

WEATHER FORECAST.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Maritime--Fresh to Strong Southerly to Westerly Winds; Showery; Cooler Tonight Temperature at 3 A. M. 54 Degrees Above Zero.

VOL. IV. NO. 40

SAINT JOHN, CANADA, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1912.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Daily Edition, By Carrier, Per Year, \$5.00 Daily Edition, By Mail, Per Year, - \$3.00 Semi-Weekly Edition, By Mail, - \$1.00 Single Copies Two Cents

TWELVE PAGES

The Standard

HALIFAX FORTS NOT TO BE DISTURBED

Hon. Sam Hughes Declines To Sacrifice Safety Of City

NO BAR TO PROGRESS

Ample Space For Development of Harbor Facilities Without Interference with Defence --- Land Forces a University for Training of Young Canadians.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, May 13.—The officers of the garrison at Halifax, permanent and militia, numbering about one hundred, gave a complimentary dinner tonight at the Halifax Hotel, Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, the minister said, in the course of his speech in responding to the toast in his honor, had been speaking to him regarding the forts here, but nothing was further from his thoughts than to weaken the defense of the city. On the contrary, they would be greatly strengthened and additional forts would be erected. Fort Clarence and George's Island would not be interfered with till orders were ready. The minister proceeded to say that he had many interviews with certain men in Halifax regarding the acquisition of certain military properties for commercial purposes. It had been his duty to carefully examine these, but he would say that, neither directly nor indirectly would he sacrifice the military interests of the city. He had favored the policy of the development of Canada's transportation routes and all did so. The ports of Halifax and St. John, Quebec and Montreal in the east would be developed and Vancouver, New Westminster, Victoria and Prince Rupert on the Pacific coast would also be equipped as national ports, but in Halifax the man must be a very poor engineer indeed who could not lay out a plan for the development of this port without interfering with one foot of military property. The minister went on to lay stress on the fact that the permanent forces in Canada was not in a standing army but rather a university for the education of the military, and its officers should consider themselves professors in that great university. Hon. Mr. Hughes left by special train at midnight for Bridgewater, accompanied by A. DeW. Foster, M. P. He will proceed from there to Middleton where he will be joined by A. L. Davidson, M. P., and later by H. B. Tremain, M. P. for Haats.

EMPRESS HAD AN ACCIDENT

One of Ireland's Cylinders Blown Out Early in Voyage and Steamer Had to Proceed Slowly.

Quebec, May 13.—The Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Ireland reached here between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning, instead of on Thursday or Friday last. The reason for the delay is that one of her cylinders blew out on the second day out and she made slow time on the rest of the journey, 250 miles a day being the average rate. One of the engineers was badly scalded, but is all right now. Another was struck on the knee but there was no serious casualty, though two men who were about to go onto the cylinder before the explosion had a narrow escape. The Empress carried about 1400 passengers among whom was Hon. W. S. Fielding. The captain and officers say that she will be able to return this week.

WIFE OF FORMER ST. JOHN PASTOR DIES IN HALIFAX

Special to The Standard. Halifax, May 13.—Mrs. Cohoe, the wife of Rev. A. B. Cohoe, of the First Baptist Church, passed away at Princess Lodge today. Mrs. Cohoe had been seriously ill for several months, suffering from an affection of the throat. Mrs. Cohoe, previous to her marriage was a Miss Emory, her former home being in Toronto. Her uncle is John Pugsley, of St. John. She was the mother of two daughters.

DR. SUN SAYS NEW LAW WILL MAKE TROUBLE

Enforcement of Saskatchewan Prohibition Against Chinese Will Mean Boycott.

Trade Between This Country and Celestial Republic Will Be Crippled Says Former Provisional President.

Moosajaw, Sask., May 12.—While no prosecutions of Orientals have yet been made in connection with the infringement of the new provincial act prohibiting the employment of white girls as help in their places of business, a letter on the subject has come to Frank Yee, restaurant keeper, purporting to be from the great Dr. Sun Yet Sen himself. The letter is of much importance and is as follows:— "For years China has been assisting the big cities of Canada and the Chinese have awakened to the western ideas. I shall see to it that new consuls are appointed at both Vancouver and Ottawa. The name of the man I have entered for Ottawa I will not close but office say that he is one of the most highly educated men in China. He will arrive in Vancouver some time during the summer and I may possibly be with him on a visit to Canada. In any event he will be instructed to lecture on the subject of the employment of white girls in Oriental places of business in the principal cities. Moosajaw will receive special attention." Dr. Sun Yet Sen adds in the event of the new law going into effect there would "most certainly be a boycott formed in the big cities of China and that the great trade between Canada and China on the Pacific would also be crippled by means of withdrawing a large number of Chinese now employed on the big C.P.R. liners plying between Vancouver and Hong Kong."

