

EXPLANATIONS FROM OTTAWA

Finance Minister Sends Message to London to Correct Some Wrong Impressions in Regard to Reciprocity

NO INTERFERENCE WITH PREFERENCE

Mr. Austin Chamberlain Thinks Agreement Good Illustration of Value of Tariff in Commercial Negotiations

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—Finance Minister Fielding took steps today to correct what is regarded here as an erroneous impression in Great Britain regarding the Canadian-American reciprocity agreement. It can be said the Canadian government viewed with some alarm the idea reflected by a portion of the British press that the agreement would have a detrimental effect upon the trade between Canada and the Mother Country, and would adversely affect the preference granted to Great Britain.

Minister Fielding has taken up the matter with Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner in London, and in behalf of the Canadian government, has sent the following cablegram: "Canada is seeking markets everywhere for her surplus products, subsidizing steamship lines and sending out commercial agents. Would it not be ridiculous in the pursuit of such a policy to refuse to avail herself of the markets of the great nation lying alongside?"

The expressed fear that it will seriously affect imports from Great Britain is groundless. The greater part of the agreements deal with the products which Great Britain does not send us. The range of manufactures affected is comparatively small and the most cases the reductions are small.

It appears to be assumed in some quarters that the tariff rates agreed upon, in a discrimination favor of the United States and against Great Britain. There is no foundation for this.

tion's action will be ratified by the council next Monday night. The local agent for the Smith estate informed the committee that work on the skyscraper, which will be the highest office building in the world, outside of New York, will be begun within the next few weeks.

Emperor William Indisposed.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The emperor is suffering from a cold and was unable to attend the court ball at the palace tonight. He also has abandoned the military ceremonial tomorrow in connection with the entry of Prince Joachim, his youngest son, into the army.

Honeymoon Trip

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 8.—A novel honeymoon trip was started from here today, when Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sharp, married Monday, left on horseback for Seattle. Mr. Sharp and his bride have spent years on various ranches in this state and say that the midwinter trip across the Rockies has no terrors for them.

Theodore Halsey Acquitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—For the second time, Theodore V. Halsey, formerly "outside man" for the Pacific States Telephone Company was found not guilty by a jury tonight of the charge of bribery. The trial, which has lasted less than a week, was presided over by Judge Emmet Seawell of Santa Rosa, sitting for Judge Dunn of the supreme court. The jury was out for several hours. Halsey was accused of offering Fred P. Nicholas, a member of the Schmitz board of supervisors, \$5,000 to influence him to vote against the petition of a rival telephone company for a franchise.

B. C. LUMBERMEN ARE SATISFIED

Messrs. Hendry and McRae Expect Benefit From Reciprocity Agreement If It Is Adopted

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—British Columbia lumbermen are to withdraw practically all opposition to the reciprocity agreement with the United States, according to a statement made by John Hendry, vice-president of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association. Mr. Hendry is also vice-president of the Canadian Forestry Association. He said that while he thought Canadians ought to have been able to induce Americans to let Canadian shingles in free, he felt that the reduction of the tariff from fifty cents to thirty cents per thousand was a distinct gain.

VICTORIA IN PORT

Alaska Steamship Reaches Cordova With Much Water in Hold—Cause of Mishap

CORDOVA, Alaska, Feb. 8.—Running under slow bell with her nose deep in the water, the steamship Victoria, which went on the rocks on Hinchinbrook island last night, arrived here late today. The Victoria has sixteen feet of water in No. 2 hold, indicating that a large hole was made in her steel hull when she struck the sharp rocks last night.

MAY INTERRUPT POSTAL SERVICE

Employees of Australian Commonwealth Dissatisfied With Working Hours and Wages—Talk of Strike

CANNIBALISM IN ISLAND GROUP

Labor Conference at Sydney Declares for Shorter Hours—Heat and Tropical Rains Cause Trouble

MELBOURNE, Feb. 8.—So much dissatisfaction exists in all branches of the postal service in the Commonwealth, that it would not be surprising if the threats of the employees to go out on strike on or after the 10th of April were carried into operation. For a considerable time the men have been demanding more pay for the work they do, and shorter hours of labor. They state that the conditions in the service have become a reproach to the administration, and that it is imperative that some remedial action be taken without delay.

TORN TO PIECES BY EXPLOSION

Locomotive Boiler Blows Up While Men of Shops are Effecting Repairs—Ten Killed, Ten Injured

SMITHVILLE, Tex., Feb. 8.—Ten shop employees of the Missouri Pacific railroad were torn to pieces and ten others were injured today, when an engine under repair exploded in the Smithville yards. Besides the loss of life railroad property valued at \$70,000 was destroyed.

