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FRENCH SENATE TO PASS TREATY

Must Choose Between Commercial Convention and Customs Tariff War.

Canadian Associated Press.
Paris, Mar. 31.—Discussing in the French senate the bill approving the proposed Franco-Canadian commercial convention Minister of Commerce (Crispien) said that as every rich country could hardly fail to be a customer of France, it was highly important to settle the future relations between France and Canada. He said the Canadian government complained of their lack of reciprocity in the convention, by which the Dominion and France were bound, and wished to alter existing conditions. It, therefore, was necessary to choose between the proposed convention and a customs tariff war.

The minister said the advantages accorded by Canada to French products would be enjoyed henceforth by the most favorable tariff accorded by Canada to any nation. Minister Crispien declared France should grant Canada analogous concessions.
Mr. Fortier, representing a Norman constituency, criticized the convention because he thought the duty on cattle would permit the importation of Canadian cattle to be fed on French pasture.

ELIMINATING THE SPECTACULAR

U. S. Trust Busting Campaign Will Be Conducted on Saner Lines.

Chicago, Ill., Mar. 30.—The first steps towards the elimination of the spectacular from the trust busting campaign of the federal authorities in Chicago, were taken today by First Assistant Attorney General Wade, during a brief visit to the office of the federal attorney in this city.

Fear Crew Has Perished

Havana, Mar. 30.—Premier members of the crew of the Hamburg-American steamer *Albatross*, which was burned yesterday, are missing and it is feared that they have perished.

Embezzlers in Cells

St. Thomas, Ont., Mar. 30.—W. E. Peters, formerly of St. Thomas, late of Wilkerson, Ind., was arrested on the charge of embezzlement from the firm of Dalley and Company.

CANADA'S NAVAL POLICY IS APPROVED BY BRITISH SENATE

Unanimous Support Accorded by Press of Britain. Sir Wilfrid's Words Are Not For Canada Alone But For the Capitals of Other Nations. Roblin Favors Dreadnought. Balfour-Making Politics Out of the Situation.

Canadian Associated Press.
London, Mar. 30.—The Canadian naval policy meets with the unanimous support of the press here. The Morning Leader thinks that it is a great opportunity for imperial statesmanship. The Standard says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not addressing his words to Ottawa, not even to London, but to the other capitals, where, perhaps, they were more novel and less welcome. The Daily Mail says that Laurier's words will not be forgotten, since they are graphic nor is a merely strategic viewpoint. The line adopted by New Zealand was doubtless the most desirable but political considerations lean heavily on the side to which the Canadian Commonwealth is now definitely committed. The Express says that the debate is a splendid sign that Canada is awakening to her responsibilities.
Working in Politics.
London, Mar. 30.—Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, speaking to a great meeting referred to the Australian offer of two dreadnoughts. He asked: "Are we to give nothing in return? Are we not, out of the new fiscal system which must be born of our necessities—if not willed—to give our colonies that which they wish for? (Cheers). The responsibility lies henceforth on every government to see that we meet the colonies everywhere we can." (Applause).
Roblin Favors Dreadnought.
Winnipeg, Mar. 30.—The House approved the action of New South Wales and Victoria. The question of defence being Federal in character, the convention should be made by the parliament of Canada. The people of Manitoba are unanimously and enthusiastically in favor of a dreadnought being ordered and presented to the British government, and will support and endorse any action that the par-

THE AXE FALLS ON MARINE OFFICIALS

As Result of the Marine Enquiry 18 Officials Are Dismissed—Order-in-Council Passed.

