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ANOTHER MINISTER RESIGNS PORTFOLIO

LORD BALFOUR HAS RETIRED FROM CABINET

Austen Chamberlain Will Probably Be
Chancellor of the Exchequer—
Other Changes.

London, Sept. 21.—Lord Balfour of Burleigh, secretary for Scotland, and Arthur Ralph Douglass Elliott, financial secretary of the treasury, have resigned, and their resignations have been accepted by the King. Mr. Elliott was not in the cabinet. These two resignations make a total of four vacant cabinet posts and one secretaryship at Mr. Balfour's disposal. With the resignation of Lord Balfour and Financial Secretary Elliott, both strong free traders, it is understood that the ministerial resignations are completed, and apparently the Duke of Devonshire has decided to remain in the cabinet. It is generally certain that Austen Chamberlain, ex-Chief Secretary, and Mr. Brodrick, ex-Chief Secretary, are the only two names in the new appointments. Home Secretary Kings-Douglas started for Balmoral, and he will probably be involved in the reconstruction of the cabinet.

King Edward is reported to have approved the appointment of Austen Chamberlain as the postmaster-general, to be chancellor of the exchequer in succession to Charles T. Ritchie; Mr. Arnold Foster, secretary to the admiralty, to be secretary for war in succession to Mr. Brodrick; Mr. Brodrick the secretary for the colonies in succession to Joseph Chamberlain. No official confirmation of the appointments has yet been forthcoming. It is known that Lord Milner, the British High Commissioner of South Africa, was offered the colonial secretaryship.

Premier Balfour's private secretary informed the Associated Press that the reported cabinet appointments had not yet been made. Apparently Lord Milner is still considering the offer of the colonial secretaryship. The question of the support of the Nationalist party for the new fiscal policy of retention is said to be the subject of negotiation between the government and the Irish leaders. It is reported that Chief Irish Secretary Wyndham is offering a concession in the shape of a Roman Catholic college at Dublin, while the Nationalists, on the other hand, are demanding a measure of local self-government as the price of their support. Whether or not these statements are well founded, it appears clear that the Nationalists intend to use the cabinet crisis as a lever.

Wm. O'Brien, M. P., speaking at Cork tonight, declared unequivocally that both of the English parties would be broken, and he would hold his hands till it was discovered from whom the best terms could be obtained. The means which secured the abolition of landlordism, declared the Irish leader, centering on the same lines, achieve Home Rule.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Manufacturers Spending Few Days in City—Missionary Dead.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 21.—The special trains containing the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association arrived this morning. The local branch of the association entertained them to luncheon at the Garry court house, after which they were shown the city. All expressed themselves as delighted with the trip thus far. They remain in Winnipeg until Wednesday morning.

Hon. J. H. Ross, who represents Yukon in the Dominion House, left tonight for Ottawa to resume his parliamentary duties. Mr. Ross has been making a short visit to the Northwest.

John McKeown, of Portage la Prairie, was badly injured in the face yesterday by the explosion of a shotgun at the breach.

Isaac Pihlblad and Attorney-General Campbell have formed a legal partnership.

Rev. Thos. Hill, of Pritchard, lately of Ravenshoe, Anglican missionary, who has been ill here for some months, is dead, aged 37 years.

THE POPE INDISPOSED

Unable to Grant Audiences Owing to Attack of Rheumatism.

London, Sept. 22.—A dispatch from Rome to the Leader says the Pope is suffering from rheumatism, and the audiences have been suspended. His sister Antonia is critically ill at Venice.

THEIR PLAN FAILED.

Bold Attempt by Two Men to Rob a Michigan Central Express Car.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—A bold attempt by two men to lock themselves in a Michigan Central railroad express car with the express messenger, overpowered him after the train had left the yards at Thirteenth street and then rife the two safes in the car, was frustrated on Sunday evening when the plan miscarried. Wm. Ganthin, an expressman, was knocked unconscious and gagged in the express car shortly after 8 o'clock in the evening, and then the men discovered he was not the express messenger, and, fearing detection, fled. This is the theory of the railroad officials.

