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RUSSIANS START ANOTHER BIG STRIKE; "DOWN WITH MONARCHY" IS NOW THE CRY

Revolutionists Now Fighting for Establishment of a Republic---General Tie-Up of Railroads and Trades Has Commenced.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15.—The proletariat of St. Petersburg has summoned another general political strike, beginning today at noon. This action was decided upon late last night by the workmen's strike committee which now is completely under the domination of the social revolutionists, whose leaders openly proclaim that their ultimate object is the complete overthrow of the monarchy and the establishment of a democratic republic. This also is the real aim of their brothers, the Social Democrats of Poland, but the proclamation issued keeps this in the background and apparently supports the popular sympathy for Polish autonomy and the indignation against the application of the death sentence being imposed on the Cronstadt mutineers.

The proclamation says:

"The Imperial Government continues to walk over our corpses. It court-martials the bold soldiers and sailors of Cronstadt who rose in defense of their rights and national freedom. It encircles weak and oppressed Poland with the iron ring of martial law. The workmen's council calls the revolutionary proletariat of St. Petersburg to renew the general political strike which has already demonstrated its dread power in order to show brotherly solidarity with the revolutionary soldiers and sailors as well as with the revolutionary proletariat of Poland. Let the workmen of St. Petersburg cease work at noon Nov. 15 with the cries of "Down with the court martial. Down with the death penalty. Down with martial law in Poland and in all Russia.'"

To Finish the Autocracy.

The committe has appealed to the strike committee throughout Russia to join in the movement, and has also appealed to the railroad men with the aim of bringing about another general tie-up. Some of the degates at last night's meeting protested that the political strike would interfere with the fight for an eight-hour day, but they were rudely waved aside by the majority, who claimed that it would be time enough to deal with economic questions when they had finished with the autocracy.

Railroad Strike on Again.

The strike commenced promptly on the Baltic and Warsaw Railways, and it is announced that all the other lines will follow suit. Although the workmen of many of the big establishments beyond the Moscow and Narva gates, and in the Neva and Vassili Ostroff districts, promised to obey the strike mandate, those of the Putiloff and other factories declined to join in the strike. The various professional organizations which participated in the other general strike are also lukewarm, regarding the decision of the workmen's committee as hasty and ill-advised. Nevertheless, in the present excited state of public opinion, they may be swept off their feet, especially should some untoward incident occur.

Situation Looks Desperate.

Should the general strike again spread over the country, the Government's position might be rendered desperate. It is impotent now to deal with many of the questions confronting it, and might be terrorized into making further concessions. The ancient kingdom of Georgia, following the lead of Finland and Poland, has now plucked up courage and has demanded autonomy. The attempt to restore order in the Government of Kutais, Transcaucasia, with Russian troops, has so inflamed the populace that the municipal council of Kutais, capital of the government of that name, has telegraphed to both Count Witte and the viceroy, advising against further attempts at coercion.

Royal Land for Peasants

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m.—The Associated Press is informed from a high source that a ukase will be issued possibly tonight, whereby a large portion of the imperial domain, which covers almost a third of European Russia, and which is the property of the emperor and grand dukes, will be given to the peasants.

BOMB FOR POLICE CHIEF

Thrown as He Passes in Carriage but Does Little Damage.

Constantinople, via Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 15.—Fehmi Pasha, the head of the secret police of the palace, was intended to be the victim of yesterday's bomb outrage. The pasha, however, escaped unscathed and the explosion did little damage. The bomb was thrown from the roof of a house on the main road of the Pera Quarter as Fehmi was passing in a carriage. The attempt on his life is attributed to the Armenians, as an Armenian was discovered in the house from which the bomb was thrown.

DROWNED WHILE HUNTING

Port Hope Police Chief and Miss Grice, of Toronto, the Victims.

Port Hope, Nov. 15.—A telegram was received here last night by an undertaker, telling him to send coffins to Haliburton for the bodies of William Armstrong Bond and Miss Georgie Grice, who are drowned. Bond was Port Hope's chief constable, and Miss Grice was his sister-in-law.

The telegram came from Mrs. Lillie Bond, who, with her husband, her little daughter and Miss Grice, her sister, left last week on a hunting trip to Haliburton. Miss Grice's home is in Toronto, and Chief Bond came from Toronto, where he was on the police force. He has a brother, who is a Toronto policeman.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID

St. Thomas Railway Man Commits Suicide While Despondent.

