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PLAN FOR FAST LINE IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT

New Company in London to Build and Buy Steamers.

TWO PARTS TO SCHEME.

Fast Passenger Service to Cape Breton With Three New £1,000,000 Steamers - Purchase of Furness and Elder-Dempster Fleet for Cargo Service to St. Lawrence.

Montreal, July 17.—(Special)—A special London cable says:—The preliminary fast line negotiations between the Canadian ministers and Sir Christopher Furness and the Elder-Dempsters are still proceeding. The next step apparently will be to endeavor to induce Mr. Chamberlain to increase the British subsidy, which is now pledged at £750,000 against Canada's £1,250,000. That, however, must await Mr. Chamberlain's resumption of business.

The general idea at present seems to be that an Atlantic company will be floated here to construct a fast passenger service to Cape Breton with three new 22,000-ton steamers costing £1,000,000 sterling each, the company also to buy the Furness and Elder-Dempster fleet for a cargo service to the St. Lawrence. It is hoped to induce the Australian premiers here to combine with Canada to improve the Vancouver-Australian fleet as a link in the fast mail service, and to bring London and Sydney (N. S. W.) within 25 days of each other.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has decided to postpone his visit to France till the autumn. The French arrangements include a stay in Paris, a visit to the Lake district, a trip to Angouleme, the home of his ancestors, a stay on the Normandy coast there to Rome, passing through Switzerland.

Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson and probably Sir William Mulock will accompany him. They expect to be back in Canada about the middle of September. Tonight Sir Wilfrid and others attend the premier of Natal's banquet at the Cecil.

It is evident from last night's speech at the Canada Club dinner that Mr. Chamberlain's conference has made no substantial progress as yet towards definite defence or the preferential tariff agreements. The chief result so far has been to discover how many different views are held, though the fraternal spirit is most marked.

Toronto, July 17.—(Special)—The Telegram's cable from London says:—Nothing definite has been reached in regard to the combination between the Allan and the Elder-Dempster line towards securing a fast line subsidy. No offer has yet been made, but representatives of those steamship companies are interviewing the cabinet ministers and presenting their scheme for a fast line between Canada and Great Britain.

In order to shorten the conference the premiers are having special interviews with the admiralty, defence and other departments in regard to preferential trade and the proposed steamship line.

Admiral Lord Charles Boscawen advises helping Canada with a fast steamship route. With a British combine for Atlantic trade it would surely knock J. Pierpont Morgan's plans in the head.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 17.—If the vote and influence of President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, shall prevail with the members of his organization, there will be no general strike of the organization. The chances of such a step being taken now are very remote.

In his speech this afternoon Mr. Mitchell advised strongly against a strike and urged that the bituminous miners continue at work and that a system of assessment upon the members of the order, which he outlined, be carried into effect as the best means of affording aid and support to the striking anthracite men in the east.

His recommendation, if it had been adopted by the convention this afternoon, would have settled the entire question for which the convention was called and an immediate adjournment would have followed.

A motion to adopt the suggestions of President Mitchell provoked a long debate, in which the general sentiment was against the ordering of the strike.

The men from the anthracite regions finally made a request that they be allowed to hold a caucus to determine an expression of opinion as to what they thought the convention should do, and asked an adjournment of the convention for this purpose. Their request was granted and the adjournment was taken. The men who were in favor of a strike were in a decided minority in the convention. Three speeches were made by members of the anthracite districts, urging that the soft coal men walk out and twice as many were made by the anthracite men, urging the soft coal men to continue at work.

The convention began in Tomlinson Hall with an attendance of about 900 delegates. Nearly every man on the floor for which the convention was called and an immediate adjournment would have followed.

President Mitchell made an address in which he said: "I sincerely trust that your decision shall carry hope and inspiration to that great army of men, women and children in the anthracite fields, who are being starved and driven to the wall."

ALL VENICE IN DANGER.

WHOLE CITY PRACTICALLY DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION.

Fall of the Campanile a Note of Warning—Subsoil Has Deteriorated, Says City Architect; Shrinkages and Sinkings Observed for Years.

