

THE CONVENTION ON SAFETY AT SEA LIKELY TO HAVE EXCELLENT RESULTS

Report of Proceedings Tabled In House by Hon. Mr. Hazen. CANADA TO SHARE IN THE MANY BENEFITS. Minister of Marine Secures Excellent Terms for Dominion—Recommendations Provide for Many Safeguards Against Loss of Life at Sea.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—In the House of Commons today Hon. J. D. Hazen introduced the report of the convention in London, England, to consider the general questions in connection with the subject of Safety at Sea. The document is a lengthy one, but the Minister of Marine had an effective summary dealing with the outstanding matters in the reading of which the House was much interested.

Briefly the purpose of the Convention is to draw up and prepare such regulations as may be most effective in the direction of reducing to the minimum the danger which at present faces all who travel by sea. General attention was directed to the matter through the disaster of the Titanic, which ranks as one of the greatest marine disasters in history. Following upon the Titanic accident, Great Britain and other nations appointed committees to consider the question. Lord Mersey was chairman of the British committee and in that capacity did much effective work. A call was issued for a convention of all powers interested and this was assembled in London on November 12th, of last year.

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GOVERNMENT MAJORITY IS CUT DOWN

Reduced to Sixty-two on Amendment to Disestablishment.

TARIFF AMENDMENT MEETS WITH DEFEAT.

Bonar Law Repeats Intention to Carry Out Fiscal Reform if Returned to Power—Balance of Charge.

London, Feb. 16.—Tariff reform and Welsh disestablishment were the subjects on which two amendments to the speech from the throne were offered in the house of commons tonight. On the former the Unionists again gave their adherence to the Right Hon. Mr. Chamberlain's panacea policy.

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INVESTIGATION INTO SHOOTING ORDERED

Will Inquire Into Action of Naval Officer Who Shot Man for Breaking Ice on Which Officer was Skating.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 16.—Supt. Palan of the United States Naval Academy today ordered a board of investigation to inquire into the action of past assistant surgeon Ralph W. McDowell, who yesterday shot Frank Gren of Annapolis because the latter was breaking ice in a creek on which the officer and a party of friends were skating.

FEDERALS ARE DRIVEN BACK WITH BIG LOSS

Esmeraldo, Ecuador, is Still in the Hands of the Rebels.

MOST OF THE CITY HAS BEEN BURNED.

Foreign Residents Seek Safety in Neutral Zone Outside of Town—Communication Closed—Blockade Continues

Panama, Feb. 16.—Late advices from Esmeraldo, Ecuador, report that the city is still in the hands of the rebels under Col. Charles Concha who have succeeded in repulsing the federalists after heavy fighting, in which the losses on both sides were large.

CANADIAN EXHIBITS PROMINENT

Proving Big Feature at Dominion Fair in London Which Opened Yesterday—C. P. R. Has Model Train.

London, Feb. 15.—Canadian exhibits are a prominent feature at the Dominion exhibition, which opened today on Oxford street. The showing of the Province of Quebec has been arranged by Col. Pelletier, who has managed to put forth an imposing display of the mineral and agricultural products of the province.

THE C. N. R. TO CUT OUT MONTREAL?

Reported that Company's Boats Will Make Quebec Summer Terminus Because of Shift in Montreal Berths.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—It is reported in shipping circles that in the coming navigation season the Canadian Northern Liners Royal George and Royal Edward may not come to Montreal, but may use Quebec as their terminal point.

Labor Conditions Are Encouraging in Canada

Less Than Thousand Unemployed on Account of Labor Disputes—System of Fair Wage Officers Being Carried Out by Hon. Mr. Crothers a Big Factor in Promoting Harmony

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Labor conditions throughout Canada generally were never so settled a condition as they are at present. There are fewer labor troubles than there ever were, and including those out of work at Nanaimo, B. C., there are today in all Canada fewer than one thousand men out of work on account of labor troubles.

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LOOKS LIKE GOITS' FINISH IN NOVA SCOTIA

Capture of Victoria by Conservative Seems to Point to End of Premier Murray's Regime

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Echoes of the Victoria election are reaching the ears of politicians. A. I. Davidson, M. P. for Annapolis, returned today from Victoria where he had gone in the interests of the Conservative party.

PRES. WILSON OPPOSED TO THE LITERARY TRUST

Will Veto Burnett Immigration Bill if the Clause is Not Stricken Out of it.

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson will veto the Burnett Immigration Bill if it comes to him for signature with the so-called literacy test contained in it.

AMERICAN FINANCIERS SAID TO BE WORKING FOR HUERTA'S FALL

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—Provisional President Huerta is said today to have paid certified drafts on London and Paris amounting to 1,000,000 pesos to a Japanese firm, the Mitsui Bussan Company of Tokyo for armament.

NEW YORK STRIKE OFF FOR PRESENT

Temporary Arrangement Between Longshoremen and Barge Owners Reached Pending Arrival of Official.

New York, Feb. 16.—Although President T. V. O'Connor, of the International Longshoremen's Association, who had been called to New York to assist in the mediation between the longshoremen and coal barge companies, was said to be snowbound between Albany and Buffalo, and had not arrived this afternoon, a temporary arrangement for the deferment of the strike was reached.

JOHN BULL NEWSPAPER CONDEMNED

Witness in Connection With Train Murder Says He Was Paid for His Story by that Journal.

London, Feb. 16.—Severe strictures were passed on the action of John Bull, in trying to work up a journalistic story in connection with the North London train murder at today's hearing of the capital charge against John Starfield, the father of the dead boy.

ENDS ESCAPADE BY ATTEMPT TO SUICIDE

Rich Young Englishman Who Terrorized Country in Auto Cuts Throat in Prison.

London, Feb. 16.—Lee Bond, a wealthy resident of Lyndhurst, Hampshire, who was arrested yesterday after a thrilling automobile ride which lasted thirty hours, cut his throat in prison today. His condition is precarious.

GREAT HYPOCRISY SHOWN UP BY WESTERN MEMBER

Mr. Emmerson et al Preach Democracy and Practice Reverse.

FRENCH LINER ROMA GROUNDS DURING STORM

Driven Ashore at No Man's Land by Northeast Blizzard.

FOUR HUNDRED PASSENGERS ABOARD

Left Marseilles on January 31 For New York—Late Report Says She Is Pounding Heavily.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Fabry line steamer Roma, which was ashore with more than 500 persons on board on Nomans Land, an island off Martha's Vineyard, Mass., has been floated, and is on her way to Providence, according to a wireless message received here tonight by the company's agents. The message was timed 10.20 p. m., and was from the Roma's captain. It read:

Woodville, Mass., Feb. 16.—The French trans-Atlantic steamer Roma, carrying passengers and cargo from Spanish ports to New York, was reported by wireless tonight ashore at No Man's Land, a small island, ten miles south of Gay Head on Martha's Vineyard.

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