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RUSSIA WANTS AN ARBITRATION PACT WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Such Treaty Would Remove "Japanese Tutelage in Far East" is Opinion of Leading Paper.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—The Novoe Vremya urges the conclusion of an anglo-Russian treaty of arbitration.

The Moscow Russkoe Slovo styles the treaty recently signed by Japan and Great Britain as "The end of Anglo-Japanese alliance." The amendments in the new version, it says, are tantamount to annulment of the alliance and will terminate Japanese hegemony in the Pacific. Since the Portsmouth conference, the Slovo says, Japan has neglected her navy and devoted her whole resources to the army and the establishments on the continent preparatory to a further advance to the Northwest. An end has now been put to Japan's continental policy. Henceforth she must watch the United States and spend money for a powerful fleet.

The Russkoe SlovEo urges immediate negotiations for an Anglo-Russian treaty of arbitration, "To free Russia from wearisome Japanese tutelage in the Far East."

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REVISION OF WOOL TARIFF

Senator Smoot's Bill Dealing With Wool Duties Will be Introduced in U. S. Senate Today.

Washington, D. C., July 18.—Senator Smoot, of the senate committee on finance, will introduce tomorrow his wool tariff revision bill. It will be presented as a substitute for the house measure and will receive the support of the regular Republicans and of the administration. The bill provides for a general reduction on wool and woolens, but does not go so far on either as the house bill. It fixes the same rate on first class wool that the Lafollette bill names so long as that class of wool maintains the price of 22½ cents per pound, but as the rate is specific the protection is made variable as it is under the ad valorem system of the Winconsin senator. It retains higher duties on woolens than are provided by the Lafollette bill.

The compensatory duties are levied upon the same principle as in the present law with many reductions in the additional protective ad valorem duties. There are also material reductions on carpets, druggets and mats clothing and on webbings, braids, ribbons, trimmings, etc.

There is a new paragraph which provides that "in no case shall any of the articles or fabrics enumerated in this schedule pay a duty greater than is equivalent to an ad valorem duty of 80 per centum." It is admitted by the author of the bill that this provision may be the means of making it difficult for the manufacturers of exceedingly fine and high priced cloth, to compete with similar foreign made goods.

HERE'S A NEW PLAN FOR A SUICIDE.

East Greenwich, R. I., July 18—An unusual method of committing suicide was adopted by Samuel Hambler, 40 years old, a mill operative who was found dead today in his cell at the county jail. He had rubbed his neck back and forth on the sharp iron edge of the bed in his cell until he had cut his throat. Hambler was committed to jail on Saturday to work out a fine of $2 and costs for intoxication.

A MATCH FOR PAPKE.

New York, N. Y., July 18.—It was announced here tonight that Billy Papke, of Keewanie, Ill., champion middleweight pugilist of the world, has been matched with Sailor Burke, of Brooklyn, in a 10 round bout for the belt, before the Twentieth Century A. C., on August 8. The men will weigh in at the limit weight, of 158 pounds ringside. Should Papke win the popular decision, it is announced he has agreed to meet Cyclone Johnny Thompson of Sycamore, Ill.

THE VETO BILL WILL BE PASSED WITHOUT CHANGE

Understanding Now That Balfour And Lansdowne Will Allow Third Reading—Lord Morley's Strange Position.

London, July 18.—Mr. Barfour had another long conference with Lord Lansdowne today and it is understood that they decided to adhere to the policy of allowing the amended veto bill to pass the third reading without revision.

So far, there is no sign of any motion to reject the bill and although it is possible that the insurgent peers may challenge the revision, it is not expected the vote will be big enough to endanger the bill in this stage as Lord Lansdowne and his associates are doing their best to counteract the threatened rising.

The urgent summons issued by Lord Morley of Blackburn, to the Liberal followers in the House of Lords yesterday, calling upon all supporters of the Parliamentary bill to be present in the anticipation of a forced division of the third reading, places him in a curious position. There is no intention on the part of the regular opposition to throw out the measure on its third reading. They will not only vote against the amended measure but so far as official opposition is concerned, the bill will be allowed to pass its third reading without division. The possible attitude of the free lance Unionists is what Lord Morley fears and hence his summons of stalwart Radicals, only 46 of whom were present to support the second reading of the veto bill, to attend next Thursday. Then with reinforced battalions Lord Morley makes sure the adoption of the bill, the strange situation will be presented of a government leader having moved and carried the adoption of a measure which his friends in the cabinet and the House of Commons already had decided to immediately repudiate.

AGED FARMER KILLED BY AN ANGRY BULL.