CHARGE TANG WITH GRAFT

Grave Accusations Made Against China's Premier --- Cabinet Promises Reforms in Administration of Affairs.

Pekin, May 12.—All the members of the Chinese republican cabinet at present in Peking appeared today before the provisional council and promised the introduction of reforms in the administration and extensive modern developments. These include trials by jury, the reorganization of the army and navy a general system of education, sound methods of taxation, including the introduction of an income tax and the establishment of a national bank. The visit of the cabinet ministers to the provisional council will be apparently an effort on the part of Premier Tang Shao Yi to prevent his impending overthrow. Premier Tang Shao Yi was closely questioned during a secret session of the council. Certain of the councillors declared that Tang Shao Yi paid over to Dr. Sun Yat Sen personally the sum of \$1,000,000. Whether this charge is true or untrue, the allegation itself shows that there exists a lack of confidence in Tang Shao Yi. The councillors charge the government of Premier Tang Shao Yi with the contract and spending the Belgian loan without consulting the council.

GRIT SLANDER IS LIKELY TO PROVE SOMEWHAT COSTLY

Liberal Organs Make Serious Charges Against Armand Lavergne Who Sues for \$25,000 Damages.

Quebec, May 13.—Armand Lavergne, the opposition lieutenant, against whom serious charges relative to his legal practice were made by the Liberal organs Le Soleil and La Vie, has instituted in damages to the extent of \$25,000 against each of the two papers. He also put the matter into the hands of the Syndic of the Quebec bar requesting him to make an immediate investigation.

WITNESS HAD SHORT MEMORY COURT FAILED TO JOG IT

Former Tin Plate King's Recollections Decidedly Hazy at Times

EXASPERATED JUDGE

Daniel Reid and Judge W. H. Moore Promoted Merger of Thirty-five Tin Plate Concerns But Former Denies Intention to Create Monopoly.

New York, May 13.—Daniel Reid, the railroad financier and former tin plate king, a director and member of the finance committee of the United States Steel Corporation, was called on the stand today at the hearing of the government suit to dissolve the corporation, to tell how the American Tin Plate Company was organized. "First of the many prominent defendants in the case appeared on the stand, Mr. Reid proved a poor witness for the government and time and again his answers to pertinent questions in regard to the financial phases of the tin plate company's organization was: 'I don't remember,' or 'I do not recollect.' His poor memory appeared to exasperate Judge Jacob M. Dickinson, chief counsel for the government and prompted him to remark: 'You can bring a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. You can subpoena a witness but it seems that you can't make him remember.' The government contends that the American Tin Plate Company, which became the United States Steel Corporation, was in itself a combination in restraint of trade and that its stock was watered. Mr. Reid told how in 1898 he and Judge William H. Moore had welded the company together out of about 35 tin plate concerns representing at that time some 90 per cent. of the industry, but upon the question as to what the proceeds were worth, Mr. Reid's memory was frail. He admitted that \$10,000,000 in stock went to the underwriting syndicate, which advanced the company over and above \$30,000,000 preferred and common stock issued in exchange for stock of tin plate concerns. He was unable to recall, however, how much of this \$10,000,000 he received himself as a member of the syndicate, or whether cash was paid for any of the plants instead of stock. All efforts of Judge Dickinson to refresh the witness' memory on the subject by reading extracts from the testimony of Mr. Reid gave before the industrial commission in 1899 proved futile. Judge Dickinson pressed the witness with equal lack of success for information concerning the contracts by which the American Tin Plate Company is said to have prevented machinery for the manufacture of tin plate from being used by competitors. My mind is a perfect blank on that subject," declared the witness. Mr. Reid admitted that there was competition among the various constituent plants before he and Judge Moore brought them together, but that the capacity of the corporation to monopolize the industry, or that there had been any effort to suppress competition. "Competition was fair and open," he asserted. At the present time Mr. Reid said, reading from statistics compiled, he explained, in the office of the steel corporation, competition had grown to such an extent that the present annual capacity of the corporation's tin plate plants was only 53.7 per cent. of the country's total as compared with an independent capacity of 46.3 per cent. "We figured that by combination, we could buy supplies cheaper, reduce overhead charges and make business more profitable," explained Mr. Reid, but persistent questioning by Judge Dickinson elicited the admission that "it might have had the regulation of prices in mind." Prices of tin plate advanced after the organization of the company, but this was due, he explained, to advances in the prices of crude steel and pig tin over which the tin plate company had no control. Moreover, he said, prices of tin plate were much higher in the years previous to 1898 than after. Mr. Dickinson brought out from testimony in this connection that the National Steel Company, manufacturer of crude steel, was controlled by practically the same interests that controlled the tin plate company. This company, the American Sheet Steel Company and the American Steel Hoop Company were organized as customers of the National Steel Company. Mr. Reid said, and Judge Moore, chief organizer of all four companies, wanted only the tin plate company, he said, but it was "all or none."

