



The Times

THE WEATHER. Toronto, Aug. 20—Maritime: Northwest to west winds, fresh to strong, during the day, fine and comparatively cool today and on Friday.

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CONGO AFFAIRS CAUSE OF A CRISIS

Belgian Cabinet and Chamber of Deputies are at Odds Over the Issue of Bonds. Brussels, Aug. 20.—It is stated that a crisis in the Belgian cabinet is inevitable as the result of a deadlock between the majority in the chamber of deputies and the government on the subject of the responsibility of Belgium for interest in the Congo independent bonds.

ROYAL TEMPLARS FOR PROHIBITION

Today's News From Fredericton—The Scottish Farmers—Yacht in Port.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 20 (Special).—Members of the Scottish Agricultural Commission left this morning for Woodstock in two Pullmans attached to the Ojibwa train. They were pleasantly entertained while here and were much pleased with what they saw. Deputy commissioner of Agriculture Peters joined the party here and will accompany them as far as Madam.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

At the tennis tournament this morning the following matches were played: Miss Thomson and McAvity defeated Miss Babbitt and Winslow, 62, 61.

TO HONOR REDMOND

New York, Aug. 20.—A reception is now being arranged by a committee of the United Irish League of America in honor of John E. Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, and Joseph Devlin, M.P., who are expected to arrive in this city from England about Sept. 20. They are coming to this country as representatives of Ireland to the convention of the United Irish League of America to be held in Boston.

PYTHIANS DECORATE GRAVES OF COMRADES

An Imposing Parade to Fernhill This Afternoon—Rev. Ralph J. Houghton of Massachusetts Brigade Takes Part in the Services.

The annual decoration of the graves of departed brethren by the Knights of Pythias is taking place this afternoon. The parade this afternoon was an imposing one. The Pythians turned out in force, and the marching was excellent, the uniform companies showing up especially well. The parade was in command of Col. Alfred Dodge, of the 1st Regiment, Maritime Provinces, and he was accompanied by Col. F. A. Godwin, Col. James Moulton and Lieut. Col. LEB. Wilson. Following them came the Artillery Band, then the subordinate lodges, commanded as follows—New Brunswick, No. 1, R. H. Irwin, Chancellor; Commander, Union No. 2, E. Milton Smith; St. John, No. 3, Oscar Price; Uniform Rank Companies; Victoria, No. 1, Lieut. Harrison Kinbar; Cygnets, No. 5, Capt. R. T. Patchell.

HARVESTING IS GENERALLY ACTIVE

Farmers May be Tempted by the High Prices to Rush Their Grain to an Early Market.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 20 (Special).—Cutting is general in South Manitoba and at a few points on the main line, and the northern branches of Canadian Pacific Railway. According to a report issued by the company, it will be general over the entire province by the end of the week. Slight frosts have been reported in the north and west, and it is believed elevators throughout the prairie province will be cleaned out by a rush to market.

THE DREYFUS OF PYTHIANS

Exonerated and Restored to Knighthood After Seven Years.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—John A. Hinsey, "Capt. Dreyfus of the Knights of Pythias," after suffering from seven years' banishment from his lodge and a charge of embezzling \$500,000 has been exonerated and reinstated. Hinsey, who had the claim department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, and one time a political power in Milwaukee, was restored at the recent biennial convention of the Pythians in Boston. The official action of the order was announced here Tuesday night.

JUST LIKE THE HARVESTERS

United States Soldiers Enroute to the Philippines Make Trouble on the Train.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—Late today police reserves were called to the terminal station to quell a riot which broke out among United States regulars en route from Chicago to the Philippines. When the local police officers were unable to curb the soldiers a call was made upon Fort McPherson for troops, and Captain Bankhead, with a company of regulars, responded hurriedly.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Aug. 20 (Special).—In a dull stock market this morning prices had a downward tendency. The sole exception was Mexican, selling at 73. Other sales were 800 at 118 1/4, Twin City 80, Havana 31 3/4, Rio 99 1/2, Dom. Steel Bonds 77 1/4, Power 95 7/8.

HON. R. PUGSEY PRESENTS AN ABSURD REPORT ON THE CENTRAL RAILWAY CASE

An Interesting Session and Some Sparring Between Counsel—Senator King on the Stand—Difference of Opinion About an Item of \$13,000—The Question of What Transpired Prior to 1901.