St. Thomas, Nov. 15.—Henry Allen, patternmaker in the M. C. R. shops, committed suicide yesterday by taking carbolic acid. He went to work at 7 a.m., put on his apron, and that was the last seen of him. He did not go to dinner at noon, and search was made. He was found behind some patterns, and was dying when Dr. Fulton arrived. He had taken a dose of carbolic acid in the morning. His sister and mother died recently and he had been ill, and the rash act was committed while despondent. He leaves a wife, two sons and one daughter.

FIRE AT WEST LORNE

Drug Store of A. McColl Damaged to Extent of $400.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

West Lorne, Nov. 15. — Fire broke out about 3:30 this morning in A. McColl's drug store on the east side of Graham street, and did damage to the extent of about $400.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The flames spread rapidly, on account of the quantity of combustible material contained in the building.

Mr. McColl slept in a room at the rear of the store, and although partly overcome by smoke, he succeeded in giving the alarm. A large number of the villagers turned out and soon had the flames extinguished.

Mr. McColl opened his store at West Lorne only a short time ago. He carried no insurance.

Japs Lost 70,000.

London, Nov. 15. — The Times correspondent at Tokio cables: The minister of war, speaking at a banquet, said that Japan at one time during the war had 1,200,000 troops under arms. Of this number 70,000 died; 810,000 were wounded or sick; but only [illegible] died of sickness, and 9,800 of wounds after coming under treatment.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Colder.

London, Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Sun rises..7:12 a.m. Moon rises..7:44 p.m.
Sun sets...4:53 p.m. Moon sets..10:01 a.m.

Toronto, Nov. 14—8 p.m.

The weather has been everywhere fine today, except in Manitoba, where there have been scattered rains in many localities. It continues unusually mild in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48—50; Edmonton, 36—50; Calgary, 24—58; Qu'Appelle, 30—50; Winnipeg, 12—42; Port Arthur, 4—32; Parry Sound, 10—30; Toronto, 16—34; Ottawa, 12—24; Montreal, 12—22; Quebec, 6—18; Halifax, 26—28; St. John, 12—24.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, Nov. 15—8 a.m.

Today—Strong winds and gales, southwesterly to westerly and northwesterly; milder today, with a few light falls of snow or rain.

Thursday—Strong westerly to northwesterly winds; colder again.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	20	44	Fair
Winnipeg	28	26	Snow
Parry Sound	32	30	Rain
Toronto	34	28	Rain
Ottawa	28	20	Fair
Montreal	26	16	Rain
Quebec	16	10	Rain
Father Point	16	30	Rain

WEATHER NOTES.

An important disturbance, which has traveled quickly from the far northwest, is now centered over Lake Superior, attended by fresh gales over the lakes and snow flurries. Snow has fallen in parts of Manitoba, but in the Northwest Provinces generally the weather remains very fine and mild.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 15.—Storm warnings are displayed on the great lakes.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 38°; lowest, 13° above.

PRINCE LOUIS AT THE HORSE SHOW

Lusty and Prolonged Cheers Greet Battenburg.

FAIRY SCENE ON THE DRAKE

The Admiral Prince Gives a Magnificent and Unique Ball on His Flagship.

New York, Nov. 14. — A record-breaking crowd for a first night filled Madison Square Garden last night, and from the impatient glances cast at the boxes reserved for Prince Louis and his party it was easy to see that the royal visitor was the attraction.

It was half past 9 when the prince arrived from the Coney Island jollification. The party entered from the Twenty-seventh street side and made their way directly to the four boxes at the Madison avenue end of the Garden.

As the prince entered the band struck up the National Anthem, the crowd rose to its feet, and cheers and hand-clapping drowned the thuff of the horses' hoofs on the tanbark. There was a quick rush along the already crowded promenade as the crowd surged toward the flag draped boxes, and for a moment it looked as though the crush might be dangerous. The police kept the mass moving, however, and soon the people were circling steadily about the ring, eager to complete the circuit and get another glimpse of the distinguished guest.

The prince stood until the band ceased playing. When he sat down he gave little heed to that part of the show which New Yorkers think most worth while, but watched with interest the work of the horses.

Judging of the harness tandems was going on when the prince entered. He seemed as eager as a boy, and it was evident from his lively comment to his companions in the box that the prince knew the points of a horse as well as a battleship. The handsome pairs of roadsters that were shown after the tandems drew hearty applause from the prince.

