunk their differences and together turned on the guard forces. Discipline, however, prevailed, and finally the mob scattered, leaving behind three men killed and twenty-nine wounded. Many of the rioters were arrested.

POWERS DEMAND CESSION OF ADRIANOPLE TO ALLIES

Will Present Note to Sublime Porte Today Urging Action

RECHAD PASHA SAYS TURKEY WILL REFUSE

Claims that Nothing Can Induce Ottoman Government to Surrender Holy City—Renewal of Hostilities Looked For.

London, Jan. 12.—A note from the powers will be presented to the Ottoman government on Monday. It is firm in tone and while recommending Turkey to leave the question of the Aegean Islands in the hands of the powers, makes it clear that Turkey has no alternative except to cede Adrianople. Another note was prepared by the ambassadors at Constantinople, but will be superseded by the collective communication decided upon at Paris. The British secretary of state for foreign affairs, and the ambassadors. Since it is necessary to telegraph the text of this note to the continental capitals for an approval, it cannot be delivered before Monday. All the ambassadors had today separate informal meetings with Rechad Pasha and Osman Narina Pasha, the Turkish delegates, trying as one of the ambassadors put it, "to square the circle," and to discover a middle course between Turkey, which insists on keeping Adrianople, and Bulgaria, which insists that she must have the town. The Turkish delegates were immovable, and said: "Nothing can induce us to commit suicide. It is impossible to change our minds concerning the possession of Adrianople, for which we have made sacrifices which no other country has made. The sentimental and religious value attached by Mussulmans to Adrianople can be calculated by our history of wars, there is no example of such generous and important concessions as those which we have made to the allies; they greed causes a natural reaction. The position of the powers is most difficult because all their deliberations are invalid unless by unanimous consent. The note was agreed on for the reason that the powers were able to keep their word that even the war should not change the status quo in the Balkans, the fault was Turkey's which, for thirty-four years, found no way to put into effect article 23 of the Berlin Treaty concerning reforms in European Turkey. The note practically amounts to nothing more than advice. Other measures suggested during the international Conference, have not been accepted because they failed of unanimous support, the objections being due chiefly to the powers to maintain the promised neutrality. The Allies are becoming dissatisfied with inaction. Some desire an immediate resolute attitude and remark, that under the ultimatum of January 3, it is undignified to remain in London for more than a week without making demands follow through. The feeling in Sofia favors the recall of the delegates, but some of them are inclined to remain for a few days, awaiting the effect of the powers' note. A Sofia despatch says that Roumania has received energetic representations from Great Britain and Russia, which has decided her not to cross the border as she was prepared to do. Ready to Resume War. London, Jan. 12.—The British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Edward Grey, and the Ambassadors of the powers, have made representations to Rechad Pasha, regarding the projected departure of the Turkish delegates, which is equivalent to a definite rupture of the peace negotiations, for which Turkey is considered responsible. Continued on page 2.

MEXICAN RAILROAD OWNERS APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT FOR AID

Want Dominion and Imperial Governments to Force Mexico to Put Down Revolutionists—Millions at Stake.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Canadian capitalists interested in the Mexican and North Western Railway, one of the Pearson projects, have made strong representations to the government, that the aid of the Imperial Government be secured to protect the \$25,000,000 of Canadian capital invested in that and similar enterprises from the revolutionists. While the Mexican government insists upon the operation of the road revolutionary forces have burned bridges and committed other depredations, the company having to foot the bill. It is now considered highly desirable that through the Imperial Government, British and Canadian capital in the enterprise should be protected.

WOULD PRESERVE OLD BUILDINGS.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 12.—An Amherstburg delegation is coming here on the 20th, to urge the Federal Government to take over and maintain old Fort Malden, famous during the troublesome times of 1812-13 and also in 1837. A number of the buildings are in good repair and it is desired to preserve them for their historic associations.

