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Projected Contract with the Allan Line Still in Statu Quo.

Sir Frederick Borden Will Visit England in Connection With Militia Act.

Grand Trunk Pacific Guarantee Not Paid But Money Is in Sight.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Nov. 26.—The contract between the government and the Allan line for an improved steamship service across the Atlantic is still hanging up.

Sir F. Borden in a communication to Mr. L. L. Lettice, colonial secretary, to ascertain whether that gentleman desires to confer with him on the subject of changes in the militia act, states that an amendment was withdrawn last session on Mr. Chamberlain's suggestion.

The imperial authorities are asking for tenders for supplying the army in South Africa with flour, garrons, meat and forage for a period of twelve months from April next. Contracts for some days the money has been in the hands of Glyn Mills & Co., financial agents of the government in London.

Harrison Watson, curator of the Canadian section of the Imperial Institute, writing to the department of trade, draws attention to the large market which exists in England for Canadian wool.

Asadore Proulx, M. P., for Prescott, is doing nicely at the hospital. Mr. Casey, ex-M. P., is also improving in health.

The cabinet today considered the cases of Sam Chun, Ah Gum and Gum Tin, under sentence of death at Canton, but no decision was reached.

A blue book issued today gives the total Canada's fleet for the past year. There were on the 31st of December last on the register books of the Dominion 1,832 sailing vessels, steamers and barges, measuring 622,613 tons register tonnage, being an increase of forty-four vessels and decrease of 11,870 tons register, as compared with the previous year.

E. W. Rathbun, head of the Rathbun Manufacturing Co., of Deseronto, and one of Canada's milliners, died this morning at his home in Deseronto. Mr. Rathbun was the entire firm, and practically owned the firm of Deseronto. He was 60 years of age and leaves a widow and six children.

Owing to Hon. Mr. Fielding's absence, the question of dissolution of the cabinet was not considered by the cabinet today.

GEN. WOODS INVESTIGATION.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Senate committee on military affairs today resumed investigations on charges against General Leonard Wood, Captain W. J. Barden, of the artillery corps, U. S. A., who was engineer officer in charge of street improvements at Havana and General Woods' administration as Governor-General of Cuba, was the only witness heard. He was summoned at the request of Senator Foraker and is understood to have been called to refute Major Rathbone's charges. Favorable action was taken on the request of Major Rathbone for the issuance of subpoenas for army officers and permission was given him to prepare a list with statements as to what he expected to prove by this. The list has been ready for summons to be issued tomorrow. The committee adjourned until Friday.

ROBBER CONFESS S TO DOUBLE MURDER

Hold Up of Chicago Cashier's Office Last August Now Explained.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The mystery surrounding the hold-up of the cashier's office of the Chicago city railway company August, during which two of the employees of the office were slain and \$100,000 worth of money was carried off, was cleared up today by the confession of Gustav Marks, who was arrested in connection with the murder of Detective John Quinn, whom Marks shot down while trying to escape arrest. Harvey Van Dye and Peter Niedermier are named by Marks as his accomplices in the car barn murder. According to Marks' story the three men went to the office of the railway company for the purpose of robbing it. The money was divided among the men to throw up their hands, they obeyed, but Niedermier burst in the window of the office and commenced shooting.

In all \$2,230 was secured. The next day Marks and his two companions went to Denver. From Denver they went to Cripple Creek, and in a week they came back to Chicago. Since then, according to Marks' confession, they have been implicated in a number of hold-ups and shooting affrays.

BIG FACTORY BURNED.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The Buffalo factory where the explosion occurred was destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The factory had a tonnage of 300 and contained about three and one-half acres of ground.

THE CHILD AND THE GUN.

Port Arthur, Nov. 23.—The two-year-old son of Mark Lettice, of Oliver township, was instantly killed this morning by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of an eight-year-old brother. The mother was in the room when the accident occurred.

SAILOR BURNED TO DEATH.

Kingston, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Charles Rasch, a Swede, of the crew of the steamer Sargents, which was burned at Saugerties last night, died in the fire. He had escaped from the boat, but went back to get a suit of clothes containing \$4, and was suffocated.

Forthcoming Blue Book Treating With Fiscal Policy By Colonials.

Canada to Be Subject For Post-prandial Honors at London Banquet.

Manchester Courier Points to Holland as England's Fate Minus Colonies.

London, Nov. 23.—(Special).—It is understood there will soon be published a blue book containing a report of the various colonial representatives in regard to the fiscal problem. Some of these reports are dated as far back as 1900.

The Manchester Courier, commenting on the fiscal question, says: "We decline to the position of a second Holland, and for good or ill, the time is coming when the colonies are infinitely stronger than we are our sister states and larger than we. The day may come when they will be more powerful if not so wealthy."

The present session has proved unfavorable to the colonies, both in England and on the continent, so reliance is placed on the Canadian supply, especially in the case of the wool producers are looking for high prices.

The Westminster Gazette says: "If Prof. Hewins is going to instruct Mr. Chamberlain on economics, he has done well to resign all other appointments. The Gazette suggests that the young man make an impression on his headstrong pupil. The Gazette suggests that the young man make an impression on his headstrong pupil. The Gazette suggests that the young man make an impression on his headstrong pupil."

LEADING MACCABEE DEAD.