After the judging of the roadsters was finished the prince and those nearest him in the boxes left their seats and made the circuit of the promenade. The prince walked bareheaded, pushing his way through the crowd in the most democratic way and returning all salutes. He stopped a moment at J. E. Widener's box to speak to one of his officers, and paused several times in his walk to greet the officers of the squadron, many of whom were in the Garden.

Perhaps the horses were kept trotting around the tanbark ring, but it is safe to say that nobody except the judges saw them while the prince was on the floor. His progress around the Garden was a veritable triumph; the cheers and handclapping grew and grew, until the band caught the infection and played all the English, Scotch and Irish airs it knew.

After the walk around the Garden the prince returned to his box to take leave of the party, and was then escorted to the Twenty-seventh street entrance, where R. A. C. Smith's automobile was waiting.

The prince before leaving said: "I never saw anything like it in my life. There is nothing like it in Europe. It was perfectly beautiful and I was delighted. I am so pleased with the show that I shall take the first afternoon I have off and take another look at the horses."

A large crowd gathered in the street and waited patiently for the appearance of the prince. There was no cheering when he appeared, but the curious crowded so closely about the auto that the four mounted policemen on guard had their work cut out to clear a path.

The prince was accompanied in the automobile by Admiral Evans and Col. Thompson. On the front seat with the driver sat a sailor with his arms full of flowers. He didn't look the least bit at ease and blushed at the remarks of the crowd.

Detectives Woolridge and Funston escorted the prince in another auto. They said that the trip up from Coney Island was made in 40 minutes, shattering all records and speed laws.

The Ball on the Drake.

New York, Nov. 14. — Dazzlingly beautiful was the scene into which Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenburg welcomed his guests tonight at the grand ball on board the flagship Drake. The wealth and beauty of the national capital and the metropolis, and the ranking officers of the army and navy came together in a garden of flowers and flags, making one of the most brilliant assemblages ever seen in this country.

In the absence of Lady Durand, the wife of the British ambassador, Lady Susan Townley, the wife of the embassy counselor, assisted Prince Louis in greeting his guests. For a short time they stood on the quarter deck, but when the music began, they went up to the ballroom on the boat deck and took a position at the rear of the stairway, where they remained until midnight receiving the hundreds of guests.

Half the ball room was a mass of magnificently gowned women and

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PICTURE'S FALL WAS FATAL

Snapped Gas Pipe and Three Die From Asphyxiation.

Patterson, N. J., Nov. 15. — Three deaths were caused last night by the falling of a heavy picture on the wall of the house occupied by the Schreder family which broke a gas pipe while the family was asleep. Chris Schroeder, his mother Catherine and her grandchild Ira La Forge were all asphyxiated. Neighbors who entered the house today found the fallen picture beneath a gas fixture which had been snapped off short. They arrived in time to save the lives of two of the La forge children whom the escaping gas had not yet reached in large quantities.

Constable Used Revolver in Fight in Lucan Hotel

George Hodgins Wounded, But Not Fatally, by County Constable Piper.

George Hodgins, of Lucan, was shot last night by Constable Piper in the Western Hotel there, and was wounded in the forehead. His physician says he will recover.

According to the story which has reached Crown Attorney McKillop and Detective Northgraves, of this city, it appears that about 11:30 last night Piper's attention was attracted to the hotel, where it is alleged some loud talk was going on. He rapped on the door for admission, but was at first refused. After a time the door was opened and Hodgins and three or four other men were found inside. They began to abuse the constable, and then, it is said, Hodgins struck him. When the fight started, Piper claims that all the men in the barroom "jumped" him, and as he was afraid he would be killed, he drew his revolver and fired in self-defense.

Struck Hodgins in Forehead.

The bullet struck Hodgins in the forehead and glanced upward, plowing through his hair. It was at first thought he was killed and the fight speedily came to an end.

Hodgins was taken to his home, where a physician dressed his injury. He will recover. There are several men of the name of George the injured Hodgins is the man familiarly known as "Aunt Ellen's George."

Constable Piper at once called up Crown Attorney McKillop and informed him of what he had done and the crown attorney ordered an investigation.

Detective Northgraves left for Lucan today in accordance with instructions received from Mr. McKillop.

Stories Differ.

Stories differ, however, as to how the shooting actually occurred. It is said that Hodgins will demand an investigation and the arrest of Piper.

One story says that Piper went to the hotel to borrow a hod of coal, and that there he got into an altercation with Hodgins, who struck him, and then got the better of him in the fight which followed. Piper, seeing he was being worsted, it is alleged, pulled his gun and shot Hodgins.