MONCTON TIMES GUTTED BY FIRE; LOSS IS \$10,000

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Jan. 11.—Fire on Saturday badly gutted the basement and business offices, as well as a part of the second flat of the Times printing offices. The fire, which originated in the basement near the furnace, spread with such rapidity and the volume of smoke pouring up the elevator shafts was so dense, that four of the employees in the upper story had their escape cut off and had to be assisted from the windows by means of ladders. The fire followed the stairway leading from the basement and getting into the total destruction of the building. The fire, however, the firemen kept it confined to the section of the building in which it originated and in two or three hours had it completely under control. A carload of newsprint in the basement was completely destroyed by fire and water and considerable other stock was more or less damaged, principally by water. The four type setting machines and presses, as well as the book binding and paper ruling machines, being in a part of the building remote from the fire, were damaged by water. The light and power were cut off but temporary repairs were effected and the proprietor of the Transcript, having tendered the use of his press the paper will appear as usual tomorrow. The insurance was about \$21,250, as follows:—\$3,000 on the building, \$3,000 in the Phoenix and \$5,000 in the Liverpool and London and Globe. On the machinery and stock \$4,500 in the Northern, \$4,000 in the Fidelity, \$3,000 in the Sun, \$3,000 in the Acadia and \$400 in the Phoenix—the latter being on the electric motors. The estimated loss is \$10,000. Hoseam Francis had a narrow escape during the fire. He had gone into the second story, and being overcome by smoke was noticed to fall. He managed to crawl to the window, however, and was rescued. The first alarm of fire was given by an employe, a lad named Melanson, who ran to the upper floors and gave the alarm. Before he could return, however, his escape was cut off and he was rescued by others from the windows. Mr. Fairweather, of St. John, is here and the losses will be adjusted tomorrow.

ROUMANIA MAY FIGHT BULGARIA

Unless Siliustria and Other Points on Frontier are Ceded an Inter-Balkan War May Break Out. Paris, Jan. 11.—Alexandre Millerand, who won a reputation at home and abroad as a great war minister, resigned from that office today. M. Lebrun, minister of colonies, has been appointed minister of war, and M. Bismarck, under-secretary of finance, replaces M. Lebrun, the under-secretary in the ministry of finance being temporarily abolished. The ministerial crisis was the direct outcome of the reinstatement of Lt. Col. Du Paty de Clam, in the French territorial army. With the presidential election occurring on Friday the political situation has become greatly confused, with indications pointing to a stirring week. Attack on Ministry Cause. The reinstatement incident led to dramatic sessions of the cabinet at which M. Millerand explained at home and abroad as a great war minister, resigned from that office today. M. Lebrun, minister of colonies, has been appointed minister of war, and M. Bismarck, under-secretary of finance, replaces M. Lebrun, the under-secretary in the ministry of finance being temporarily abolished. The ministerial crisis was the direct outcome of the reinstatement of Lt. Col. Du Paty de Clam, in the French territorial army. With the presidential election occurring on Friday the political situation has become greatly confused, with indications pointing to a stirring week.

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S.S. URANIUM ASHORE IN HALFAX HARBOR

Big Steamer Hard and Fast on Rocks at Chebucto Head

PASSENGERS ARE RESCUED BY TUGS

Driven in on Ledge During Thick Fog—Is Uninjured and will be Floated if Weather Holds Good.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Jan. 12.—The steamship Uranium is hard and fast on the rocks at Chebucto Head, at the entrance to Halifax harbor, but all of her 883 passengers are safe in the Immigration buildings at this port. The steamer struck in a thick fog and with a southerly wind blowing, grounding on the north side of the head so that she was fully protected by the wind from the eastward, a great disaster might have occurred. The Uranium's bow is close to the bank so that if the passengers had not been taken off by tugboats they could have been saved by dropping to the beach or by a line from the mast to the top of the bank which is about 50 feet from the sea level. There is no explanation of the stranding of the ship. She was about half a mile past the harbor. The captain says he did not hear the fog alarm though where he struck is not a quarter of a mile away from the signal station. No panic existed on the ship. The passengers, all foreign, hardly knew that anything had gone wrong. Some of them thought, when they were put ashore, that this was the orthodox way to land in America. The fog alarm was kept going constantly and it seems very strange that it was not heard by Captain Eastace. He declines to make any statement. Whether the steamship will get off is problematical but the wrecking steamers will make an attempt to float her at 11.30 tomorrow. While the wind continues northerly the Uranium is safe but if it changes to the east with the Atlantic surf rolling in she could not stand the sea for a day. Captain Eastace and crew are still aboard but the last of the passengers were off at 6.30 o'clock. At midnight Captain Eastace sent the following statement by wireless to your correspondent: "Aground forward, under forecastle, is clear aft. No danger of the Uranium's passengers; 843 were for New York and 240 for Halifax."