The express messenger, who has charge of the car, left Chicago at 3:30 this morning with one guard and about \$25,000 in two safes in the car. This money, it is believed, was the object of the attack of the two men. Ganthin was taken to the hospital, and it was found that his shoulder had been dislocated and he had sustained severe bruises. If he had not been discovered in the car in time the physicians say he would have smothered to death because of the gag in his mouth. Ganthin said nothing was taken from him by the robbers, which leads him to believe he received a beating intended for Express Messenger Hall.

According to the railroad officials eight or ten weapons are usually kept in the car. Every evening, except Sunday, the car leaves for the East at 9:30 o'clock. At 8:30, the time of the attack—last night, Hall, with an assistant, locked himself in the car and entered the locked himself in. The train did not leave until 3:30 a.m., and it is believed that a change in the schedule on Sunday, of which they did not know, frustrated the robbers' plans.

FIVE HUNDRED KILLED.

Turkish Losses in Recent Engagement With the Insurgents.

Constantinople, Sept. 21.—The Serbian government's reply to the Porte's representations says measures have been taken to prevent bands entering Macedonia, and a strong band which was preparing to cross the frontier has already been dispersed. The Serbian reply adds, however, that if the persecution of Macedonians and the excesses of the Turkish troops continue and serious reforms are not introduced, the government will be unable to restrain the popular agitation in Serbia.

In Hands of Insurgents.

Sofia, Sept. 21.—According to fugitives who have arrived at Rila from Brijuni a serious engagement has occurred at Pukin, near Melnik, 65 miles from Sofia, in which the Turks are said to have lost 500 men killed, including two colonels. Most of the villages in the district of Melnik are in the hands of the insurgents. Many of the villages are in flames.

The unfavorable replies of Austria and Russia to Bulgaria's last note, and the fact that none of the other great powers have yet replied, coupled with the allegations that one of the powers is encouraging the military party at Yildiz Kiosk, tend to create a less hopeful feeling here. Reports are in circulation regarding negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria looking to a solution of the Macedonian difficulty.

COAST-TOWENY LINE.

Vancouver, Sept. 21.—McLean Bros. are completing the survey between Vancouver and Westminster for the Western coast, and it is announced will commence construction on the right-of-way line in two weeks. The proposed line comes in at the east end of False creek and across the new Great Northern extension. They will operate two construction camps this winter, one from Vancouver and the other from Hope westward, it being impossible to work east of Hope through the mountains in the spring.

Letters from Ottawa state that the railway committee is insisting on a change in the Great Northern's proposed bridge across False creek into the city, so as not to interfere with the present wharves and private ownership.

Joe Clark, alias King, the man who escaped from Westminster jail several months ago and who gave the Vancouver police so much trouble, has been captured at Everett. He is held there on a charge of blowing open a safe, and as soon as that case is disposed of an effort will be made to bring him back to Vancouver.

ABUSED SUBORDINATE.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—A dispatch from Kiel gives an indication of the views of Prince Henry of Prussia on the ill-treatment of soldiers and sailors. A machinist named Dittmer, belonging to the cruiser Wettelsbach, was recently tried for badly abusing a subordinate and was sentenced to undergo twenty-one days' detention. The papers went before Prince Henry, who last night decided that the sentence of Dittmer should have been mitigation.

John A. Thomson and wife, of Vancouver, are attending the forty-seventh annual convention of the Dominion. Mr. Thomson is well known in Victoria. Before becoming interested in the sawmilling business at Vancouver he was connected with mining at Mount Sicker. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson will spend several days here.

THE SHUT DOWN ONLY TEMPORARY

SOO PLANT WILL SOON RESUME OPERATIONS

F. H. Clergue Says Debts Will Be Paid and Works Started Up Again.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—F. H. Clergue, of Sault Ste Marie, is in the city to-day. When asked about the closing down of the Soo works and if the statement that he was going to straighten matters out was true, he replied that the works would be running again full blast in a few days. Mr. Clergue's words were: "The Soo plant will be running right away. We will pay all our debts, and will have the plant running as in the past. The closing down the other day was done without the authority of the directors of the company. When the works shut down they were earning \$150,000 per month net, and only a part of the plant was running." Mr. Clergue was asked as to the purpose of his visit to Ottawa, and replied that it was his busy day, and that he had no time to talk. During the forenoon he was engaged with Messrs. Henry Bondomoeau, of Paris, France, and Geo. Lafibre & Son, of Lille, France, French capitalists, who have been in the city off and on for the past week.