Still another story is told to the effect that Piper heard loud words in the bar and forced his way in, thinking the proprietor was selling liquor after hours. It is claimed that he has no jurisdiction in Lucan, as he is a county constable, and that his interference was uncalled for.

Crown Instructs Magistrate.

The latest report from the Lucan shooting affray is to the effect that a warrant will be issued against Constable Piper for shooting and that an information will be laid against George Hodgins for common assault. Magistrate McCool, of Lucan, informed Crown Attorney McKillop that the shooting affray was the serious part, and that the assault is not aggravated, and was not done with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Mr. McKillop advised the magistrate to proceed with the case, but not to finally dispose of it. The shooting incident will be investigated by the county judge.

Hodgins is a big man, and is said to get on an occasional spree. The hotel where the affair took place is run by a man named McFalls, who formerly tended bar at the Sadlier House. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Sadlier. Hodgins is McFalls' uncle. The house is said to bear a bad reputation.

Piper is a South African veteran, having gone through the Boer war with the first contingent.

OFFERED $5,000,000 FOR HYDE'S STOCK

George Gould Wanted to Secure Control of the Equitable Company.

New York, Nov. 15. — James H. Hyde was the first witness before the insurance committee today. He asked to correct his testimony of yesterday relative to offers for his stocks. He said he did receive four offers besides that of Mr. Ryan. Two of these came from Mr. Harriman and Mr. Frick. He was offered $5,000,000 for his entire holdings, and $2,500,000 for half of them. George Gould also made such an offer, but these were all declined, because witness did not think one man should control the society. Gage E. Tarbell also made an offer, and said he had a syndicate ready to buy it. George W. Young offered to buy Mr. Hyde's stock. These were all verbal offers.

WHY BONDS DIDN'T FLOAT

Matheson Says He Was Strongly Advised Against it.

Toronto, Nov. 15. — Hon. A. J. Matheson, the provincial treasurer, who has been to London, England, in connection with the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway loan, arrived in the city last night. To a reporter he expressed himself as well satisfied with the outcome of his negotiations. The loan of £1,200,000 had been renewed through the Bank of Montreal for another period of six months, at a rate of 4 per cent.

"By financiers in England," said Mr. Matheson, "the terms are considered very good. Every financial man to whom I spoke in this regard expressed that opinion. The credit of the Province," he added, "stands very high in England, almost equaling that of the Government."

When asked why an issue of provincial bonds was not made, he replied: "We could have floated bonds at a better rate than was offered last year" —Mr. Matheson did not care to mention the rate—"but the advice of the strongest financial men was against floating bonds at the present time, and in favor of renewing the loan."

Further discussion was courteously declined by Mr. Matheson on this or on two other matters which he did not care to specify, but in which, he said, he had acted for the Provincial Government while in England. He must, he said, first report to and consult with Premier Whitney before entering upon a detailed discussion on the loan or the other subjects.

LICENSE QUESTION COMES UP TONIGHT

Both Sides May Be Represented at Committee Meeting—Solicitor's Opinion.

No. 3 committee of the city council meets tonight, and it is expected that a deputation of temperance workers will wait on the aldermen and ask them to place a bylaw for the reduction of the number of liquor licenses before the public.

On the other hand, it is said that the liquor men will also be represented, and they will make known their opinion on the matter. It is probable that they will be represented by a lawyer, and the opinion of Mr. Haverson will be laid before the committee.

All are waiting for City Solicitor Meredith's opinion. It is said that he will declare the council has power to submit a bylaw to the people, but as before stated, this will not affect the attitude of the aldermen. It is a 100 to 1 shot that only the plain question of reduction will be submitted to the people.

In Toronto on Monday the city council took up the matter of submitting a bylaw to the people, but it was shelved for two weeks. Controller Spence sought to have the bylaw read a first and second time without the formality of a notion of motion, but he failed to secure the necessary two-thirds vote and the bylaw is blocked for the present. The question of the validity of submitting the bylaw does not appear to be seriously raised, however.

The temperance meetings which have been held by the local temperance league the past few days have not been attended by anything approaching a crush, and as a consequence the liquor people are arguing that the citizens are not taking a great interest in the proposed reduction, and they say that the reduction proposal will be defeated at the polls in January.

THINNING OUT TREES

Parks Commissioner Pearce Marking Many for Removal From Streets.