Ottawa, Mar. 30.—An order in council taking action on the recommendation of Hon. L. F. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, on the report of Justice Cassels, who conducted the inquiry into the department of marine and fisheries, was passed in the House of Commons today. Under the order-in-council, 18 officials were dismissed from the service. The dismissed officials are: Captain Charles Koepig, deputy minister, is retired with superannuation; Commander Spaul, vice-commissioner, is dismissed; J. Fraser, commissioner of lights, is dismissed; J. W. Gregory, agent at Quebec, is dismissed; Captain Charles Koepig, deputy minister, is retired with superannuation; George D. O'Farrell, inspector of lights, Quebec, is dismissed; C. Thomson Schmidt, inspector of government steamers, is dismissed; John Kelly, inspector of fog alarms, Quebec, is reinstated; Captain Charles Koepig is dismissed; A. E. Bauche, is dismissed; Captain McDougall's given temporary suspension and reinstatement; Paul Bolduc, engineer of the C. G. S. *Druid*, Emil Theriault, engineer of the *C. G. S. Champlain*, H. Roy, engineer of the *C. G. S. Montcalm*, Joseph Bellanger, chief engineer of the *Leopold Antoinette*, Joseph Fontaine, chief engineer of the *Leopold Antoinette*, Malcolm Morris, engineer of the *C. G. S. St. Charles*, chief engineer of the *C. G. S. Minto*, A. Sampson, chief engineer of the *C. G. S. Eugene*, Eugene Langlois, chief engineer of the *C. G. S. St. Charles*, A. Deitch, second engineer of the *Abordien*, E. Filteau, machinist of the *Abordien*, and their future employment in the department terminated.

WAR IN BALKANS NOW IMPOSSIBLE

Austro-Serbian Difficulty Amicably Arranged—Triple Alliance Suffers Diplomatic Defeat.

Vienna, March 29.—A full agreement has been reached by the Powers at Belgrade to the steps to be taken at the Balkan crisis. The proposals made by British Foreign Secretary Grey to Baron Von Aehrenthal, minister of foreign affairs, on the basis of the settlement of the difficulties between Austria and Serbia. More negotiations have been reached with respect to the abrogation of Article 25 of the Berlin treaty and the suggestion of Austria on this subject will be communicated to the signatories of the treaty.

ENRAGED WITH ISOWSKY

St. Petersburg, March 29.—The solution of the Balkan crisis has been received here with more rage and shame than with relief. The Press and the public are indignant against the Russian government for surrendering Slav interests without considering the circumstances which have dictated the decision. The Press of all shades of opinion assails Isowsky virulently. Indignation has reached its highest point. The minister is seriously shaken. It is thought in diplomatic circles that it may be necessary to resign himself to the possibility of a storm. The resentment in Paris is also being expressed in a social boycott which a few high society circles are advocating.

ISOWSKY MADE A DEAL

Paris, March 29.—The reverse inflicted upon the Anglo-Franco-Russian combination in the Balkan negotiations has created much bitterness in England and Russia and here, French diplomats hold that Russian Foreign Minister Isowsky is largely responsible, charging that, in order to vindicate himself, he made a deal with Baron Von Aehrenthal at Buchlau, and got the privilege of directing the negotiations from the ground that Russia was predominantly interested in the Balkans. France and Great Britain, England and Russia, are to be consulted. The Russian government is largely responsible for the Balkan crisis, and it is thought in diplomatic circles that it may be necessary to resign himself to the possibility of a storm. The resentment in Paris is also being expressed in a social boycott which a few high society circles are advocating.

MONEY GOES BACK HOME

Christiana, Norway, March 30.—An association formed some time ago to oppose emigration sent applications to all parts of the country for the purpose of forming branch organizations. Some have been formed in certain districts, but the replies received from the Southern part of the Kingdom were not favorable. The people there maintaining that emigration is a benefit to Norway, chiefly because the emigrants sent back so much money from America to their relatives at home. The new association is therefore strenuously opposed.

IRISH LAND BILL AGAIN

London, March 30.—Chief Secretary for Ireland Birrell today re-introduced the Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons. The bill is in exactly the same form as when it was crowded out at the end of the last session. In his remarks, the chief secretary said that the bill would require at least an expenditure of \$915,000,000 to satisfy the land hunger of the Irish, and that this parliament had still to provide \$775,000,000. The Nationalist members of the House resolved at a recent meeting to oppose this bill, as not fulfilling the Irish demands.