WATCHED VICTIM DIE.

Murderer Injected Poison Under Skin of Land-Owner and Shipped Body by Train.

London, Sept. 22.—A case of murder by the injection of poison by means of a hypodermic syringe is reported by the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Mail, who writes that an unpleasant smell proceeding from a wicker basket which arrived at Ruzhice at the Brest railway station in Moscow, and for which no claimant appeared, caused an examination to be made, when the body of a well-dressed man was found. An examination showed that death had resulted from the injection of poison under the skin by means of a syringe. Inquiries were instituted which proved that the murdered man was a well-to-do land owner named Martin Tomeshefsky. The perpetrators of the crime have been discovered and have admitted their guilt. The circumstances under which the deed was committed are of a highly sensational character. Tomeshefsky had no occupation, and resided at a hotel. He was passionately fond of card playing, and visited a club every night, where he played for heavy stakes, and was a rule very fortunate. On the day of the murder his cousin called at the hotel and asked him to come to his mother's house to play cards with two other friends of the family. Then, at a given signal, he was seized, his mouth covered so that he could not cry for assistance, and the poison was injected under the skin of the forehead. The three men then watched the effects of the poison for about half an hour, at the same time taking his money from his pocket, which they divided among themselves.

After their victim died they placed the body in a basket, and one of them tied a cord tightly around the throat to make sure, as he says, that there could be no further trouble with the murdered man. The perpetrators of the crime were confident that their social position would prevent any suspicion falling on them. It was only after a strong chain of evidence had been completed that they confessed.

DUKE BUYS CASTLE.

Purchased Kylesmide House Which Has Been Mentioned as Probable Royal Residence in Ireland.

London, Sept. 22.—The Duke of Manchester has purchased for \$615,000 Kylesmide Castle and estate, comprising 13,000 acres, situated on Lough Kylesmide, Conemara. The place formerly belonged to the late Mitchell Henry, M. P., who built the castle, which is one of the noblest and most romantically situated residences in Ireland. It has often been assigned by rumor as a probable residence of the Duke of Manchester. Mr. Henry spent \$2,500,000 in building the castle and improving the estate.

TO ABOLISH DUELLING.

At Present Austria Leads With Number of Fights.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—At a meeting of the anti-duelling league, attended by forty delegates, at Frankfurt to-day, Dr. Kolb, of Darmstadt, reported that the largest number of duels took place in Austria, and Germany took second place. Mayor Anton, of Pfullen, proposed that an international anti-duelling agreement should be brought about.

CONCLUDES ARGUMENT.

Attorney-General Finlay Thanked by Lord Alverstone, of Boundary Commission.

London, Sept. 23.—Attorney-General Finlay concluded his argument before the House of Commons this morning's session of the Canadian boundary commission. He received the thanks of Lord Justice Alverstone and the congratulations of Messrs. Burt and Deakin, in explanation of so technical and comprehensive a subject.

The American counsel informed the Associated Press that every effort will be made by them to convince the tribunal that the treaty contemplated a barrier between the Dominion and the ocean, and that the question of territory is not important, provided the shores and inlets remain in the possession of the United States.

David T. Watson, of Pittsburg, counsel for the American side, opened for the United States, describing the purchase of Alaska and stating that the United States published in 1867 the explanation of so technical and comprehensive a subject. The American counsel informed the Associated Press that every effort will be made by them to convince the tribunal that the treaty contemplated a barrier between the Dominion and the ocean, and that the question of territory is not important, provided the shores and inlets remain in the possession of the United States.