RIOT OF MINERS

Discontented Greeks at Utah Coal Mine Kill Deputy Sheriff—One Rioter Dying

MR. LLOYD GEORGE IN POOR HEALTH

Illness May Force Him to Resign His Portfolio—Now Staying in Italy for Purpose of Recuperating

NAPLES, Feb. 8.—David Lloyd George, British chancellor of the exchequer, and his friends refuse to discuss the condition of his health, merely saying that he is taking a needed rest. The reports, however, are that he is suffering from nervous prostration, and that his condition is not improving, which may eventually force him to resign his portfolio.

Lineman Killed.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 8.—Frank Amos, of New York, a telephone lineman, fell 75 feet at Chilliwack today when he slipped on a wire.

Fire in Convent School.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—The convent school of the Sisters of Ste. Anne de Lachine, situated on St. Joseph's boulevard, just opposite Cadieux street, was burned to the ground this afternoon. Nine hundred children attended the institution, but fortunately the greater part of them had just left for lunch, when the fire was discovered, which was a few minutes after noon.

Arrivals in Honduras.

PUERTO CORTEZ, Honduras, Feb. 8.—Via Wireless to New Orleans.—The armistice between the revolutionary forces headed by General Bonilla and the government forces, obtained through friendly offices of the officials of the United States navy at this port, was officially announced as effective at 4 o'clock this afternoon. There will be complete cessation of hostilities pending the outcome of the peace conference between revolutionary and government leaders, which will take place on board the United States gunboat Tacoma.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Taft is satisfied with the progress being made for the passage by congress of the reciprocity agreement between this country and Canada. Although he had expected opposition, he thinks on the whole it has been well received by the people and there is much less genuine opposition than he expected.

Wireless for Alaska

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The wireless system which the navy department has been establishing along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts will be extended to the Alaskan islands along the coast of Alaska in the immediate future. This was decided upon at a meeting of the war department today.

SAYS AGREEMENT WILL PASS HOUSE

Mr. Norris' View of Situation at Washington—President Will Call Extra-Session, if it is Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—John Norris, chairman of the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, will appear tomorrow before the Ways and Means committee of the House, with facts and figures in support of the enactment, without the change of a syllable, of the wood paper pulp and paper provisions of the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Mr. Lewis (West Huron) has given notice of a resolution calling upon the Dominion government to issue bonds bearing four per cent interest in sums of ten dollars and multiples thereof and to offer the same for sale at all money order postoffices throughout the country. Some time ago the government permitted persons having deposits in the government savings bank and postal savings to invest the same in Dominion bonds but under such restrictions that little advantage was taken of the opportunity.

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Chicago's Bad Storm

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The snowstorm that struck this city yesterday filling the streets with huge drifts, delaying railroad trains and temporarily tying up street car and elevated train service, passed on to the east late today. The loss here to the traction lines, telegraph and telephone companies and the city is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Archbishop Ryan

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—Archbishop Ryan, whose death has been momentarily expected, was noticeably improved today, and for the first time since his illness was reported, his physicians are inclined to believe he has a chance to recover. They say, however, owing to the state of his heart, which they declare is "practically worn out."

GRAIN MEN ANGRY

WINNIPEG, Man. Feb. 7.—Officials of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association vigorously resented the charges made in the address of Hon. Price Ellison at Victoria yesterday. They say the statement regarding an alleged bribe by J. J. Hill is a lie, base and ridiculous.

MEXICANS PLAY AT WAR GAME

Orozco's Army of Insurrectos Meet Federals in Outskirts of Juarez and Repel Their Attack

MANY SHOTS FIRED NOBODY HURT

People of City Expecting Assault by Combined Rebel Force Tonight—Some Odd Incidents

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 7.—The first battle of Juarez between federal troops and insurrectos was exhibited here today. "Exhibited" is the proper word for no one was hurt on either side, and the "exhibition" was viewed by a thousand or more El Pasoans who lined the bank of the Rio Grande on the American side, about three miles west of this city.

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TEN MEN DEAD AT POWDER MILL

Ten Thousand Pounds of Gelatine Powder Explodes From Unknown Cause—Only Fragments Recovered

MARQUETTE, Mich., Feb. 6.—In one of the most disastrous explosions ever recorded in Upper Michigan, ten men met instant death at the plant of the Pluto Powder Company in the outskirts of Ishpeming, late this afternoon. One man was injured.

DRASTIC GRAIN LAW

Bill Introduced by Sir Richard Cartwright Will Make Radical Changes

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—The Canada Grain Act, introduced in the Senate by Sir Richard Cartwright, is the most drastic piece of legislation affecting handling of grain ever attempted in this country. It repeals the Manitoba Grain Act and the Inspection and Sale Act, but re-enacts them in a new bill.

Good at Retreating

The crowd of sightseers on the American side bear witness to the completion of the retreat of the federals. As soon as the news of the impending fight reached Colonel Sharpe, commanding the 23rd Infantry, U.S. A., he detailed reinforcements to the guard at the smelter to prevent possible violation of neutrality.