Listowell, Ont., July 18.—Gored and mutilated by an infuriated bull, the body of John Newbiggins, a bachelor farmer of this country was discovered on his farm last night. A shattered club which he had evidently made a desperate fight for life lay near the body. Apparently he had tried to drive the animal either into another field or back to the farm and thus angered it. The deceased was 84 years old.

No Trouble Explaining.

Boston Transcript—Unsophisticated Cook—If you please, mum, the butcher says I'll get five per cent. on all the orders I'll get him. What does that mean?

Mistress—It means, Mary, that we shall have another butcher.

Inevitable.

Puck: Husband—Why do you ask Mr. Hobson to every one of your dinners? Who wants him?

Wife—The cook. He's the only friend of ours whom she likes.

COUNTY COUNCIL FAVORS IDEA OF THE LAND TAX

Would Welcome Change in County Assessment System if Union of N. B. Municipalities would Father Bill Dealing with it--Committee to Investigate Prison Farm Methods --- Session a Lively One.

All but two of the members of the Municipal Council present at yesterday's meeting voted for a motion declaring that the council would be in favor of having the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities draw up a bill to change the assessment system so as to provide for the adoption of the land tax, with a poll tax, and business license, or other system. But there was considerable wrangling before this degree of unanimity was reached. Councillor Potts was the storm centre, and Councillor Frink took a prominent part in the disturbance. For a few minutes it looked as if the meeting would break up in disorder.

Another important matter brought up was the question of establishing a prison farm. Coun. Donovan, chairman of the Jail Committee, made a number of suggestions, and on motion of Councillor J. B. Jones, the warden was authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the methods of running prison farms in Ontario and elsewhere and to report back to the council.

The question of providing sewerage facilities for a portion of the parish of Lancaster, brought up by a communication from the Board of Health, was referred to the councillors of the parish interested to investigate and report. The tender of John Magee to put a new metal roof on the jail was accepted, and the Building Committee was authorized to proceed with the work of having the stone work of the building repointed.

Councillor Potts claimed that the valuation of the parish property for assessment purposes was too low as compared with the city valuation, but nothing was done about it. Those present were: Councillors Wm. Fox, L. M. Curren, of Lancaster; J. M. Donovan, F. K. Adams and R. G. Stewart, of Simonds; F. M. Cochran, C. F. Black, R. Connelly, St. Martins; and W. J. Dean, Musquash; Councillors Frink, Wilson, Russell, Smith, J. B. Jones, Potts, McLeod, Wigmore, Codner, Christie, McGoldrick, Hayes, Elkin, C. T. Jones, of St. John. The county secretary, J. King Kelley, the auditor, I. O. Thomas, and Marshall Coughlan were in attendance.

Financial Report.

After the adoption of the minutes, Coun. Curren submitted the report of the Finance Committee. It recommended the payment of the ordinary routine accounts, as well as an account of $15 incurred in connection with the search for the demented man in the wilds of Lancaster, all of which was approved.

A bill from Jas. Lee, assessor for the parish of Simonds, for $100 for searching titles to properties, caused some discussion, but on motion of Coun. Frink it was decided to pay it.

The committee recommended that Jas. Galbraith, fisherman, be paid $10 for trouble incurred by landing the body of a man named Smallbones, who was drowned from the tug Lord Kitchener, and this was approved.

Coun. Potts remarked that the county taxes for the year were $114,078, of which the city had to pay $100,605. While the assessed valuation for the city was $28,000,000, the valuation for the rest of the county was only $3,000,000. He thought it was time they went into the question of the relative valuation of the city and parish. The city was evidently saddled with more than its share of the taxes.

The Warden—The county is very poor.

Ald. Potts said he was not of that opinion, and the matter dropped.

Building Committee's Report.

Councillor McGoldrick submitted the report of the Building Committee. It recommended the acceptance of the tender of John Magee to place a galvanized roof on the jail for $450, and that $25 be allowed for an inspector's services.

Coun. C. T. Jones thought the building inspector should be required to inspect the job. That official was not overworked.

Coun. Frink said that a galvanized iron roof had been put on the building 7 years ago, or at most 10 years ago. He thought more durable material should be employed.

Coun. J. B. Jones—"Who condemned the present roof?"

Coun. McGoldrick—"The Sheriff."

Coun. J. B. Jones—"Was it inspected by mechanics?"

Coun. McGoldrick—"Yes, the two tenderers looked it over."

The recommendation to accept the tender of Mr. Magee was adopted.

The building committee asked authority to call for tenders to have pointing work done on the court house at an estimated cost of $450, and this was granted with power to act.