ISMAY PROPOSES ENDOWMENT FUND

London, May 13.—The London papers will publish a statement made by the Liverpool Journal of Commerce that J. Bruce Ismay intends to provide an endowment fund for pensions for disabled seamen of all classes connected with the White Star Line and for their widows, as a thank offering and a memorial to the heroism of the Titanic's crew. The fund, it is further said, will probably amount to \$100,000.



J. BRUCE ISMAY.

NESBITT IS ALLOWED TO GO ON BAIL

Former President of Farmers' Bank Arraigned in Police Court.

Counsel Asks Prisoner Be Released Until Monday to Allow Time for Consultation— Investigation is Resumed.

Toronto, May 13.—Dr. William Beattie Nesbitt, former president of the defunct Farmers Bank, who was brought back from Chicago through extradition papers yesterday, appeared in the police court for a few minutes this morning and was allowed his liberty on \$15,000 bail. His bondsmen are Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., and Dr. Walter McKeown, each giving his surety to the amount of \$7500.

He was arraigned on four charges of fraud in making false returns of the condition of the finance of the Farmers Bank to the government. H. H. Dewart, K.C., Dr. Nesbitt's counsel, asked for a remand until next Monday without electing or pleading, stating that the case had been brought on so hurriedly that he had not been afforded an opportunity to consult with his client. He asked for bail and the Crown named \$15,000 as the figure. The investigation into the affairs of the Farmers Bank was resumed this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Osgoode Hall. Before it concludes Dr. Nesbitt will be asked to give the commission his version of the history of the defunct institution.

CANADIAN CONDUCTS GREAT CHOIR OF FOUR THOUSAND VOICES

London, May 13.—A great and enthusiastic audience of 10,000 listened to the Empire concert which inaugurated Shakespeare England at Earl's Court Saturday. The singing of the Imperial choir of 4000 voices conducted by Dr. Charles Harris, of Canada, was most imposing. Sir Henry Wood also conducted.

THREE MORE BODIES OF TITANIC VICTIMS BROUGHT TO SHORE

Special to The Standard. Lunenburg, May 13.—S. S. Montgomery, Capt. Polot, arrived today with three bodies of Titanic victims—Harold Reynolds, of Toronto; C. Smith, of the cooking staff, and a young girl about 15 years of age, name unknown. These are being landed in Lunenburg and expressed to Halifax for burial. The Montgomery will at eleven o'clock tonight to continue the search after bodies, on bunker.

TAFT IN SEARCH OF ROOSEVELT'S SCALP

EVIDENCE POINTS TO POISONING

Physician of Deceased Island Children Endorses Murder Theory.

Report of Montreal Analyst Likely to Confirm View --- Believed Mother of Victims Was Insane.