Venice, July 16.—Professor Wagner, the city architect, is of the opinion that practically the whole of Venice is doomed to destruction. He says that the subsoil has deteriorated, and the piles and pillars are rotten and unable to stand the pressure on them. Shrinkages and sinkings have been observed in the subsoil for many years, although an official commission lately declared that there was no danger from these causes.

Professor Wagner advocates the restoration of the Loggetta of Sanovino, but not of the Campanile. He says that if the tower is rebuilt it should be in modern styles. Offers of money to aid in rebuilding the Campanile continue to be received from abroad, including offers from America; but there is a disposition to make its reconstruction a purely national affair, as it was prior to the collapse without foreign assistance. The cost is estimated at \$1,200,000.

Within a barricade surrounding the ruins of the Campanile, workmen are sorting into separate heaps the marbles, statues, broken bronze bells, copper roofing, carvings and the capitals of the columns and iron bars. The bronze gate of the Loggetta of Sanovino was found beneath the debris, twisted and with one of the hinges broken. There is hope that the pictures by Tintoretto and others may be saved. Three-quarters of the piazza of San Marco is covered with debris and traffic is completely stopped.

YACHT OVERTURNED. Lead Shoe on Keel Dropped Off—Party Aboard Were Saved.

Boston, July 17.—Captain John Morris, of the sloop yacht Aphrodite, with James Harvey, Mrs. Harvey, her seven-year-old daughter, and another, arrived this evening on a schooner, having been capsized from their boat five miles southeast of Richmond Island, on the Maine coast. They started 10 days ago from the Barker Hill Yacht Club, intending to spend Mr. Harvey's vacation cruising about the shore.

Wednesday at Richmond Island the lead shoe on the keel dropped off and the sloop turned over.

All on board were thrown into the water. Mrs. Harvey and her seven-year-old daughter were the most helpless, and the men assisted them in holding to the bottom until assistance came. None of the party was injured.

The yacht was picked up yesterday and towed into Portland harbor.

Canadians' Work at Bisle's Thursday. Toronto, July 17.—(Special)—The Telegram's cable from Bisle's says:—The P. M. P. 20th Royal Scots, scored 38 points in the Association Cup match at 200 yards, and 37 points at 600 yards.

In the Alexander Martin match at 200 yards, with 10 shots, Sgt. Byles, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, made 47 points out of a possible 50.

Sgt. Smith, 43rd D. C. O. R., is credited with 47 points in the Armorer's Company match, 500 yards with 10 shots.

In the Alexander Martin match at 200 yards, Corporal Jones, 82nd Battalion, scored 49 points. Captain C. N. Mitchell's score in the Armorer's Company reached 45.

Sudden Death of a Priest. Windsor, Ont., July 17.—(Special)—Rev. Father Beaudette, of the Holy Trinity, died at 10 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Rev. Father Beaudin, whom he was visiting. Heart failure is the supposed cause. Father Beaudette was 40 years of age and was in the priesthood 12 years.

BULLER CONTROVERSY AGAIN.

VOTE OF CENSURE OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

Attacks on War Office in Both Commons and Lords—Appointment of Inspector General of Army Education Asked For—New Scheme Being Drawn Up.

London, July 17.—The Buller controversy was again raised by Sir Edward Grey, Bart. (Liberal) in the house of commons today on the war office vote. Sir Edward charged the war office officials with having acted unfairly towards General Buller and demanded the publication of further papers.

Later, Sir Edward Grey's proposed vote of censure of the government for its treatment of General Buller, was defeated by 236 yeas to 98 nays, after much speech making.

Simultaneously the war office was being attacked in the house of lords where Lord Monkswell (Liberal) brought up the scathing allegations contained in the report of the committee of military education and urged the immediate appointment of an inspector general of army education.

Lord Raglan, the under-secretary for war, and Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, defended the war office, saying that a new scheme for education, containing sweeping changes, was in process of being drawn up, which statement satisfied Lord Monkswell and his supporters and the motion was withdrawn.

LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND RESIGNS.

Two Mentioned as Possible Successors—Balfour to Cut Down Number of Cabinet Members.

London, July 17.—Earl Cadogan today resigned the lord lieutenancy of Ireland. Premier Balfour presided at his first cabinet meeting today.