The building committee also recommended that $5,000 additional insurance be placed on the court house. The present insurance was $10,000.

Coun. J. B. Jones said the building had been built in 1829 and that the amount of insurance premiums paid on the building was equal to the cost. But there had never been a fire in the building. He did not think additional insurance was necessary, as there was a fire station on one side and a police station on the other.

On motion it was decided to throw out the recommendation to increase the insurance of the court house.

Lancaster Drainage.

A communication was received from T. M. Burns, secretary of the board of health, requesting the council to provide for the drainage of the portion of the parish of Lancaster adjacent to the city line.

The matter was referred to the councillors of Lancaster to report back.

A communication was received from the secretary of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, asking the county to pay its membership fee of $10. It was decided to pay the fee.

On motion, the warden was authorized to select representatives to attend the annual convention of the Union of Municipalities at Newcastle, next autumn.

Coun. Donovan submitted the report of the committee in charge of the hard labor squad. He said the committee had taken it upon their shoulders to employ a bus to carry the chain gang to and from their work in Simonds. The cost had been $3 a day, and he had hoped to get the highway board of the Parish of Simonds to foot the bill, but thought it would be a hard job to get the money. He wanted the county to pay $1.50 a day towards the cost of conveying the prisoners.

A motion to provide $1.50 towards the conveyance of the prisoners was adopted.

Guarding the Chain Gang.

Another section of the report recommended that the bills committee be instructed to prepare a bill to be submitted to the next session of the legislature placing the appointment of the chain gang guards in the hands of the sheriff. The object of this was to make the sheriff responsible for the prisoners when outside the jail. After some discussion Coun. Frink moved that the section be struck out.

Coun. C. T. Jones moved that the present guards should be discharged and that the appointment of new guards be placed in the hands of the sheriff. He had heard the present guards were in the habit of using vile language to the prisoners. They might provoke a bloody uprising of the prisoners, and then the council would have trouble on its hands.

Coun. McLeod said there was no information before the council warranting action. He had heard no complaints about the guards, and they were generally considered competent for their duties.

Coun. Cochrane said no member of the council should acuse officials without special information. They should not discharge a man without investigation.

Coun. Donovan said the guards were satisfactory.

On motion of Coun. Potts the matter was referred to the jail committee to report back.

A Prison Farm.

Coun. Donovan then brought up the matter of establishing a prison farm to keep the hard labor squad employed. He thought they might get the old penitentiary property for little or nothing. Another place he had in mind was the old Gilbert farm on the Marsh Road, which could be secured for $12,000.

Coun. Frink thought the commissioners of the Boys' Industrial Home would object to establishing the prisoners at the old penitentiary.

Coun. J. B. Jones thought the matter was too heavy for the council to undertake on its own account. He moved that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and report back. He thought the provincial government should be asked to assist in establishing a prison farm.

The motion to appoint a special committee to report on the matter was passed.

Coun. Potts raised the question of taxation. He said the matter had been discussed at the last convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, which had decided to ask the various municipalities to express their views on the question. He said the present system bore heavily upon the masses. The men who were granted all the lands hereabouts generations ago made the tax system and they took care that the people who improved the property had to pay the taxes. He thought the city was likely to develop around Courtenay Bay, but progress was handicapped by the tax system prevailing there. He moved that the council place itself on record as favoring the adoption of the land tax, with a poll tax and a system of business licenses.

Not Enough Information.

Coun. J. B. Jones said the only objection he had was that they had not sufficient information as to the operation of a land tax. He was on a civic committee which was preparing a report on the matter. He thought action should be deferred till the common council had dealt with it.

Coun. Potts—If the committee has not learned anything in ten weeks, how much will it learn before the next meeting of the common council?

Coun. Donovan said the people of Crouchville were now complaining that their taxes were now too heavy.

Coun. Potts cited a number of instances showing the inequitable incidence of the present system of taxation in St. John, and said the land tax would satisfy the people of the suburbs, the honest people at any rate.

Coun. Hayes said Coun. Potts' resolution was not committing the council to anything serious. It would simply place the matter before the Union of Municipalities, which might send it on to the legislature, and secure the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the whole question of tax reform. He was decidedly in favor of tax reform of some sort.

Coun. Frink thought the council should not deliver an opinion on the question in five minutes. It was a big subject and should secure careful consideration. What the New Brunswick union wanted was some definite recommendation which they could work on.

Accusations.

Coun. Potts said he could not see how Coun. Frink had secured his reputation as an advocate of the land tax. By dealing with the matter in his inaugural address the mayor had prevented him from doing anything. "I've been tied up for three or four months," he added.

Coun. Frink—What do you mean by that?