Special to The Standard. Georgetown, P. E. I., May 13.—At the McGehee trial in Georgetown today Dr. B. R. Fraser of Montserrat, who was called to attend the six children during their illness and who assisted at the autopsy, declared that he was now of the opinion that death was due to phosphorus poisoning. The symptoms were certainly marked in the case of the last boy who died. Kenny aged ten, the enlarged liver, the yellowish tinge on the other organs, the character of the material passed by the bowels, all supported his statement. The mother he said during his visit to the house did not seem much concerned about the illness of the boy even after losing the other five children. Dr. McMillan, who went to Montreal with the organs of the deceased child, said that he analyzed and testified this afternoon. It is understood that he will confirm Dr. Fraser and that the report of two analysts will also confirm the theory of phosphorus poisoning. Mrs. McGee who is being tried for the murder of her children will be unable to stand up to the Supreme Court, says witnesses "previously examined." The opinion of Dr. Fraser that the death of the six McGee children was caused by phosphorus poisoning was corroborated this afternoon by Dr. J. D. McIntyre, W. J. McMillan and D. A. Stewart. At the preliminary trial, all had taken part in the autopsy. Dr. McMillan who assisted Dr. Ratton of McGill University, in making the chemical analysis of the organs of the deceased, says they found phosphorus in the form of phosphoric acid and phosphates. The evidence showed Mrs. McGee had obtained 36 bunches or 216 cards in one week and there was enough phosphorus in two cards soaked in water, the doctors said, to cause the death of an adult. A grain is usually fatal. One of the witnesses, a neighbor of Mrs. McGee, said he heard her say she would go to Boston if anything happened to Johnny and that her husband could get married again. She said he was kind to her and she could not chastise the children while he was there. The case will be concluded tomorrow when some important evidence will be submitted.

President's Final Efforts Marked by Fierce Attack On Antagonist

BECAME INDIGNANT

And Said Theodore Likens Himself More to Lincoln and Resembles Him Less Than All Others --- Ohio Supporters Encouraged by Reception

Steubenville, Ohio, May 13.—President Taft's first day of his final campaign swing through Ohio, which came to an end with a speech here tonight, was marked by the most pronounced verbal assaults upon "Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to which Mr. Taft so far has given public utterances. Speeches that were filled with indignant attacks that bubbled over with uncompromising adjectives, Mr. Taft discharged his oratory at his predecessor in the White House. Late today when he spoke at Denison, St. Clairville, Bollaie and Bridgeport, the weather was fair and the crowds came out in summer attire. At many points the President touched the steel manufacturing district of Ohio which his political advisers opposed to his re-nomination. The crowds, however, were large enough and frequently demonstrative enough to make his Ohio friends feel somewhat optimistic. Although in substance all of the dozen speeches the President made today were much like those he delivered in Massachusetts and Maryland, they differed widely at times in the words said to secure Mr. Roosevelt. These were unusual and gave his hearers opportunities for applause and laughter which seldom failed to come. Mr. Taft compared Roosevelt and Lincoln with a smile. "Mr. Roosevelt, I think himself to Abraham Lincoln more and resembles him less than any man in this country," he remarked during the day. Mr. Taft called upon the Roosevelt backers to find one indictment if he had done wrong, asked for more facts and less lurid headlines and lunged at Mr. Roosevelt and his campaign. The former President is making against him "accusatory and libelous." "Let Mr. Roosevelt point out what thing I have done or failed to do under the influence of anybody, and then I will say that he has made a point, but while he continues merely in general denunciation to say that the bosses are all for me and all against him, I say he is conducting a campaign that is not worthy the man who has had the veneration, respect and honor put upon him by the American people."

TAFT ADMITS PET IS DEAD

Demise of Reciprocity, He Argues, Closes Subject as Argument Against Him --- Scores Roosevelt's Attitude.

Dexter, Ohio, May 13.—President Taft in a speech here today referred to reciprocity and admitted "the thing is dead." "They tell me this is a Roosevelt town," was his opening remark to the crowd that met his train. "It is," yelled a man on the station platform. "They say you are against me," continued the president, "because I was in favor of reciprocity. Well, I was. I was in favor of reciprocity because I believe it would be good for the farmers and every other class. We sell our foodstuffs and agricultural products to Canada, four times what they sell to us," declared Mr. Taft. "The can not raise corn up there, they can only raise the hardest cereals, and it would be of great benefit to the farmers, but the thing is dead. Now what I want to say to you, is that you are utterly illogical in opposing me on account of reciprocity, when the fact is that before I entered into reciprocity at all, I wrote to Theodore Roosevelt and consulted him about it, and told him all the arguments both ways. He commended me most highly for going into the business and approved it in every way. Now that he finds that reciprocity is not popular with the farmers, he recants and says that, well, he has changed his mind about it."

MEMBERS OF CABINET LEAVING CAPITAL

Ottawa, May 13.—Premier Borden accompanied by Hon. J. D. Reid, leaves for Toronto tonight. The Prime Minister's visit will last a week. Hon. J. D. Hazen left for St. John today.