

ON THE FIRING LINE

Pulsebeats of the Warriors Shown by Tongue and Pen From Ocean to Ocean in Canada's Greatest Conflict.

It scarcely seems credible, with so many and so reliable announcements of factories and mills preparing to establish themselves in Canada that the Dominion need anticipate a period of depression.

CAN SEE THE FACTS.

Mr. Wilfrid is too great a statesman to accept the doctrine that people can themselves prosper by suppressing their trade.

FALL OF AN IDOL.

Dear Sir John A. Macdonald has at length been formally deposed from his rank as a statesman.

POLITICAL HYSTERIC.

Arthur Hawkes, the self-nominated apostle of the "British born," writes: "Next to being born a Canadian, I rather think I would like to be born in the United States."

WILL HELP CANNERIES.

In a casual conversation with James Anderson, of the St. Mungo cannery, in which that gentleman was asked to express his opinion of the reciprocity agreement from the fishing industry's point of view, the suggestion was conveyed that there is little room for any question on the subject when restricted in a non-legal business way.

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At the present time he pointed out that the cannery wanted to get fish from the other side of the line. It meant that they had to pay one cent a pound to the United States treasury and it was, he thought, beyond controversy that a treaty of this class would help the fishing industry from every standpoint.

SAID IN WASHINGTON.

There are lumbermen in Washington today who are planning to remove their plants to British Columbia in case the treaty is adopted and this class seems to be in entire sympathy with the great body of farmers of the United States who have opposed the treaty. There are men engaged in the coal industry in Washington who believe that the output will be greatly reduced by the following the adoption of the treaty. Of course these men are very hostile to the treaty in their own position. It is also true that men of large experience both in business and in politics are apprehensive that the countries will turn the Alaska trade from Seattle to Vancouver, B. C. If these gentlemen who foresee nothing but disaster to the lumber interests, were to turn the Alaska trade in their own proposals, then the reciprocity treaty with Canada is going to be exceedingly unfortunate for Seattle and British Columbia. A peculiar feature of this matter relates to the political aspect of the treaty. President Taft was obliged to appeal to the Democratic members to secure a passage of the treaty. This will happen when the Democratic party can use the Canadian treaty as a political club with which to beat out the political brats of the present administration.

VICTORY FOR FIFTH REGIMENT

ARTILLERYMEN WIN PRINCE OF WALES PRIZE

Winners of Competition Were Commanded by Captain Harris, of Victoria

London, Aug. 31.—The artillery contests at Presburg, Isle of Wight yesterday resulted in a handsome victory for the Canadian team commanded by Captain Harris of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., Victoria, B. C. In addition to the Canadian team five other companies were entered, including the 1st Sussex, the North Scottish, the East Riding, the Dorsetshire and a team from Glamorgan, Wales. Three members of the Fifth Regiment were on the team in addition to Captain Harris.

The firing took place at a moving target at sea towed across the firing line at a range of from four to five thousand yards and at a speed of about 15 to 20 knots. The Canadians won the Prince of Wales prize with a figure of merit of point 998. The second prize went to the Sussex company, with a figure of merit of point 715, while the North Scottish team won third prize with a figure of merit of point 542. The East Riding gunners achieved point 509, but the Glamorgan company received no marks.

The weather was generally favorable, while the firing on the whole showed an improvement on last year's contest.

This event concludes the principal competitions, but it has been arranged that the two special competitions that had to be left out of the programme at Salisbury Plain last week shall take place on Saturday next at Lydd. The first of these two competitions is a contest for the artillery for the possession of the Canadian challenge cup. The other is a competition for heavy artillery for the Londonderry challenge cup and two other prizes.

BANDITS STEAL ORE FROM MINE

Winnetouca, Nev., Aug. 31.—Having slain up two men who were guarding high grade ore in the assay office of the Mammoth mine at National last night, a pair of bandits got away with \$9,000 worth of treasure. In a fight that took place afterwards one of the outlaws is believed to have been severely wounded.

ANOTHER BOOMERANG.

The Colonist published to-day in the same position as this article appears in the Times a long double-column headed editorial from the Chicago Democrat. The article is headed "Reciprocity, a Stepping Stone," and it argues forcibly that reciprocity must lead to annexation. The Times reprints here an editorial from the Colonist of May 9th, which seems to be a pretty good antidote for the Chicago opinion. Anyway, you pay your money and take your choice.