Coun. Potts—The mayor dealt with the land tax in his inaugural, and it was referred to a special committee. It could not have been an oversight that the man who fought for the land tax, and ran his election on it, was not appointed to that committee.

Coun. Frink said his inaugural had been extempore. It had never been put in writing, and he did not see just what the committee could report on. He was charged with trying to appropriate the land tax. Apparently Coun. Potts had secured it from Henry George, or thought it had sprung full-born from his own brain. Continuing he said the delegation which represented St. John at the Woodstock convention had disgraced the county, according to all accounts, and he was glad he did not attend.

Coun. Potts attempted to reply, but Coun. Frink rose to a point of order.

After considerable disorder the Warden refused to allow Coun. Potts to proceed.

Wouldn't Stand For It.

Coun. Donovan then arose and said that as a member of the delegation that went to Woodstock he resented Coun. Frink's insinuations. He wanted to know how the delegation had disgraced the county and why the mayor should say he would have been ashamed to be there. He would not stand for such rubbish.

After some more excitement and a motion to adjourn, which was not seconded, the Warden managed to restore order and ruled that the discussion must cease.

The question was then called for, but when the county secretary read the motion before the meeting, Coun. Hayes said it was not the kind of a motion he thought it was and wanted it changed.

Coun. Elkin said the resolution meant nothing. They should have some system to work on.

After some desultory discussion the secretary drew up a resolution declaring that in the opinion of the council the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities should prepare a bill, providing for the adoption of the land tax, with a poll tax and business license, or some other system of taxation.

Coun. Potts agreed to accept this as his motion; Coun. Hayes seconded, the motion was put and the Warden declared it carried.

The ruling was challenged, but when the vote was taken all the members present voted in favor of the resolution except Coun. Wigmore and J. B. Jones.

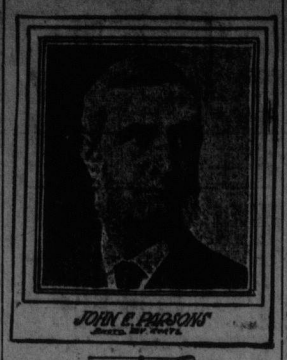
Coun. Hayes moved that the committee appointed to consider the question of putting up a new municipal building be required to bring in a report for the next meeting. This was carried.

Coun. Cochran moved that the county secretary be empowered to raise the money necessary for roofing the court house. Adopted.

In reply to Coun. Cochran, Coun. Wigmore said the committee appointed to interview the Telephone Company with the object of securing telephones for the county officers had not met yet. They expected, however, to meet the directors of the company in a few days.

The council then adjourned.

JOHN E. PARSONS CALLED.



The Hardwick Sugar Investigating Committee will move from Washington to New York next week to continue its inquiry into the affairs of the American Sugar Refining Company. While in New York the committee will again call on John E. Parsons, one time counsel for the Sugar Trust, to tell what he knows about the combine.

HAITIEN REBELS WIN IN BATTLE

Government Troops Routed And Fled in Disorder—U. S. Will Send Another Gunboat to Haiti.

Port Au Prince, July 18.—The revolution progresses. The government troops were routed at Trou and have returned in disorder to Cape Haitien. The situation is calm here, but if the government falls, it is thought there will be disorders on the part of the populace as all the disciplined troops are in the north.

Washington, July 18.—At the request of the United States Minister at Port Au Prince, the United States will send another gunboat to Haitien waters to protect Americans and their interests, now seriously threatened by the revolution against President Simon. The gunboat Petrel is already at Port Liberte on the north coast.

Port Au Prince, July 18.—The situation for the government is considered critical. All the districts north of Artibonito are in arms and the insurgents are close upon Cape Haitien which they are expected to attack at any time.

The government has chartered the German steamers Syria and Allemannia for the purpose of bringing the president and his troops back to Port Au Prince. This city is practically without defenders and the president intends to organize as effective resistance as possible against the revolutionists.

Gen. Leconte, with his followers it is reported, has landed between Monte Cristi and Fort Liberte. He is on his way to join the insurgents.

FIVE HEALTHY MEN CARRIED MILLIONS OF CHOLERA GERMS

Searching Bacteriological Examination by New York's Health Department Prevented Cholera Invasion.

New York, July 18.—The test tubes of the health officers staff of physicians at quarantine have saved New York from a possible invasion of Asiatic cholera by five carriers of the dread disease, in themselves well, but bearers of millions of bacteria. Their presence was made manifest today as the result of the individual bacteriological examinations instituted in the case of every person detained at Hoffman Island, an extraordinary precaution. Their discovery together with the failure of additional cases of cholera to develop at quarantine, caused health officer Doty to regard the outlook tonight as brighter than at any time within the past week.