Parks Commissioner Pearce has commenced the thinning out of trees on the city streets, and, as usual, the city is being saved the cost of cutting them as people are glad to get them for fuel, and they carry them away. This year the people do not rush to the city engineer to complain when Mr. Pearce marks a tree to be cut down. They have confidence in the commissioner now, because time has proved that he has not injured a tree which was a benefit to the city.

"SAVE ME FROM MY FRIENDS;" MR. BALFOUR THREATENS TO QUIT

London, Nov. 15. — Premier Balfour's unusually candid warning to his followers at the conference of the National Union of Conservative Associations at Newcastle-on-Tyne last night, is interpreted in some quarters as a threat to resign the leadership of the Unionist party if dissensions continue with regard to the fiscal policy, and, judging by the editorials in this morning's papers, there is small likelihood of his appeal having the desired effect.

The resolution proposed by Henry Chaplin, former president of the local government board, and adopted by the conference was intended to bind the party to the creed of Joseph Chamberlain and Premier Balfour's reply was in effect that it would be disastrous to press that policy on the eve of a general election. Hence his supporters in the press complain that he still gives no definite lead upon which the Unionists can go before their constituencies.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Balfour declared frankly that he was not afraid of the opposition, but of his own friends. With great deliberation and emphasis he added:

"I am here to say exactly what I think about the situation, and I mean to say it. There is no use of having a leader unless you mean to follow him. I speak here as your leader for the time being, and my advice is to forget differences which are outside of the practical politics of the hour. If you reject my advice, disaster will overtake our cause."

TARIFF INQUIRY HERE NEXT WEEK

Commission Will Sit at Board of Trade Rooms on Nov. 30 and 31.

The Dominion Government's tariff commission, consisting of Hon. W. S. Fielding, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Hon. Sidney Fisher and Hon. Wm. Paterson, will hold sessions in this city on Monday and Tuesday next, Nov. 20 and 21.

Word was received from Ottawa today to that effect.

The sittings will be held in the board of trade rooms, Richmond street, and all manufacturers and others who desire readjustment of the tariff will be given an opportunity to state their cases before the commission.

The secretary is Mr. John Bain.

THIEF SENTENCED

Bert Kelly Gets Three Months for Stealing a Brooch.

Bert Kelly, the young Englishman who stole a gold brooch from the home of Mr. J. E. Griffith, of Byron, was sentenced by Judge Elliott this morning to three months in the common jail at hard labor.

In passing sentence his honor said that he was unable to find that Kelly had ever been convicted of wrongdoing. It was too bad that a man of Kelly's intelligence and apparent good breeding, should stoop to such a crime. He was a trusted employe, and should not have betrayed that trust.

Kelly denied the Chatham theft. He admitted that he had been there, but said that he did nothing wrong.

NOMINATIONS FOR WEST LAMBTON

Messrs. Pardee and Leseur Are Chosen to Contest Riding in Bye-Election.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Nov. 15.—At noon today Mr. William Douglas, of Camlachie, returning officer for West Lambton opened the nominations meeting here for the naming of candidates to contest the riding for the seat in the Dominion House of Commons made vacant by the death of the late Dr. Johnston, M. P. Mr. Frederick F. Pardee, who will contest the riding in the Reform interests, was the first gentleman to be nominated. Mr. Pardee appointed Mr. Robert I. Lowers as his agent. Mr. Richard E. Leseur was nominated in the interests of the Conservative party. Mr. Leseur named Mr. John R. Logan as his agent.

At 2 o'clock Returning Officer William Douglas announced the close of the nominations, and Messrs. Pardee and Leseur were called upon to address the gathering, which was composed of several hundred electors. The contest is now on in earnest, and will be kept up with unceasing energy until polling day on Nov. 22. The indications are that Mr. Pardee, the Liberal candidate, will be elected by a large majority.

BURNED RABBI ALIVE.

Bucharest, Nov. 15.—Further Jewish massacres and outrages are reported at Bourgade and Danutzeri, in Bessarabia. The chief rabbi of Kisheneff was soaked in petroleum and burned alive.

S. S. BRITANNIA IN TROUBLE.

Philadelphia, Nov. 15.—The British steamship Britannia, which sailed late yesterday for Havan., struck a ledge of rocks today which tore a large hole in her bottom. She was run aground in the Delaware River, opposite Bellevue, Delaware, a few miles below this city, to prevent her from sinking.