The enquiry into the affairs of the Central Railway which was resumed this morning by the royal commission proved to be a very interesting session. Hon. William Pugsey, minister of public works, was present for the first time since the enquiry opened and took a hand in the examination of the witnesses. Dr. Pugsey said he appeared for himself as a member of the late government against which the enquiry was directed. There were several spirited passages between the minister and Mr. Powell, counsel for the commission. Mr. Powell charged that an item of \$13,000 in the provincial government budget had been paid twice and Dr. Pugsey denied the accusation and it has yet to be proven.

Dr. Pugsey raised the point as to whether the commission had power to probe matters previous to the year 1901, which was the time stated in the act under which they were appointed. The minister said he desired a thorough enquiry but wanted it understood whether or not the enquiry would go back to that date. The commission will discuss the question and give an answer as soon as possible.

The only witnesses examined were S. Leonard Shannon of Montreal, who had been in the railway department at Ottawa. In all he had been about 27 years in the railway department of the government. He had made an investigation of the line from Chipman to Minto in 1896, \$100,000 was paid to the contract of E. G. Evans, and on arriving there he found the statement of the cost of construction of the line for the year 1896. He had asked him as he had asked Mr. Shaw, only a summary of the expenditures was given him, and he had to figure himself from books of the company. He found that a contract had been entered into with not known to him, and a new agreement made. His figures for his report were taken from progress estimates.

A copy of the report he had submitted at that time was handed to the witness. His investigation, he said, was made in order that the dominion subsidy might be secured. Witness did not know at that time that Mr. Evans was representing the government. He had examined the books of the Barnes Company, as to the cost of the work. The cost of construction under the first contract was Oct. 1901 to April 1903, was \$80,000. The payroll for 1903 and construction of engines, 22,000, and of construction of piers, bridge, etc., in 1896, \$1,500; rails and transportation, \$46,829.21. Items for repairs to locomotives, was \$8,000 and construction of engines, 22,000. The total cost of labor, etc., including all these items, was \$245,887.75, from which he deducted the cost of coal branches, \$3,433.33, leaving a balance of \$229,454.42, which was the net amount he allowed for the 13 miles.

Mr. Powell he said the deduction was made for branch lines running to the westward of the main line. They were not on the 15 mile section and he thought they should not be included as they were not part of that construction. The company claimed in addition to the following items should be included: Branch cost line, \$30,433.33; interest on notes in Peoples Bank, \$16,182.68; in Bank of Montreal, \$5,601.51; Bank of N. B., \$1,981.77; Bank of N. B., \$2,539.59; rolling stock, \$28,800; managing directors salary and fees, \$8,000; witness could not say who the managing director was; secretary salary and expenses, \$3,500; J. J. F. Winlow, salary and expenses, \$2,000; A. Geo. Blair, Jr., fee for drawing contracts, \$5,500; H. H. McLean, solicitor for Royal Trust Co., \$300; Royal Trust Co., \$860; witness said there were only vouchers for \$100 of this amount; contractors claimed for track laying, \$3,967.69 witness said Mr. Evans was of opinion this amount should not be paid; contractors also claimed they should be allowed 15 per cent. on the cost to complete the road.

THE C.P.R. DENIES AN ABSURD REPORT

Have not Said They Would not Take Back Old Hands—Eighty Signed on Today.

Montreal, Aug. 20.—(Special).—A Toronto story to the effect that the C. P. R. had issued an ultimatum, stating that should their old employees not return to work by noon today they will not be taken back under any circumstances, is authoritatively denied by the main officials of the railway. They state that they are ready and willing to take their old men back at any time, and are only too glad to get them. At Windsor street offices the C. P. R. has a list of 88 agencies that are offering men to replace strikers. These agencies are located in different sections of Canada and the United States. To Canadian agencies the officials are writing, accepting the offer of men, but to United States agencies answer is going forth that under the Alien Labor Act they cannot accept. At Donagana street labor agency of the C. P. R. eighty men were signed today, and these are being distributed to points requiring them most. Two of the old men lately on strike are, the company claim, among the eighty mentioned.

BALLOON CRUISED OVER BERLIN TODAY

Berlin, Aug. 20.—The Parseval and the Grosse steerable balloons cruised today over the German capital. They performed various evolutions with great success and were close to each other for the entire flight. They called the length of the Unter den Eichen, the Duke of Saxe-Weimar-Altenburg was again at the helm of the Parseval. Both balloons will make daily ascensions for the purpose of training new men in their management.