In the ordinary precautions taken against an invasion of the cholera all persons not developing the disease within a certain period of detention would have been released. These five cases, which gave no other indication of the plague than the undeniable evidence of the Bacteriological examinations were at once isolated from other immigrants under surveillance and lodged in the Swinburne Island hospital.

"During the past 48 hours no further cases of cholera have developed at Hoffman Island," reads the official statement regarding the situation issued tonight. "At Swinburne Island hospital no deaths from cholera have occurred in the last two days.

"In accordance with the plan agreed upon by Surgeon General Wynn, of the United States public health and marine hospital service, and Dr. A. H. Doty routing bacteriological examination of well people detained at Hoffman Island has been undertaken and so far five cholera carriers have been discovered. These cases show no symptoms of cholera, but have been transferred from Hoffman Island to Swinburne Island."

ALBERT COUNTY NEWS

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Special to The Standard.

Albert, July 18.—The funeral of the late Douglas Nichol took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the hotel and residence of Warren W. Jones. The interment was made in the Bay View cemetery, Harvey beside the grave of his mother. The Rev. W. J. Kirby Methodist minister, Albert, conducted services at house and at the grave.

The black pall of smoke which hung over the countryside for the last two days for hours at a time, obscuring the sun from view and rendering it almost impossible to read at midday, was lifted today and the welcome rain began to come in showers at four o'clock this afternoon, cooling the overheated air and watering the parched land. The forest fires have been put out and at this hour, 10 p. m., it is still raining.

Upland haying has been commenced throughout the country, and many farmers are caught with a large quantity down.

Isaac C. Prescott and family, returned last evening from a week's cruise in their touring car which included their trip to St. John by way of Moncton and intervening towns. Miss Edith Davis, B. A., accompanied them home and is their guest here.

LATE SHIPPING.

Quebec, July 18.—Ard. ship Iona, Rollo, Shields; Stmr Vineland (Nor.), Schott, St. Croix; Chris Knudsen (Nor.), Hansen, Sydney.

Liverpool, July 18.—Ard. Stmr Lake Champlain, Montreal; Stmr Manchester Commerce, Montreal.

Avonmouth, July 18.—Ard. Stmr Monmouth, Montreal.

New York, July 18.—Ard. Schrs Mary Hendry, Bridgewater, N. S.; McClure, Bridgewater, N. S.; Hugh John, Moser River, N. S.; William H. Sumner, St. John, N. B.; Ronald, Ingram's Docks, N. S.; Flora Condon, Dorchester, N. B.

New York, July 18.—Sld Stmr Edda, Hillsboro, N. B.; Schrs Archie Crowell, Shelburne, N. S.; Georgia D. Jenkins, N. S.; F. C. Pendleton, Stonington, Me.

Vineyard Haven, July 18.—Sld. Schs Fannie C. Bowen, Alice Holbrook, Calais, Me.; C. B. Clark, Bangor, Me.; Jose, St. John, N. B.; Adonis, Summerside, P. E. I.; Blue Nose, Amherst, N. S.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Mott and Miss Mott have returned from St. Martins where they have been spending the past week.

Thomas McGouey of Boston is the guest of his cousin, Jack Olive, 138 Princess street.

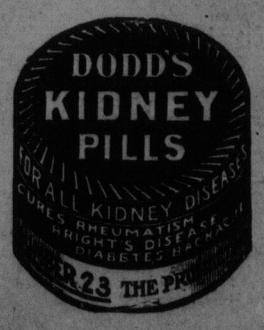
Miss Millicent Lister, of Fredericton, is visiting her friend, Miss Lillian MacDonald, at MacDonald's Corner.

Mrs. Henriette Morris of St. Stephen and Harry Morris of Boston, are guests of Dr. F. X. Morris of Fairville.

Rev. G. M. Campbell, D. D., came in on the Pacific express last evening.

Rev. W. Hazen Buchannan and family, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will spend the month of August in this city.

NATIONAL TENNIS

Boston, Mass., July 18.—In the star match today in the Longwood Cricket Club singles, Raymond D. Little, of New York, internationalist, one of the most versatile lawn tennis players in the country, was defeated in the second round by Nathaniel W. Niles, Massachusetts champion in straight sets.

Little was the only favorite to be eliminated, but in the eastern doubles W. A. Larned, the national champion, and W. J. Clothier in a long drawn out match had their hands full in disposing of C. F. Watson, Jr., and H. Torrence, Jr., in four sets. It was Clothier not Larned who saved the day.