CHICAGO MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Property Acquired and Hospital's Will Be Built on the "Cottage" Plan.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—One of the most extensive real estate deals in the history of the city has practically been completed for the University of Chicago. The transactions involve the purchase of the entire south frontage of the Midway Plaisance, between Cottage Grove and Madison avenues, at a total consideration estimated at \$1,000,000 for the land, and \$450,000 for the building. The news of the extensive purchase confirms the reports which have been circulated in university circles for some time that the largest medical school in the world is to be established on the Midway. Rush Medical College will form the nucleus of the institution, and will be supplemented by the McCormick Memorial Institute for infectious diseases, extensive hospitals for which probably will be constructed on the "cottage" plan, and possibly the Chicago Polyclinic hospital.

DOMINION TRADES CONGRESS.

Opening Session at Brockville—President Flett's Address.

Brockville, Sept. 22.—The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress opened here this morning, President Flett in the chair. The president's address deploring the fact that workers have not secured a fair share of the general prosperity. The speaker said that the establishment of legal defence funds and the pledging of parliamentary candidates to the abolition of the income tax, the increase of the per capita tax to four cents per month per member, the increasing of the poll tax on Chinamen from \$50 to \$500, and to prevent immigrants coming to Canada by the misrepresentation of the U. S. B. R. E. was condemned, and the incorporation of labor unions was opposed.

FRANK DESERTED.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 22.—Passengers arriving to-night over the Crow's Nest report that another immense slide occurred this morning at Turtle Mountain, near Alberca. As far as known no lives were lost, but the pool of Frank have deserted the town again, being taken on to Blairmore and other towns.

The slide occurred just as the train was nearing Frank, and as quickly as possible the brakes were applied and the train backed for several miles. After waiting over an hour the train was run into Frank, and the people, who were all waiting in the station, were taken on board.

LOST LIVES IN MINE.

Manager and Superintendent Killed by Foul Air While Inspecting the Workings.

Buena Vista, Colo., Sept. 22.—Col. B. F. Morley, manager of the Buena Vista smelter, and the Mary Murphy mine, at Romley, and Adolph Anderson, superintendent of the mine, were killed by foul air when making an inspection of the mine workings last night. Their bodies were recovered to-day. Arch. E. Ackerson, superintendent of the Four Metals Mining Co., who accompanied Morley and Anderson into the mine, was unconscious when brought to the surface, but was revived.

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS.

Threatened If the Czar Is Seen in the Streets of Vienna.

Vienna, Sept. 22.—The newspapers state that on the occasion of his approaching visit here the Czar, on account of the project formed by the Socialist organizations of making street demonstrations in sympathy with the Russian strikers, will not venture in the streets of Vienna. He will only spend half a day in Schloesbrunn, Austria, thence both the Empress will proceed to Syria on a shooting trip.

BODIES OF VICTIMS REMAIN UNBURIED

ARE LYING IN FIELDS AND BY ROADSIDE

Five Hundred Turks Reported to Have Been Killed By Dynamite—Villagers Burned to Death.

Sofia, Sept. 22.—Ten thousand refugees from the district of Losengrad arrived at Burga during the last few days according to official advices.

The unfavorable replies of Austria and Russia to Bulgaria's last note and the fact that none of the other great powers has yet replied, coupled with the allegations that one of the powers is encouraging the military party at the Yildiz Kiosk, tend to create a less hopeful feeling here. There is, however, no perceptible change in the situation. Various reports are in circulation regarding negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria looking to a solution of the Macedonian difficulty.

The Dnievick says Turkey has presented a note to Bulgaria asking for the latter's assistance in reaching a peaceful solution. Bulgaria replied that Turkey must end the massacres, withdraw her frontier forces, guarantee peace and protection to the villagers desiring to return to their homes, amnesty to political offenders, and introduce such governmental reforms as will pacify Macedonia and Adrianople.

The Bulgarian reply concluded: "If the present situation continues the Bulgarian government will be compelled to yield to public opinion and send an army to the frontier."

It appears doubtful that the government has sent such an answer, but the statements published represent in some degree the government's attitude.

According to information received at revolutionary headquarters from Monastir, 120 persons perished in the flames of the burning villages near Kostoniza. More than 1,200 bodies of women and children are said to be lying unburied in the fields and on the roadside around that place.