London, July 18.—The fact that all the ministers presented Mrs. Steny, wife of the ex-president of the Orange River Colony, with a purse of £1,000 before she sailed for Europe with her husband and three children, was in a pliable condition for the Transvaal Colony and was previously a captain in the 10th Hussars and later secretary of the late Duke of West-

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URGES CANADA'S MERCHANTS TO WATCH AFRICA.

Dominion Agent There Sends Trade Report to Department at Ottawa.

Those Who Fought Till End of War Show Hatred of Those Who Became British Scouts—Ex-President Steyn Brought to Pitiable Condition by Enteric.

Pretoria, Transvaal, July 17.—The attitude of the annexed territories is not being accomplished without considerable friction. This is especially noticeable in the bitter hatred and persecution on the part of the Boers who stayed in the field to the end of the war against the Boers who served as British scouts. It is stated that some of these national scouts have been shot or beaten. So intense is the feeling that many of the burghers who fought to the end distinguished themselves from those who surrendered during the war by wearing a green badge. The Transvaal and Free State colors are also freely worn and the custom is encouraged by the Dutch who did not take an active part in the war. Many of the burghers declare they were induced to agree to surrender by the false representations of their leaders, who painted the terms too rosy. Dissident elements are numerous, and any attempt to place the burghers who surrendered during the war in authority over those who fought throughout will result in several hostilities.

The majority of the Boers have apparently in no way abandoned their nationality, and some of them preach the advisability of opening Dutch schools so as to keep alive their nationality.

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NEVER SUCH A SHOWING.

CANADA'S TRADE MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED MILLIONS.

Aggregate for Year Ending June 30, Thirty-seven Millions Greater Than Last Year; Seventy-two Per Cent More Than Conservatives' Best Year.

Ottawa, July 17.—(Special)—Canada's aggregate trade has passed the four hundred million mark and today the customs returns for the year ending June 30 show the unprecedented figure of \$414,517,358, compared with \$377,689,705 last year, or an increase of \$36,827,653, or 7.2 per cent over 1901, the best year of which the late government can boast. The total import trade for the year was \$202,791,591, compared with \$181,225,389 last year in 1901 and 1902, and \$121,705,039 in 1903. The export of domestic produce totalled \$190,240, compared with \$177,639,192 the previous twelve months. The following are the comparative figures for the three years mentioned:

Table with columns for 1901, 1902, 1903. Rows include Mines, Fisheries, Forest, Animals, Manufactures, Agricultural, Miscellaneous, Total.

The export figures of foreign trade show a decrease of \$3,204,001. This trade, however, refers only to foreign goods handled by Canadian agencies and does not materially affect the Canadian trade.

The imports figures for the year were: Durable goods, \$118,637,436, an increase of \$12,668,901 over the previous year. Free goods, \$77,822,694, an increase of \$9,063,154 over 1901. The duty collected totalled \$22,422,882 compared with \$29,129,882 the previous year, or \$3,204,001 in increase.

The aggregate trade for the month of June was \$47,574,763, compared with \$44,216,737 in June of the previous year, an increase of \$3,358,026.

The total export trade for the month was \$25,179,265, compared with \$22,757,703 the same month last year. This was made up as follows:

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At Halifax After Successful Sealing Trip. Halifax, N. S., July 17.—(Special)—Sealing schooner Edward Roy, Captain Gilbert, arrived this morning from Port Stanley (Falkland Islands), all well. The Roy left about the same time as the Beatrice J. Corkum, which arrived here a week ago, but was becalmed for six days, taking 50 days for the passage. All who left in her last year returned. Her catch of seals amounted to 2,300, worth \$45,000.

Metcalf Committed. Saint Ste. Marie, Ont., July 17.—Gordon C. Metcalf, formerly of St. John, arrested by C. P. R. detectives, was arraigned yesterday for preliminary hearing. He pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing receipts, keys and money from the C. P. R. station at this place. Magistrate Ferris committed him to the next assizes.

14,567 Cases of Cholera. Manila, July 16.—Cholera is still spreading in the provinces. The provincial total is 14,567 cases and 10,937 deaths. Manila averages 40 cases daily.

