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TARTE'S RESIGNATION EXPECTED; NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT YET.

Net Discussed the Matter, But Decision Was Not Made Public—The Governor-General Will Be Informed First—Les Debats' Extraordinary Article Credited to Minister of Public Works—He is Said to Be Packing Up Now.

It begins: "Comments on political situation are going at the rate of a hundred miles an hour." It is assumed that several members of Sir W. Laurier's cabinet will hand him their portfolios if Mr. Tarte is not dismissed by the prime minister.

Mr. Tarte is cordially detested by Messrs. Sifton, Fitzpatrick, Bernier and Blair. Mr. Mulock and Mr. Fisher, who are small men, are jealous of him. We believe that the minister of public works will be, in three or four days, chief editor of La Patrie and member for St. Mary's division.

TRYING AGAIN TO LIFT THE BRITISH EMBARGO FROM CANADIAN CATTLE.

Move in Favor of Argentine Stock Stimulates Action for Cattle from Canada.

Scotch Graziers Hope to Bring Pressure Against Minister of Agriculture Thursday—Association Opening Depot in London to Sell Goods of Dominion Manufacturers.

Montreal, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The Star's London cable says: "The engagement of Mr. Hanbury, minister of agriculture, to receive on Thursday, a deputation, urging the withdrawal of the ban against the importation of Argentine cattle has given a fresh spur to the Scotch graziers' movement to exempt Canadian cattle from the existing embargo."

"The Scotch M. P.'s will get the Scotch agriculturalists in conference at London on Thursday when it is hoped that further pressure will be brought on Mr. Hanbury."

MGR. CONNOLLY'S ESTATE NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.

Terms of Late Revered Clergyman's Will Are Made Known.

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—In his sermon yesterday morning Rev. Father Chapman made feeling reference to the death of Monsignor Connolly, who was for a score of years the pastor of St. Gertrude's church here.

Contrary to expectation the property held by the late priest will not amount to more than \$10,000.

The only names mentioned in the will are those of his sister, Miss Connolly, and his housekeeper, Miss Eliza Reardon, of this town. Miss Reardon had been with the late priest for many years.

HE TIPPED CONDUCTORS ON THE C. P. R. AS TO WHEN SECRET AUDIT WAS TO BE.

Inquiry Into Case of Railway Clerk Begun at Montreal.

Herbert G. Johnson Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud the Company—Was Arrested by Chief of Railway's Secret Service—List of Conductors Found in Pocket.

Montreal, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The preliminary inquiry in the case of Herbert G. Johnson, a C. P. R. clerk, was begun today. Johnson was arrested last week by Chief Burns, of the railway's secret service, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the company by giving information to conductors by letting them know when the secret audit of their trains was to be made by the travelling ticket auditor.

T. King, travelling auditor for the C. P. R., told how at the advice of his superior officers, he had given Johnson information as to when certain trains were to be audited and that Johnson had on different occasions given him from \$15 to \$25.

MINERS TALK IT OVER, BUT POSTPONE STRIKE SETTLEMENT UNTIL TODAY.

Mitchell Makes Vigorous Plea Before Delegate Convention to Have Plan of President Roosevelt Endorsed—Question of Reinstatement of Strikers the Stumbling Block—The Men Want Their old Places Back.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 20.—The convention of the 145,000 striking miners met today but did not reach a vote on the proposed plan of settlement. It is expected to do so tomorrow.

There were 632 delegates present empowered by local unions to cast 867 votes for or against President Roosevelt's proposition of arbitration.

The great majority of the delegates were unimpressed, the few who were being engineers, firemen and pumpmen who fear that the 5,000 strikers of those classes may not get back their old places now held by non-union men.

FORMER PROVINCIALIST MURDERED AND ROBBED IN MAINE WILDERNESS.

Body Found on Road With Bullet Hole in Head—Another Similar Tragedy Reported from Aroostook County, With Presque Isle Man the Victim.

WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS NEAR MOUNT CALVARY.

Convention to Be Held in Tents in Jerusalem in April, 1904.

IRISH AFFAIRS THE CAUSE OF BITTER DEBATE.

Irish Land Purchase Bill Withdrawn After Mr. Wyndham Promises to Bring it in Next Session.

MOB BURNS ONE NEGRO AND SEARCHES A SECOND.

Broke Into Jail After Speedy Legal Trial Had Been Arranged.

URGES CANADIANS TO REACH OUT FOR TRADE.

Business Houses Should Have Representatives in South Africa.

THREE MEN KILLED IN FAMILY STREET BATTLE.

Groesbeck, Tex., Oct. 20.—A pitched battle was fought this afternoon between the forces of the Thompson and Rutherford factions.

BRITAIN SENDS GUNBOATS AFTER CHINESE.

Shanghai, Oct. 20.—Four British gunboats have been ordered from Hong Kong to the Yangtze to deal with the Chinese authorities to deal with the murders of Bragg and Lewis, the English missionaries who were killed in Honan province.

MARCONI IS ON HIS WAY TO NOVA SCOTIA.

Plymouth, Eng., Oct. 20.—The Italian wireless expert, Mr. Marconi, is on his way to Nova Scotia.

STRIKE HAS COST \$142,500,000.

These Figures Up Till Saturday Last, the End of the 23rd Week.

RE-INSTATEMENT THE STUMBLING BLOCK.

The moment he finished a Wilkesbarre delegate moved that the recommendations adopted. If this had been acted upon at once, the strike would have been off, but those in opposition wanted to add and debate the matter.

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