ANNEXATION

The talk of annexation is very desultory, but it continues. We think all Canadians should resent it. It implies some sort of superiority on the part of the United States, a superiority that does not exist. It implies that there is something in the institutions of the United States that Canadians would like to enjoy, but are prevented from sharing because of their existing political condition. It suggests that there is a prestige attaching to citizenship of the United States which Canadians do not enjoy as citizens of the Empire. It presupposes that Canadians desire these things and therefore in their heart of hearts are ready to be annexed. This superiority, these features of United States institutions, this imagined prestige are non-existent. There is not an intelligent Canadian to-day who believes his country has anything to gain by any annexation. It is surprising, therefore, how we listen to or read this talk about annexation with absolute complacency. We treat it with indifference. When a United States public man emits some nonsense on the subject, we simply smile; when a British paper talks about it, we attribute it to ignorance. The time has come when we should actively resent any suggestion that annexation to the United States is within the scope of possibility. We are as Canadians desirous of seeing the most friendly relations established between the two countries, but we propose to maintain our independent national existence within the Empire, and to work out our destiny in our own way.

THE CHICAGO DEMOCRAT

The Colonist this morning publishes an editorial printed in the Chicago Democrat, a paper which has adopted for its motto "A pillar to justice, a terror to wrong," in which the hope is expressed that reciprocity will not be defeated because its adoption will tend towards bringing the whole continent under one flag. We were interested on reading that editorial, because it was so different in tone from that of all American newspapers and because we had never heard of the Chicago Democrat's "Pillar to Justice." Its name could not be found in any United States newspaper directory. But just when the difficulty appeared insurmountable it was solved, and from an unexpected quarter. A prominent Victoria Conservative, formerly a resident of Chicago, a man who had hitherto been an active worker for the party, appeared and cleared up the mystery, and at the same time expressed his disgust with the conduct of men who would use such an instrument as the Chicago Democrat for any purpose whatever. The Democrat, according to this Conservative, is a notorious blackmailing sheet, conducted by a well known gambler, published once a week, which exists by the methods peculiar to the fraternity in the United States. This is the sort of campaign material "the interests," which have flitted from Washington to Montreal since their defeat in the United States, are sending out to Canadian Conservatives in the hope of achieving in Canada what they could not accomplish at home. What do the reputable Conservatives of Victoria think of the company in which the Colonist has placed them? Of course the Tory organ itself is quite at home in such society.

THREE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Two Men and One Woman Meet Death When Cars Capsize

Teccumseh, Neb., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Wm. Riordan, a young widow, and William Boutlier, a farmer, were instantly killed this morning when a touring car belonging to Boutlier, in which the two were riding, jumped from a culvert into a 15-foot ravine, imprisoning the two in the wreckage. The chauffeur escaped unhurt.

ANOTHER FATALITY.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 31.—Leslie Galvin, of Maitland, Mo., son of D. A. Galvin, a prominent banker, was instantly killed, and Harry J. Cridger, former postmaster at Maitland, was probably fatally injured when an automobile turned turtle near Marysville, Mo., early to-day.

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(From Thursday's Daily.) Thomas Mullally, a man of about 40 years of age, committed suicide at the Rock Bay hotel last evening by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. No reason can be discovered for his action. To the guests and employees at the hotel it came as a terrible surprise, for he was always cheerful and did not seem to have anything on his mind. The exact time of the suicide is not known as no one in the hotel heard any noise. At about seven or eight o'clock in the evening Mr. Mullally had a cheery "good-night" to his fellow-guests and retired to his room. When the landlady went up this morning between 9 and 10 to tidy up the room she found him lying on the bed just as if asleep but with a clearly-bored bullet wound in his head. The deceased was, so far as is known, a stranger in Victoria and had been staying at the hotel for seven or eight days. It is thought by several of his chance acquaintances at the hotel that he is from the state of Washington. In conversation he once or twice referred to several friends of his from that state whom he expected to find in Victoria. He was a bridge builder by trade, but had not been working while in Victoria. The remains have been removed to the Victoria Undertaking parlors pending funeral arrangements. An inquest will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Election Pointers for the People