CALGARY'S BIG PLANT DESTROYED

Alberta City Has Biggest Fire in History of Western Canada.

P. BURNS & CO.'S PLANT TOTALLY WIPED OUT. Damage to Immense Packing House, With Value of Beef Destroyed, Will Easily Exceed Sum of \$2,000,000.

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 12.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Western Canada occurred today when the large packing plant of P. Burns & Co. was totally destroyed by fire. The loss, including carcasses in cold storage will probably be in excess of \$2,000,000. On account of the low water pressure the fire department was unable to do effective work and at a late hour tonight the fire was still raging. The loss is serious in that the local plant was the largest institution of its kind in the west, from which all of the western cities, including Vancouver and Victoria and the coast cities, drew largely for their meat supply, and butchering in the open may have to be resorted to in order to prevent a meat famine. The storage plant contained from 15,000 to 20,000 carcasses. The fire was discovered about 12.30 o'clock Sunday morning. The whole of the basement was in flames and the packing plant department augmented by all of the city fire department were unable to make any headway against the flames. This was due in a measure to the low water pressure and also to the ammonia fumes sure and also in the ammonia fumes in the basement, which were so strong that the men could not endure them.

G. P. R. RATE INQUIRY ADJOURNED FOR SIX WEEKS FOR EVIDENCE

Interesting Testimony Regarding Gentlemen's Agreement Between Shippers Given at Last Session.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Some interesting evidence in regard to the manner in which the differential rates between rail and water shipments are fixed between shippers was given at Saturday's session of the Western Rate Inquiry, which was adjourned sine die to allow of the preparation of further material. It will resume again probably within six weeks, when the government will further present its side of the case. The evidence so far, as Chairman Drayton remarked, has been mainly of a destructive nature, but at the next session testimony will help to establish what would be fair rates for western provinces, will probably be begun. Saturday's sessions were taken up with the examination of Messrs. W. R. McFarlane, and W. B. Lanigan of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Isaac Pitblado, representing the Winnipeg Board of Trade, questioned Mr. Lanigan closely in regard to the Canadian Pacific Railway's statement that the larger population and greater diversity of traffic in the east rates an excuse for lower freight rates there. "The proof of the pudding was in the eating," was the text of Mr. Pitblado's contention, in which he claimed that as a matter of fact, these things affected railroad operation very little.

TERRIBLE BATTLE WITH A MOUNTAIN LION.

Vancouver, Jan. 11.—Maddened when wounded, fighting to the death, and attempting to tear the bodies of his assailants to shreds, a big mountain lion, was shot at Half Moon Bay, 50 miles up the coast, this week, according to Thomas Hare, who collected the bounty today. When measured, it was found to be seven feet from tip to tip. Its mane, relinquishes the presidency, the premier decided that it would be advisable to retain Gen. Joffre in his present important position.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS IS IMPROVING

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught is Progressing Well in Royal Victoria Hospital.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—A continued improvement has manifested itself in the condition of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, and the symptoms which caused such grave apprehension when she was hurried from Ottawa to the Royal Victoria Hospital are apparently not so marked. Her Royal Highness passed a somewhat better night. Her cough is more or less troublesome. Otherwise her condition continues to show improvement and her strength is maintained. (Signed) E. S. WORTHINGTON, W. W. CHIPMAN, A. E. GARROW.

PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Prayers for the speedy recovery from her illness of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught were said in all the Roman Catholic churches of the city this morning. A circular letter from Archbishop Gauthier setting forth the duty of the faithful to pray for those in high station and making particular reference to Her Royal Highness whom illness had brought to the level of humanity, was read, and prayers were then said.

THE WATERWAYS COMMISSION.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—The Waterways Commission will sit in Detroit on the 17th of January to consider a proposal for damming the Livingstone Channel in the Detroit river.