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ON THE FIRING LINE

Pulsebeats of the Warriors Shown by Tongue and Pen From Ocean to Ocean in Canada's Greatest Conflict.

"Pa, what is the difference between a politician and a statesman? I heard you say there is a difference," said the schoolboy whose teacher was not well up in political technicalities. "There is, my boy, there is," said the father. "A politician is a man whose motto is 'the thing is to get in, and after you are in to stay in,' while the statesman is the man who lives as nearly as possible up to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's personal motto, 'Let all thou aim'st be thy country's.'" Next day when the boy told his teacher that young man said "William, your father is right, and the thing is so simple, too."

CHINESE PUZZLE.
(Acadian Recorder).

In one breath, the opponents of Reciprocity say that our farmers will be unable to sell anything to the Americans, but will be injured by the export of food products from across the border. In the next breath, they say that the purchases from across the line will be so tremendous as to deplete our natural resources, and the outcome would be ruin. Both these statements cannot be true.

BOSS BOURASSA.
(Montreal Witness).

"Reassuring reports," says the Gazette's party writer, "of the decadence of the one man power of Laurier are coming from the province of Quebec." The writer does not add that those reports, whatever their value, are exclusively based on the supposed ascendancy of the one man power of Mr. Bourassa, whose antagonism towards Canadian nationality and towards imperial unity are, however he may explain them at Ottawa, the one ground work of his popularity. All who wish to see Canada severed from Great Britain and dictated to from another direction, all who wish to see race distinction more and more accentuated and Canadians a dual people hopelessly disunited in sentiment, and not a single nation, should rejoice with this patriotic writer and the rest of his party in the supposed new developments in this province. What they amount to, we do not know; but of one thing we are pretty sure, that if Mr. Borden attains to power he will hold that power at the pleasure and under the bidding of Mr. Bourassa."

DIED NATURAL DEATH.
(Staff Correspondent of the Montreal Herald).

I have talked with many scores of representative Canadians of these townships in the counties of Brome, Shefford and Missisquoi, in the past four days, always on the subject of reciprocity, and only one of them mentioned the subject of annexation. He was a Conservative editor whose paper had ceased to publish.

THE OLD FLAG.
(Calgary News-Telegram, Ind.).

That flag is despicable that does not give men freedom to choose where opportunity avails. The British flag is the emblem of freedom of opportunity. It has been carried by the stalwart sons of Britain beyond the outposts of civilization, and under its protection there British pioneers have wrought for the power of commercial England. Does it falter now, borne by Britons? Does it need to falter at the American boundary, fearful that beyond it will be torn from its staff and unrevered by a country whose fathers once fought for it? No, a thousand times, no. The opponents of reciprocity ask you to prostitute by confession your courage and ability to assert and defend your nationality. Did Britons in South Africa become Boers? Did Britons in Egypt become Egyptians? No thought of it. Nor will Canadians become Americans. Rather and sooner America will become a member of that great world-dominating, peace-preserving Anglo-Saxon Empire of which we spoke above, of which Laurier has dreamed, and for which he has steadfastly planned throughout his most progressive lifetime.

WISE FRUIT MAN.
(News Item).

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Thomas R. Stokes, a prominent Liberal in Stamford township and a fruit-grower, leaves on Saturday for Centre Toronto, where he will stump the county with Mackenzie King in the interests of the Liberal candidate, Hartley Stewart. Mr. Stokes is an out-and-out advocate of reciprocity and being so well posted on fruit and agricultural matters generally, will be a powerful addition to the forces in Centre Toronto.

GETTING READY.
(North Vancouver Express).

Speaking of the immediate commencement of the construction of the Lake Washington canal with its significance as the beginning of the systematic development of Seattle harbor, a recent news letter from that city proceeds to declare "It has been pointed out that following the opening of the Panama Canal those cities will profit most which are best prepared to take care of the increased commerce. San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland, are all spending large sums getting ready for the canal. Puget Sound will not lag behind any of these."

DUNCAN ROSS MAN FOR COMOX-ATLIN

UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF LIBERAL CONVENTION

Mass Meeting Addressed by Minister of Mines, Ralph Smith and Mr. Ross

Duncan Ross, member of parliament for Yale-Cariboo from 1904 to 1908 and a tower of strength politically, received the unanimous nomination of the Comox-Atlin delegates on Saturday and will contest the parliamentary seat for that district in the Liberal interest. The convention at which this decision was arrived at was held at Nanaimo and was the means of calling together many old friends. Prince Rupert and the northern district was heavily represented while the south also sent an excellent representation.