Reciprocity means the removal of taxation on what you eat. In other words, it will do away with taxing foodstuffs at the expense of the consumer for the benefit of the producer. Let us give you an instance how it will affect you. Let us say you are sitting down to a table. You find that you have on the table the following excellent fare at the prices which the articles cost you at your grocer's:

- 1 Canelloupe, 15 cts.
4 Fresh Eggs, each, 4 1/2 cts.
1 lb. Ham, 50 cts.
1 lb. Fresh Creamery Butter, 46 cts.
Besides a number of other things, such as porridge, toast, etc. These are the current prices at the present time with the duty in force. That day you go over to visit your friend in Seattle and curiously enough, he has the same things of the same quality on his breakfast table next morning, and they cost him:

- 1 Canelloupe, 7 1/2 cts.
4 Fresh Eggs, each, 3 1/2 cts.
1 lb. Ham, 42 1/2 cts.
1 lb. Fresh Creamery Butter, 35 cts.

Your Seattle friend happens to be a painter, and on asking him what his wages are, he tells you \$4.50 per day, while you in the same trade in Victoria are getting \$4.00 per day, and your living expenses are very much higher.

Reciprocity will mean to you that while it cannot in any way materially affect your wages, it will reduce your cost of living to the level of that of your Seattle friend.

Did you notice the facts re "Consumers and Wage Earners," setting out the difference in the prices of various articles of food in Victoria and Seattle, which is now appearing in the Times?

There can be no refutation of the plain facts there set out, nor has any been attempted. The statements in such article can be verified at any time by anyone.

The day of the consumer has come.

Is it any wonder, then, that the Conservatives, for want of any argument against reciprocity, are not only driven to their old tactics of flag-waving, but would seem to insinuate that Canadians will have their country annexed to the United States without their having any voice in the matter?

If this annexation cry was not only humiliating to Canadian spirit, but insulting to the intelligence of the Canadian, there is one word which should be worth while to treat it seriously. Can any one point to anything that has ever been done by the Conservative Party in Canada to in any way foster the Imperial spirit? Such a cry by such a party can only be conceived in desperation and born in hypocrisy.

There is nothing new, however, about this feature of Tory flag-waving. Most of our citizens will recollect how in the dull time before '96,

THREE ENGINEERS PROBABLY DROWNED

THEIR CANOE FOUND ON SHORES OF LAKE

Started From Railway Camp for Nepigan Station but Did Not Reach Destination

Port Arthur, Ont., Aug. 31.—An upturned canoe found on the shores of Lake Helen, above Lake Nepigon, following the non-arrival at Nepigon station as expected, indicates the drowning of Division Engineer E. H. McCoy and Resident Engineers C. H. Nelson and Drum of the Canadian Northern railway construction staff. The men left Camp Alexander on Sunday evening for Nepigon, telephoning to Nepigon that they were descending the route by across Lake Helen. Between their camp and Nepigon river, and when they did not arrive search was made, resulting in the upturned canoe and floating paddles. McCoy was 48, married and came from the Western States; Drum and Nelson were also Americans, but the former homes are not known.

WORK OF INCENDIARY.

Man Loses Life in Fire at Topeka—Property Loss Will Exceed \$100,000.

Topeka, Kas., Aug. 31.—One man was burned to death, another was seriously injured and property loss exceeding \$100,000 resulted from a fire in the business district of Topeka early to-day. The J. C. Gressor Furniture Company and the Gibbs Clothing Company were the heaviest losers.

E. V. Evans, a photographer, who lived in his studio, lost his life. The door leading to an adjoining office through which he might have escaped,

In the days of stagnation and dry rot, when the Tories were in power, how our then representatives used to periodically wave the flag at election times and going back to Ottawa would promptly vote for an increase of duty on British iron. In fact, it was only on similar occasions to these that they were ever heard of, and as far as their ever getting anything done for the city, their performances were a standing joke.

