

AUSTRO-SERVIAN WAR POSSIBLE

FRANCE APPEALS TO POWERS TO MEDIATE

Germany and Russia Sanguine That Conflict Will Be Averted.

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CLIFFORD SIFTON INJURED

Member For Brandon Thrown From Horse at Washington, D. C.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Clifford Sifton fractured his collarbone at Washington, D. C., through being thrown from a horse. He will be laid up for several days. He arrived here last night.

LORD SELKIRK SETTLERS.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 26.—Jacob Kaufmann, aged 75, and Lattitia Fritchard Cunningham, aged 83, descendants of Lord Selkirk settlers, died in Kildonan yesterday.

BUSY ON INTERCOLONIAL.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Minister of Railway and Canals has given orders for the Intercolonial railway shippers to be put on full time, ten hours a day, commencing March 1st. The men have been working eight hours all winter.

RAILWAY FIGURES OF DOMINION

STATISTICS ILLUSTRATE DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY

Billion and a Half Invested—Casualties During 12 Months.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The annual report of the commissioner of railway statistics was tabled yesterday in the House of Commons by Hon. G. P. Graham, being for the year ending June 30, 1908. The number of miles in operation was 22,966, a gain of 514 miles over 1907.

The total capital invested in Canadian railways, according to the report was \$1,239,295,013. These figures represent an increase of \$67,357,205 over 1907.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A much more hopeful view prevails in diplomatic circles in St. Petersburg to-day concerning the Austro-Hungarian-Serbian circles, due to the probability of the successful issue of the current negotiations for the intervention of the powers.

Russia, in principle, has agreed to join in the representations at Belgrade for the preservation of peace. Whether the Russian representation will go so far as to advise Serbia to formally renounce territorial claims in Hungary is a question still being discussed among the powers.

Constantinople, Feb. 26.—The Austro-Hungarian-Turkish protocol for the settlement of the difference arising out of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was signed here this afternoon by the Grand Vizier and Marquis Palayovich, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador. Under it the Turkish government gets \$10,000,000 indemnity.

The boycott committee announced today the suspension of the boycott on Austrian goods.

DOMINION ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION MEETS

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association and the Corps of Guides were held yesterday. His Excellency Earl Grey and Sir Frederick Borden were in attendance.

The officers elected were: Honorary president, Sir Frederick Borden; president, Col. S. Hughes; vice-president, Lt.-Col. W. C. Macdonald; Toronto, Ontario; Lt.-Col. E. T. Ibbotson, Montreal; Hon. L. G. Power, Halifax, for Nova Scotia; Col. John Wilson, Ottawa, for New Brunswick; Hon. Hugh Macdonald, of Winnipeg, for Manitoba; Hon. E. G. Prior, of Victoria, for British Columbia.

INSPECTOR PELLETIER AND PARTY SAFE

Have Arrived Safely at Fort Churchill, After Being Reported Lost.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 26.—Constables Wood and Brown, of the Canadian Mounted Police, arrived yesterday, bringing the Fort Churchill and Hudson Bay mail packet through from Split Lake, 800 miles north of here, by dog team.

They brought word through from Fort Churchill that Inspector Pelletier and his party, who have been making a remarkably long trip in the Canadian Northland from Edmonton to Fort Churchill via Cape Fullerton, arrived there safely on the 11th of January in excellent health. It was reported several months ago that this party was lost.

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