It is rumored here that 500 Turks have been killed by dynamite while fighting a body of insurgents in the Krena defile.

Massing Troops.

London, Sept. 22.—A dispatch from the town of Guitchewo, on the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier, to the Daily Mail reports that a great excitement prevails in the district because of a skirmish that occurred between Turkish and Bulgarian troops Saturday on the mountain range which forms the border line between the two countries. The war is only a question of a few days, and the people are removing their property from the frontier districts to their homes.

The dispatch adds that Turkey is massing 40,000 troops in and around Palanka, ten miles from the Bulgarian frontier, against which force the Bulgarians have only 4,000 at Kostendil.

The Turkish frontier officers, says a dispatch to the Times from Kubitza, Bulgaria, report that the insurgents under Gen. Zontcheff have been defeated with great slaughter near Sema, and a great number of Bulgarians were massacred in the neighboring villages, several of which are burning.

The Sofia correspondent to the Daily Telegraph says devastations by fire and sword continue, and the Bulgarian government has received from trustworthy sources a gruesome tale of massacres, tortures, indignities and burnings, in many instances the victims being slowly roasted alive.

The assertion is made in another Sofia telegram that the Sultan will issue an irade on Tuesday, granting the demand for a mixed commission, but this statement is not confirmed, and would seem to be negated by the dispatches from Constantinople.

A Monastir correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, writing September 15th, says the Bulgarian list of villages pillaged and burned reaches a total of 113.

According to a dispatch from Odessa, the whole Russian Black Sea fleet is kept on a war footing in readiness for any eventuality.

The Sofia correspondent of the Times affirms that a singular communication has been made to the Bulgarian government by Count Lamedorf, the Russian foreign minister, who observed that in the opinion of Count von Buelow, the German chancellor, Turkey has the right to send troops to Bulgaria to preserve order. This interesting disclosure, continues the correspondent, was coupled with a gentle hint to observe caution. At the same time Count Goluchowski, the Austrian-Hungarian foreign minister, expresses the opinion that the slaughter of 2,000 Macedonian peasants does not warrant complaints of the extermination of the Bulgarian race in Macedonia.

The condition of the 10,000 refugees at Burgas, mostly old men, women and children, is deplorable. All are absolutely destitute and famished.

EX-SENATOR DEAD.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Former United States Senator Charles B. Farwell died at his home, Lake Forest, to-day of heart trouble, after several months' illness. Mr. Farwell has been a prominent figure in local, state and national politics since 1844, when he came to Chicago from Ogle county, Illinois. In his business life he engaged successfully in real estate and banking and in 1864 purchased an interest in the present house of J. O. V. Farwell & Co. He was born in St. Ewen county, N. Y., eighty years ago. After serving as county clerk, a member of the state board of equalization, and in the state senate and house of representatives he was elected to the United States senate from Illinois in 1887. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Reginald Dekoven, Mrs. Dudley Wilson and Mrs. Hobart Chatfield Tyler, and one son, Walter Farwell.

FIRE AT VANCOUVER.

Interurban Tram Station and Large Car Destroyed. A Record Rainfall.

Vancouver, Sept. 23.—Early this morning the interurban tram station at the foot of Carrall street was burned to the ground, together with one of the two largest cars the company owns. The loss is about five or six thousand dollars. Miss Elizabeth Isaacs is in custody on the grounds with the allegation that she unwittingly set fire to the car.

The rainfall in Vancouver during the twenty-seven hours, ending 6 o'clock this morning, broke all previous records for the time. The fall was three and three-fifths inches.

Miss Edith McLaren, daughter of Rev. Dr. McLaren, and Rev. G. A. Wilson, of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church, were married this morning.

CARRIAGE NATION WRITING PLAY.

Has Turned Over All of Her Property in Kansas to Charitable Organization.