Then as to the annexation cry. This, in the words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is "Arrant nonsense." Annexation can only come by conquest or by agreement. The latter is no more likely to happen than the former. Because we propose to enter into a business contract, which from our point of view will lower the cost of living and open up a larger market for our products, and in other ways will be materially beneficial, we are accused of disloyalty by the Conservatives. The same Conservatives, forsooth, who have in this province handed over to Americans immense tracts of land and timber limit!

Well weigh these things, and vote for Templeman and reciprocity on the 21st September.

This will mean that you are keeping in line with the progressive spirit which this city is now feeling the effects of.

What with the very extensive street work that is being carried on, the large amount of sewer construction just beginning, the Sooke Lake water scheme, and other big projects which are likely to be set on foot in the near future, there will be more than enough work to go around for many years to come.

Let the working-man see to it that while he gets the standard rate of wages he does not have to pay exorbitant prices for the necessaries of life. He now has his chance to increase the purchasing power of his wages by voting for reciprocity. By doing this he will also help to keep in movement the machinery by which Canada has become prosperous.

Keep in line with the rest of Canada so that the spirit of progress will not be killed in Victoria. Call for what Harry Barnard did for Victoria in the old shades of the opposition at Ottawa?

All over Canada the people are going to vote for Reciprocity. Do it in Victoria and vote for Templeman.

DRY DOCK AT ESQUIMALT

Extract From Hon. W. Templeman's Speech at Esquimalt on 29th August.

"In order to put Esquimalt in the position it should enjoy the government decided some little time ago to subsidize a dry dock of large dimensions. A contract was entered into between the B. C. Marine Railway Company and the Dominion government, whereby the company agrees to build a dock 900 feet long, 100 feet wide, at a cost of \$2,600,000, on which the Dominion government has promised to pay as a subsidy to the company 3 1/2 per cent. yearly for 35 years. In other words, this is a bonus to the company of \$91,000 annually for 35 years."

"If the dock were only to be occupied by mercantile vessels it would be hardly necessary to go to the enormous expense which the construction of a dock of those dimensions would entail. This is a naval dock, for use by vessels of the navy as well as by merchant men, and the subsidy would not have been granted at the present time if it were not for the fact that Esquimalt is a naval station, that a portion of the Canadian navy is going to be stationed here, and that it was necessary that we should provide for the future. (Cheers). The dock will be of sufficient capacity to accommodate two Dreadnaughts."

FATALITY INJURED BY FALL. Vancouver, Aug. 30.—The coroner's jury appointed to inquire into the death of H. J. Mowbray brought in the following verdict at the inquest: "The deceased died at the General Hospital on August 24 from injuries received by falling from a scaffold on August 12 at the corner of Fourth avenue and Dundas street, there being no evidence to show what caused the fall."

SIR WILFRID CONTINUES TRIUMPHANT JOURNEY

Thousands of Citizens Enthusiastically Acclaim Prime Minister at Halifax--Addresses 3,000 at One o'clock in the Morning

Halifax, Aug. 31.—Canada's Prime Minister won from Nova Scotia last night one of the most remarkable demonstrations of his career.

At the close of his thrilling speech over ten thousand enthusiastic people rose and wildly acclaimed him. Again and again the cheering was taken up at the far end of the great arena in which the meeting was held and rolled forward over the mass of humanity.

For over an hour Sir Wilfrid swayed the vast audience with his eloquence. The strains of an arduous campaign seem to have had no effect on him. The voices of other campaigners are worn and gone. His rings with its accustomed vigor.

On Tuesday morning he was up for the voyage to Digby by 6 o'clock in the morning. He endured the stormy trip and spoke at no less than seven meetings during the balance of the day, the last a gathering of three thousand people at Hants at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. It was nearly 3 o'clock before Halifax was reached, where another reception was awaiting him, and it was an hour later before he retired. Notwithstanding, six hours later the Prime Minister was holding a public reception with Premier Murray at the provincial parliament buildings, while in the afternoon he attended the opening of the Halifax fair.

WELLS OUTBOXED BROWN.

New York, Aug. 31.—Matt Wells, the English lightweight champion, last night added to his list of laurels by outboxing and outfighting "Knoxy," out of Brown, the New York lightweight, in ten rounds in one of the largest crowds that ever witnessed a pugilistic contest in New York City.