The only other name before the convention was that of Judge McInnes, and a vote being taken Mr. Ross won out handily and had his nomination made unanimous. There were one hundred and five delegates present at the convention, among whom were J. S. Cowper, editor of the Prince Rupert News; T. D. Patullo, late of Prince Rupert and now of Victoria; Frank Mobley, G. R. Naden, ex-M. P. P., and others.

Later in the evening the convention had the pleasure of welcoming Hon. William Templeman. Before the convention broke up resolutions of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his policy of reciprocity and of thanks to Hon. William Templeman and William Sloan [illegible] were carried with acc[illegible]

Coincide[illegible] convention of the Comox-Atlin delegates was a great Liberal rally in the Forester's hall on behalf of Ralph Smith, who is bearing the Liberal standard again in the Nanaimo constituency. Owing to the circumstances of the occasion Mr. Smith had the support of Hon. William Templeman, who made an important announcement on the Oriental question; Duncan Ross and J. S. Cowper, all of whom were accorded a most gratifying reception by the enthusiastic audience.

In delivering a short address Hon. William Templeman said he had come specially to Nanaimo that day to say how much pleasure it gave him to be present in support of his old friend Ralph Smith and to tell the electors how much he was needed back in Ottawa. His services had been of very great value to the province, to the Dominion and to the cabinet. It was not always the ministers of the crown who did everything. It was the men behind them who were the men influencing the government and directing its policy, and if the electors of Nanaimo wanted to do themselves honor and the government and Sir Wilfrid Laurier a service in the next parliament they would send Ralph Smith once more to Ottawa. The minister also gave them the assurance that the next government would be Sir Wilfrid Laurier's.

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SHAMROCKS DEFEAT CAPITALS.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—The Shamrocks again defeated the Capitals on Saturday by a score of 10 to 8. There was some sort of mutiny of the Capitals rank during the week, and although Coach Smith managed to smooth matters over, one or two who have been playing right along were among the absent when the Red Shirts trotted out. Luce Foley, their goal keeper, did not report and Alex. Currie was also missing. The Capitals thus played Ashfield in the net and switched their field around to make room for Gorman.

STORM DAMAGES WHEAT.

Winnipeg, Aug. 21.—Reports from different sections of Manitoba show that last night's electrical, rain, and wind storm did substantial damage to wheat. The grain in many parts of the province is flat on the ground. This is especially true around Portage la Prairie and on the branch lines leading out of the city. The storm came at a critical time for the western crops, since the grain is ripe and will not have a chance to rise before it becomes too ripe to harvest. The loss will be considerable.

The central sections of the province suffered the most. Damage to farmhouses was heavy, but no lives were lost.

DOMINION RIFLE MEET.

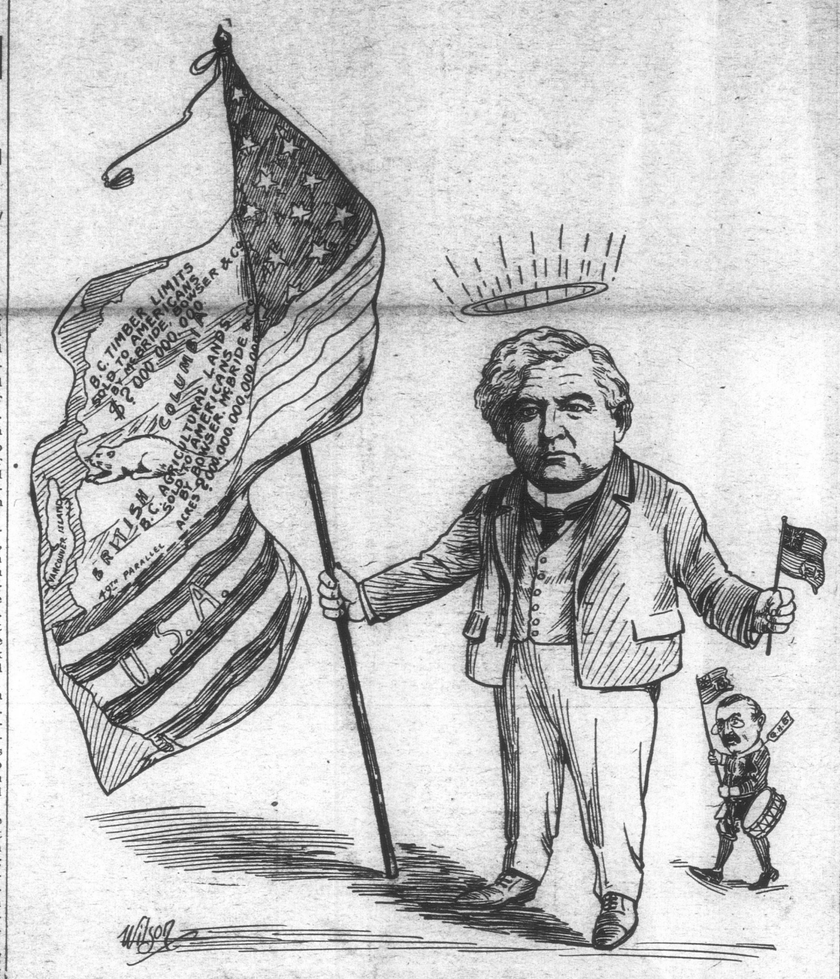
Ottawa, Aug. 21.—The D. R. A. meet opened to-day with splendid weather. The first match in the aggregate was won by Staff-Sergeant Snook, 76th, with 34. Captain Graham, 6th D. C. O. R., won $10 with 33.