New York, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Carrie Nation to-day decided over certain valuable property to a charity organization in Kansas. She is now writing a play in which will appear herself as "Defender of Homes" and advocate of total abstinence. The property Mrs. Nation surrendered consists of a handsome building and about two acres of land in Kansas City, Kan. She turned it over to the Associated Charities of Wyandotte county, Kan., to be used as a home for the destitute wives, mothers and children of drunkards, to the exclusion of all others.

CHICAGO TRAGEDY.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—The bodies of a well-dressed woman, about 29 years old, and a man, apparently 30, were found in a vacant lot in a fashionable residence portion of the Southside to-day. A revolver clutched in the dead man's hands, a bullet from which had passed through the woman's lung, and two bullet wounds in the man's neck, lead the police to believe it a case of murder and suicide. The names "Laurie" and "Sherman" on the woman's clothing and the initials "D.O.R." on the man's linen are the only identifying marks upon the bodies.

ALLEGED SWINDLE.

New York, Sept. 22.—Lawrence Sumner, known as "Larry" to the police, was arraigned here to-day on a charge of swindling Geo. A. McLean, of Pittsburg, out of \$23,000 in a mining stock transaction. The arrest was made at the request of the police of Philadelphia, where the swindle is alleged to have taken place. The police were also asked to hold two others, for whom they are now looking.

NEW LINES.

Toronto, Sept. 22.—It is stated on good authority that the Canadian Pacific railway is bitterly incensed at the Grand Trunk railway for entering the Canadian Northwest, and has determined upon a policy of retaliation by constructing competing lines in many parts of older Ontario.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Storm Swept Over Island Destroying Many Houses.

City of Mexico, Sept. 22.—More than 2,000 people are homeless on the Island of Coahuac, situated off the coast of Yucatan, owing to the fact that their houses were destroyed during the heavy storm that recently visited Yucatan and other places.

TIDE MAY TURN.

Many Irish People Who Emigrated to States May Go Back to Native Land.

London, Sept. 22.—Interest has been excited here by a letter from Secretary O'Callaghan, of the United Irish League of America, to Mr. Condon, M. P., saying that since the passage of the Irish Land Act 10,000 Irish tenants have been making anxious inquiries regarding the possibility of recovering their former holdings. Mr. O'Callaghan expressed the belief that should a large proportion of the inquiries be answered in the affirmative, it would go far towards solving the question of emigration and turn the tide back to Ireland.

MORE HATCHERIES FOR THE PROVINCE

EXACT LOCATION NOT YET DECIDED UPON

Statement by Hon. R. Prefontaine—Bill to Incorporate Bridge Company Stood Over.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—In the House to-day Hon. R. Prefontaine said that the government contemplated building two hatcheries in British Columbia, but had not yet decided at what points they could be located.

Westminster Bridge.

The bill to incorporate the Westminster Bridge Company stood over to-day in the railway committee at the instigation of the acting minister of railways, Hon. W. S. Fielding, upon the grounds that apparently both sides were making political capital out of the undertaking and it was advisable to get some note of approval from the provincial government. A. Morrison explained he was merely introducing the measure and left its consideration to the committee. He stated he had no brief from either party, but told the committee the personnel of the incorporators was one to which no objection could be taken, and that if the company were incorporated no harm could come unless the local government chose to make an improvident bargain with the company. The bill was useless if the legislature refused to deal with the company. Mr. Morrison gave an interesting history sketch of the political situation in British Columbia, and concluded by hoping that the Federal government would aid the bridge when necessary, whether the bill passed or not, and he was glad of this opportunity to place the condition of affairs before his Eastern friends.

UNITED STATES BONDS.

Funding Operation to Extent of \$20,000,000 to Be Renewed.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Secretary Shaw authorizes the statement that owing to the scarcity of 2 per cent. bonds, both for circulation and as security for government deposits, he will renew funding operation to the extent of \$20,000,000 in accordance with the previous circulation. Of the total issue of \$217,000,000 of 2 per cent. bonds, the treasurer already holds for circulation and for deposits \$480,000,000. Secretary Shaw also authorizes the statement that he will redeem the 5 per cent. bonds maturing February 1st, 1904, paying interest to maturity. Formal instructions to the several sub-treasurers authorizing them to redeem on presentation will be issued to-day.