IN FAVOR OF FARMERS

Railway Commission Against Railways in Rate Dispute.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—The railway commission gave out its decision today in the case of the Farmers' Association of Ontario, who alleged that the railway companies' unreasonably advanced their rates on beans in carloads from shipping points in Western Ontario. The judgment of the commission is in favor of the farmers. It is that the 1903 rate on beans in carloads must be restored. No railway company, however, is required to charge less rates on beans than it charges on grain between the same points as shown in its tariff.

KING GEORGE IN LONDON

Presented With a Gold Casket by the City Corporation.

London, Nov. 15. — King George of Greece was welcomed to the city of London today by the lord mayor and corporation. The usual address was presented to his majesty in a gold casket at the Guild Hall. A luncheon followed.

The royal procession from Paddington railroad station to the Guild Hall and back, consisting of half a dozen state carriages, received a hearty welcome from large crowds along the route, which was lined by some 7,000 troops and decorated with flags.

KAISER'S SILVER WEDDING

Great Gathering of Royalties in Berlin in February.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Great preparations are being made to celebrate the Kaiser's silver wedding on Feb. 27. The visitors on this occasion will include the Kings and Queens of England, Holland, Italy and Wurtemburg, the Kings of Greece and Saxony, the Queen of Roumania, Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, the Crown Prince of Sweden and Denmark, and all the rulers of the smaller German states. France, the United States and Turkey will send extraordinary embassies.

LIPTON WED YEARS AGO?

Sir Thomas Refuses to Say a Word on the Subject.

Boston, Nov. 15. — A special cable from London says it is reported among those who know Sir Thomas Lipton well that he is a benedict, having secretly married a Scotch lassie in humble circumstances years ago before he dreamed of reaching his present condition.

People who knew Sir Thomas in his youth say the facts are well known to certain people. Sir Thomas himself hasn't a word to say on the subject. Announcement is made that he is seeking a country seat in Ireland, either in Wicklow or Meath.

NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mr. Clarence E. Reed Appointed to Local Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Clarence E. Reed, of this city, has been appointed assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Reed was for several years secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Orillia, but of late has been traveling for a London firm. He commenced his new duties this morning.

AMERICAN HOUNDS WON.

Upperville, Va., Nov. 15.—The American hounds won the decision over the English in the Grafton-Middlesex foxhound match, which concluded yesterday, after two weeks of excellent sport. The report is signed by Charles McEachran, of Montreal; Hallam L. Movius, of Buffalo, and James K. Maddux, of Warrenton, the judges.

Next Canadian Tariff To Be in Three Grades

The Maximum General, Minimum General and British Preference---Canadian Mills Are Censured.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—The most important incident in this morning's session of the tariff commission was an indication given by Hon. William Paterson as to what lines were to be followed in the coming tariff revision. There are to be three columns in the tariff, a maximum general, a minimum general and the British preference. And in regard to the British preference, Mr. Paterson said there would be a greater latitude allowed. It would not be a matter of a preference of one-third to British goods, but in fixing the tariff on various lines, a set rate would be made for goods imported from Great Britain.

The Drygoods Merchants.

Mr. J. P. Watson, who was discussing with the commission the tariff on silks, said incidentally that a very large duty was not the best thing for the manufacturers.

Mr. Fielding agreed.

"That is a doctrine I preached a good many years ago," commented Sir Richard Cartwright.

Mr. Watson was a member of a deputation from the drygoods section of the board of trade, introduced to the commission by R. W. Spence. The rate which the wholesale dealer had to pay on silks, said Mr. Watson, was 30 per cent, while the man who imported it for the manufacturer of neckwear had to pay a duty of only 10 per cent. Some importers manufactured both neckties and blouses, belts and other silkwear. On the silk imported for the manufacture of neckwear the manufacturer paid 10 per cent, and on the silk for other wear he paid 30 per cent. The temptation was to overbuy neckwear silk and underbuy other silk, and then in the factory to use neckwear silk for blouses. Then the manufacturer could not take advantage of the silk stocks of the local wholesale dealer, so that both the wholesale dealer and the small manufacturer whose foreign credit was not great were discriminated against. The manufacturers represented before the commission this morning asked for a flat rate on silks of 10 per cent. Should the Government be unable to acquiesce in this suggestion, the alternative suggestion was that the Government should raise the tariff on finished silk manufactures from England to a point reasonably higher than the rate on raw material from Germany.

Silk a Luxury.

Hon. Mr. Fielding objected that a flat rate of 10 per cent on silk, which

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