Originator of the Post Card Dead. Vienna, July 16.—Privy Councillor Emanuel Bachner, who is said to be the originator of post-cards, is dead.

Frederickton Man Drowned With Thirteen Others at Isle of Shoals. W. A. Alward Lost His Life Trying to Save Others—Boat Overtaken and Sank—Twelve Women Went Down to Watery Grave—Young Alward, Student at Harvard, Was Working at Summer Hotel During Vacation.

Ile of Shoals, N. H., July 17.—A fierce squall that suddenly swept off the mainland this afternoon caught and capsized a whaleboat, in which were 16 of the help of the Oceanic house, out on a pleasure trip. Fourteen of the number, two men and 12 women, were drowned, including women and Fred Miles, who was in charge of the boat, were rescued by fishermen. The names of the drowned are:—Henry Farrington, head waiter, of 61 Danvers street, Cambridge; W. A. Alward, assistant head waiter, of Frederickton (N. B.); Bertha Graham, 12 Essex street, Danvers (Mass.); Minnie McDonald, 500 Prospect street, Cambridgeport (Mass.); Eva Adams and May Adams, her sister, of Portsmouth (N. H.); Catherine Boves and Elizabeth Boves, her sister, Saxtonville (Mass.); Beesie Chase, 14 Newham street, West (Mass.); Anna Sheehan, 71 Auburn street, West Medford (Mass.).

Eva Marshall and May Marshall, her sister, Haverhill (Mass.); Isabel Kaouka, Cambridge (Mass.); Laura Gilmore, Exeter (N. H.). The saved are Alice Haggerty, Lillian Brossman, Skipper Fred Miles. The bodies of Farrington, Alward, Beesie Chase, Eva Mitchell and Isabel Kaouka have not yet been recovered.

All the others were taken from the water by fishermen and taken to the island, where they were worked over for a long time by Doctors Warren, of Boston, and Richter, of Portsmouth, but to no purpose.

Farrington and Alward were both law students at Harvard University, rooming at Foray's hall. Both were good swimmers, and lost their lives trying to rescue the others.

The party put off from the hotel some time after the lunch hour, intent on having a few hours' sail and relaxation from their hotel duties.

The boat was a long, open one, such as (Continued on page 8, third column.)

BETTER TERMS FROM DOMINION FOR PROVINCES.

Question Has Been Before the Colonial Premiers in London.

INCREASE FOR ALL Would Mean Half a Million for Ontario and in Proportion for the Others—Maritime Premiers Present Claim for the Fishery Award.

Toronto, July 17.—(Special)—The Telegram's cable from London says:—"Nothing has been officially reported about the meetings of the provincial premiers and ministers from Canada who are here at present, but it is understood they have discussed the important question of securing better terms for the provinces from the dominion. An increase has been proposed for all the provinces and its adoption would mean an increase of half a million per annum in revenue of Ontario, the other provinces in proportion.

The maritime premiers, Messrs. Tweedie, Murray and Peters, desire that the money from the fishery award should be divided amongst the maritime provinces. They think they would have a good claim in arbitration on account of their great fishing trade.

"The question of precedents given the provincial premiers and cabinet ministers in the dominion was discussed. At present the provincial ministers rank after dominion members of parliament and the opinion of those at the conference is very strongly in favour of the latter ranking after the dominion cabinet ministers."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is evidently contemplating the preference trade question seriously and tactfully. I hear this afternoon an authentic report that, in his interview with the British government, Premier Laurier said he would like to see Britain to tax its people for the benefit of Canada but suggested that, as Britain taxes all grain it should exempt Canadian wheat. Perhaps Canada might be able to reciprocate by the admission of some articles of British manufacture. It is said the British ministers are considering this proposal."

The Halifax Printers' Strike. Halifax, July 17.—(Special)—Owing to employment of non-union men, all the machine operators and the foreman of the Chronicle went out on strike Wednesday night and this morning the Echo hands remained out. Both papers came out as usual, however. Tonight the situation is unchanged, except that the boys were ordered and went out. The strike affects about 20 men and boys. Although working under difficulties