TWO VICTIMS OF A PISTOL FIGHT

Robinsonville, Miss., Aug. 20.—H. B. Suber and J. H. Gilmore, rival merchants fought a duel with pistols in front of the former's store last night. Suber was killed in the breast. His pistol failed to explode, but he retreated to his store, and setting a shot gun, emptied the contents into Gilmore's back as the latter was leaving the scene. The wounded men were conveyed to Memphis hospital aboard a special train. Both will die.

FIRE IN TORONTO

Toronto, Aug. 20 (Special).—At 1 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Rice Lewis wholesale and retail hardware establishment, one of the largest of its kind in Ontario. Building and contents were badly damaged. The brigade got fire under control about 8 o'clock. Loss will be about \$300,000, partly covered by insurance.

QUEBEC'S GOVERNOR

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 20 (Special).—A Globe special from Quebec says: "Sir Alphonse Pelletier, formerly organizer of the Liberal party, and now judge of the Superior Court, has been sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. Sir Alphonse was twice speaker of the senate."

MARITIME BOARD

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 20 (Special).—The Maritime Board of Trade held a session this morning at which several resolutions were passed. The most important of these was that the board should be empowered to call witnesses to show how the monies had been expended.

WALL STREET.

New York, Aug. 20.—Wall Street—Speculation was slightly irregular at the opening, but although the tendency was downward, losses were trivial except in the Hill stocks, which lost a point.

COTTON.

New York, Aug. 20.—Cotton futures opened easy. Aug., 10.05; Sept., 9.23; Oct., 8.45; Nov., 7.78; Dec., 8.83; Jan., 8.81; March, 8.85.

MOVING A HOUSE

The moving of a house from one street to another is not a common sight nowadays and consequently the operation now in progress of taking a dwelling from Spring to Summer street is creating considerable interest. The structure which is being moved is a two-story building with a peaked roof, was on the Johnston property, Spring street, purchased by the school board for the annex to Winter street school, and was purchased by J. S. Coughlan who is having it taken to the Hamilton street street. It is necessary to take the house around an entire block.

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UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RIVALS

King Edward and Emperor William Believed to Have Arrived at Basis of Permanent Friendship.

London, Aug. 20.—The Daily Telegraph's Berlin correspondent attaches the highest importance to a communication which has appeared in the Vossische Zeitung, describing what occurred at the meeting between Emperor William and King Edward at Kronberg. He declares that there can be no doubt that the communication was inspired by the foreign office and that it is intended to prepare public opinion in Germany for a definite settlement of the Anglo-German estrangement on the most possible basis. According to the Vossische Zeitung, the emperor and Sir Charles Hardinge discussed the naval question with the utmost frankness and laid the basis for a complete understanding on the subject.

WELCOMED BY AUSTRALIA

Premier Deakin Eloquently Invokes "the Grimson Thread of Kinship."

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 19.—Alfred Deakin, the prime minister of Australia, has forwarded a message of welcome to the American fleet, in which he says: "The grimson thread of kinship, our chief bond of union within the empire extends throughout the great republic whose sailors we are about to welcome as guests, and the honored representatives of this mighty nation are thrice welcome as blood relatives."

Continuing, the prime minister says that for months past the hearts of the people of New South Wales have throbed with pleasure at the prospect of the visit. The whole Commonwealth was honored when President Roosevelt consented to the proposal that the battleship fleet visit Australia, shores, and he expresses the hope that the visit will be fraught with the blessings of peace and good will to the islands of the English-speaking race.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

ABOUT BLUEBERRIES. There was a hot dispute on King street this morning between Mr. Hiram Hornbeam and Harry Woods of Welford over the size of the blueberries grown in their respective districts. Mr. Woods started it by inviting Hiram to the blueberry picnic. Hiram replied that there was only one place in New Brunswick where the blueberry grew to perfection, and that was Hornbeam Settlement. Mr. Woods asserted that he had seen four men with a team of horses and stone drag hauling one blueberry in to Welford district, to be loaded with four others on a cart—this being the capacity of the cart. Hiram proudly answered that he had seen a family scoop out a home for themselves in a Hornbeam Settlement blueberry one fall, and live there all winter—on blueberry dumplings hanging out of the walls of their house. At this juncture Mr. Woods said that he would have to attend a political meeting or two before he would be prepared to deal with Hiram's statement as it deserved. The two were then pulled apart and traffic was resumed.

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