The ten-round battle was the first big fight staged under the new Tammany law legalizing boxing and attracted a crowd unprecedented in New York fight history. Police reserves from eleven precincts had been called in an effort to restrain the throng which crowded the streets around Madison Square Garden. With their drawn nightsticks, the bluecoats repeatedly charged the mob in vain, forcing, and finally resorted to the expedient closing of several streets.

Trouble began early in the evening with a series of protests against the manner in which the price of tickets for the fight had been raised. Holders of \$1 tickets calling for admission found signs starting them in the face "standing room \$5" and the price of tickets continued to soar as the evening advanced. Charges are also made that speculators had a corner on the best seats.

BOY FALLS TO DEATH.

Newcastle, Wash., Aug. 31.—Victor Newman, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Newman of this place, met death in a peculiar manner while picking blackberries near here. The boy stepped to the top of a cave leading to an abandoned mine and was bending over the cliff above the cave when he was overcome by coal damp and fell, striking his head on the rocks, resulting in his almost instant death. He fell a distance of about fifty feet. Men working in the vicinity of the cave witnessed the accident and rushed to the place where the lad was seen to fall, only to be repelled by a strong scent of gas. One of the men in the party secured a diver's suit and in this manner the boy's body was recovered. A wound on the head showed that the boy's death had been almost instantaneous.

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He then named the name of Mr. Borden. This was the signal for a well-organized Conservative corte of two hundred in the elevated seats to the left of the platform, who broke into cheering for their leader. There was an indignant demonstration from the gigantic gathering at the interruption, but the Premier stepped to the front of the platform and waited for silence. Then, turning to the little group, he addressed them smilingly. "That," he told them, amid a roar of laughter and applause, "was a good cheer, but it was not as big a one as you gave to Blackadder and Maclean. I am an old hand at campaigning and I know the chaff. I was told that there was a little game organized to get up a cheer for the leader of the opposition and have it sent over the wires to Toronto. I say, do not interfere. I do not object at all to the cheers for the leader of the opposition. I am only sorry for him to think that this will be the last chance he will have to get them. But I wondered to hear you cheer the statement that Mr. Borden had changed his views (laughter), and yet I should not have wondered. Can you who were cheering tell me anything upon which Mr. Borden has not changed his views. (Renewed laughter and applause.)

MORLEY'S CHANCE FOR THE WIDOWS

Mayor Wants City to Inaugurate Fund for the Benefit of Widows With Families

(From Thursday's Daily.) Having secured the appointment of a "cost of living" commission Mayor Morley has turned his attention to other channels, and the next direct result of his labors is to be found in the text of a resolution which was posted on the city hall bulletin board this morning. It has a bearing on the condition of the widows and the fatherless and will therefore be accorded a patient hearing irrespective of its jurisdiction. It is in the following terms: "I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the city council I shall recommend that, whereas no provision has so far been made either by the Dominion or provincial governments, that a by-law be prepared and introduced to provide from taxation for a fund and for the distribution thereof to widows and other women alone charged with the rearing of children, wherever the means of support are inadequate, allowance to be made according to the number of children in each case, and to cease partially or wholly for each child as it is adjudged of age and ability to support; also providing for the appointment of a properly qualified board to dispense the fund under the regulations of the by-law; the said by-law to come into effect on the 1st March, 1912, upon the failure of either the Dominion or provincial governments to make such provision, and remain in effect only and until such time as one or other of the governments shall make such provision therefor."

BIPLANE FALLS.

Amateur Aviator Probably Fatally Injured and Number of Spectators Hurt.

Freeport, Ill., Aug. 31.—Fred Hegle, 26 years old, an amateur aviator of Chicago, was probably fatally injured, and a number of spectators were hurt when Hegle's biplane fell 150 feet during an exhibition flight. The exhibition was for the benefit of Mrs. Daniel Kremer, whose husband was killed a short time ago in Chicago while trying for a pilot's licence.

YACHT GOES ASHORE.

Rosport, Ont., Aug. 31.—William L. Harkness' yacht Gunilda, stranded near here on Lake Superior, is not leaking and probably will be saved. Mr. Harkness made his way to Rosport, leaving his wife and daughter and two guests aboard the yacht. A wrecking crew has been sent from Port Arthur to aid the stranded vessel.