G.T.P. \$10,000,000 LOAN IS DEBATED

House of Commons Discusses Loan For Which Railway Company Has Immediate Need.

Ottawa, Mar. 30.—The Government resolution providing for temporary assistance by way of loaning \$10,000,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific to enable the company to finance the balance of construction of the Prairie section of the new road authorized in the House of Commons today a prolonged discussion of the whole bar. The resolution was introduced by the Government and the company in meeting the unexpectedly large cost of the Prairie section of the new road. The resolution was introduced by the Government and the company in meeting the unexpectedly large cost of the Prairie section of the new road. The resolution was introduced by the Government and the company in meeting the unexpectedly large cost of the Prairie section of the new road.

THIRTEEN JURORS REQUIRED IN CASE

Deadlock in the Brockville Election Case. The Jury Then Retired. Thirteenth Juror, "No Trial," and Six for "True Bill." Divided Politically.

Brockville, Ont., March 30.—Peculiar circumstances arose in the court today when the jury in the case of John A. Derbyshire, Liberal worker, arrested on the charge of bribing John Etherington to vote for the Minister of Railways and Canals. Of the thirteen jurors summoned, six were from the city, five from the county, and two from the city. The jury was divided into two camps, six for "no bill," and six for "true bill." The jury was divided into two camps, six for "no bill," and six for "true bill." The jury was divided into two camps, six for "no bill," and six for "true bill."

HE GOT ONE YEAR

Brantford, Ont., Mar. 29.—Dominick Rosi, of Toronto, was sentenced to one year in Central prison for bringing a 17-year-old girl here for improper purposes.

BIG THEFTS IN DRESS GOODS

Department of the Acme Co. Manager Testifies That in the Past Few Months Goods to the Value of Five or Six Hundred Dollars Have Been Taken. Young Woman Implicated; Said to Have Continued Thefts at Another Store in the City.

That thefts have taken place, amounting in all to from \$500 to \$600 in the dress goods department alone of the Acme Co. store during the past few months was made known today given in the police court Thursday by the manager, A. E. Ludwig, in the course of the hearing of an improper dismissal case against the company. In the case before Police Magistrate Cowan, Thursday the Acme Co. were the defendants and the plaintiff was David Mathie, until a few days ago the head of the dress goods department. He claimed damages for improper dismissal. After hearing the evidence the magistrate gave a verdict for the plaintiff for four weeks wages at the rate of \$75 a month and the costs of the case.

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TO BUILD EIGHT DREADNOUGHTS

Reasons For Believing British Cabinet Has Decided on a Larger Navy Programme.

London, Mar. 30.—There are good reasons for believing that the cabinet has already decided to build eight dreadnoughts, has notified the shipbuilders of the intention to lay down the second four within the fiscal year. The decision is expected to lay down the second four within the fiscal year. The decision is expected to lay down the second four within the fiscal year.

BIG ICE BRIDGE BROKEN

The Montcalm Succeeds in Clearing St. Lawrence Channel of Ice.

Montreal, Que., March 30.—It was stated at the marine department here this evening that the government ice breaker *Montcalm* succeeded this afternoon in breaking her way clear through the big ice bridge at Cap Rouge and ran into clear water above. The breaking away appears almost to have flattened the "little navy" party. Admiral Sir Chas. Boreford, since his return to London, after having been relieved of the command of the channel fleet, has decided to visit his friends that he will do all in his power to stir up the country to insist upon a larger and more efficient navy.

ITALIAN MURDER SOCIETY

Practically Entirely in Camorra Trial. Many Indicted.

Rome, Italy, March 30.—The first stage of the Camorra trial in Naples for the Camorra does not appear to have been finished. Six members of the Camorra have been indicted as the men who planned the crime, four indicted for executing it and forty-five indicted for complicity. The trial, which is to be held within a year outside of Naples, is likely to result in a conviction, since the evidence is of a circumstantial nature, and the men are certainly likely to be convicted. For this reason, the police hope that in the meantime, they will be able successfully to cope with the murder society.

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