Flint, Mich., Nov. 23.—George J. Siegle, of Port Huron, supreme recorder of the Maccabees of the World, died at the sanitarium today.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The United States Senate today in executive session confirmed the following nominations: George R. Carter, Honolulu, to be governor of Hawaii; Sanford B. Doherty, district judge of the territory of Hawaii.

Japan's Premier On the Situation

Count Katsura Says Japanese are Not Looking For Trouble.

Outside Interference in Korea Would Be a Casus Belli.

London, England, Nov. 24.—Count Katsura, the Japanese premier in an interview with the correspondent of the Manchester Guardian in Tokio, said it was a great mistake to think the Japanese were eager to fight.

"It is told of one man who shouts for war, but the ninety and nine who do not are not mentioned. In Japan the ninety and nine can see for themselves how universally quiet is the tone of press and speaker. If Russia should be provoked to do anything other than their duty. We are absolutely prepared to defend our national existence at any sacrifice. There is no emergency of any such emergency, but we are ready."

Asked about the view expressed in some Japanese papers that Russia's recent action amounted to an attack; that the retention of Russian troops in Manchuria was the change which Japan must accept, the Count replied: "No, it is nothing of the kind. That is the agitation in the Japanese press about Russia's pledge to evacuate Manchuria. The Japanese government, Russia only said that to China as a mere voluntary promise. It was not sent to Japan; it cannot be insisted upon by Japan as an obligation."

"The principle of Chinese sovereignty must be upheld, with all it implies. Russian troops may remain as railway guards, not as a sign of Russian sovereignty. The country must remain Chinese and the treaty must be held good in every detail. New ports are opened by China in Manchuria under her new treaties. The door is open and our traders are in Manchuria towns now."

"Japan demands that the sovereign rights of China and the open door for trade should be maintained. In this Great Britain and the United States support her. I do not think Russia will or can object, but, of course, I cannot tell you anything about the negotiations now pending."

Turning to Korea the Count was asked if there was any statement of Japan's policy in regard to Korea. He said: "The Premier replied that it was an avowed principle of Japanese policy that no other power must meddle with Korea. Any outside interference there, he said, would certainly be a cause for war. Nothing of the sort was likely to occur."

The interviewer remarked: "But there have been many reports of Russian encroachments and intrigues in Korea." The Premier said: "Some of these reports are erroneous, due to excessive zeal on the part of Russian officials."

JOIN WEST INDIES' FLEET.

London, Nov. 24.—It is announced that a cruiser squadron, consisting of the armored cruiser Good Hope, flying the Red Ensign, and the armored cruiser Monmouth, and the armored cruiser Kent, will proceed to the West Indies to join the British North Atlantic Squadron for fleet practice.

LEADING FIGURES IN FAR EASTERN DRAMA

GENERAL KENNEDYKAMPF, GENERAL WASILEWSKY, GENERAL DUBOITTOCH, GENERAL TZERPTIKY.



ENTRANCE TO PORT ARTHUR HARBOR.

Looking For Molybdenite

Two Mining Men in Vancouver Are Looking For This Precious Metal.

Nephew of Hon. J. Chamberlain in Terminal City—Dauntless Is Ashore.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 23.—Molybdenite is scarce in the markets of the Pacific coast, and is used for making steel and keeping it from rusting.

There are two mining men in Vancouver looking for this precious metal. If anyone happens to have any in the area, they are looking for it.

Mr. Chamberlain, the nephew of England's great Chamberlain, is a guest here on November 3 with a bullet wound in the chest.

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GRANBY DIVIDEND.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—The Granby Consolidated Mining Company has declared a dividend of 10 per cent, payable December 10, to shareholders of record December 1st. This is the first dividend the company has paid.

A NEW YACHT INCIDENT.

Sewing Machine Agent Murdered and His Wife Suspected.

New York, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Delk Lupo, widow of Morris Lupo, a sewing machine agent, who was found dead in his room in the Hotel Hamilton, New York, on Saturday, was the victim of a murder.

The dredge, King Edward VII., arrived on Sunday last and will not leave Victoria until the 27th.

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CHICAGO STREET CAR COMPANY

And Its Employees Still at Outs.

Offer to Arbitrate Only Remaining Difference Declined By Men.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Conducting reports as to probability of immediate peace in the street car strike came from representatives of the Chicago Street Car Company today. It is learned definitely that the railway company had offered to arbitrate the contention of taking back the men employed by the city railway company who went out on the sympathetic strike.

The company asserted that these men violated their agreements, while the strikers assert that the agreements were not properly made.

Colonel Bliss, secretary of the railway company, said today: "Only one point now is left to be settled. The company is willing to arbitrate that."

President Buckley of the striking division said at the same time: "The company is willing to arbitrate that."

With a police guard to preserve peace if disorder should threaten, the aldermen transacted business relating to traction affairs last night with dispatch.

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One provision that the Governor-in-Council may direct that a duty of \$5 per ton shall be imposed on all iron and steel railway ties or rails in any form for railways imported into Canada.

But this order is not to be passed until the Governor-in-Council is satisfied that steel rails of the best quality suitable for the use of Canadian railways are being manufactured in Canada.

Another item provides that machinery from steel made in Canada in sufficient quantity to meet the ordinary requirements of the market.

Item 400 of the tariff respecting the duty on ships is no longer in force. Still, however, a duty of 25 per cent ad valorem is to be collected upon foreign built British ships applying for license to engage in the coasting trade.

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