Several cadets and six Niobe sailors figured high in the tyro match. Sergeant Parry, 6th D. C. O. D., 33, won $5. The 13th regiment won the team prize and $20, with 155. "B" team, H. M. C. S. Niobe, won second, with 152.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED.

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 21.—The latest reports from the section of the state swept by the tornado last evening are that eight persons were killed and 30 or 40 injured.

John Patterson, jr., 16 years old, was killed in his father's barn four miles from Souris, while his younger brother William, was seriously injured.



WHY DIDN'T HE THINK OF THAT BEFORE?

MR. McBRIDE (at Conservative picnic)—It should be remembered that there are such things as vested interests with nations as with individuals and corporations, and that the vested interests of nations, real or alleged, are terribly binding upon the weaker party.

TORNADOES CAUSE LOSS OF LIFE

Houses Blown Down and Crops Destroyed by Terrific Windstorm

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 21.—A terrific windstorm last night along the international boundary line in North Dakota blew down houses on the heads of their inmates and whipped crops in places into shreds. A number of persons are reported killed and injured.

It is reported that two tornadoes came into collision at Sherwood. Heavy property loss is reported at Sherwood, Loraine, Newhall and Souris. At Souris one person was killed.

Members of the family of Ingemar Nelson, living southeast of Sherwood, saved their lives by lying down in a wheatfield. The buildings and personal property were scattered.

Reports are that property in Saskatchewan and Manitoba suffered. A destructive hail storm struck Perdue, Sask. Wind destroyed many farm buildings in the Elmore district of the same province. One person was seriously injured there.

Two fatalities are reported at Westhope.

According to the best information obtainable, 24 persons were seriously injured at Antler, but the town is cut off and details are not to be had. All the physicians from Westhope and other neighboring towns have been rushed there.

Five Dead.

Minot, N. D., Aug. 21.—Five dead, 125 injured, and $150,000 property damage is the result of the tornado which caused devastation northwest of this city. The heaviest losses were caused at Westhope, Antler, Souris and in the vicinity of Mohall and Loraine.

Over 100 persons were injured at Westhope and of this number, a dozen were hurt dangerously.

At Antler, a party of pleasure-seekers who were holding a picnic, were picked up by the tornado and scattered hundreds of feet distant.

TWO DROWNED.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 21.—Charles W. Nofke of San Francisco, 32 years old, and Edward McMullen, 30, of Tacoma, were drowned in the surf here yesterday when they were caught in a tide-rip near the jetties at the entrance to the inner harbor. The tragedy was witnessed by McMullen's brother Frank, who came here to visit a fortnight ago. William Hanrahan, of San Francisco, who was also caught in the tide-rip, was rescued.

STRIKERS ARE RETURNING TO WORK

SERVICE ON RAILWAYS WILL SOON BE NORMAL

Troops Will Assist in Relieving Congestion of Freight at Manchester

London, Aug. 21.—The railroads are rapidly restoring normal service today and the managers confidently expected by evening that all lines would be operating almost as smoothly as before the general strike on the roads of Great Britain was ordered last Thursday night. There are some hitches, but these are believed to be but temporary obstacles to a formal pact assuring a better working arrangement between employers and employees, satisfactory to both sides.

The settlement came about Saturday night through the good offices of the government and of the board of trade provided for the appointment of a sectional conciliation board representing both parties, and which shall undertake to adjust all immediate differences. To-morrow the membership of a special commission of inquiry will be announced. This commission will assume the burden of working out a permanent agreement.

The men expect an advance in wages, concessions regarding the consideration of future grievances and recognition of their unions. Heretofore the railroad companies have positively refused to treat with the representatives of the unions who were not in their own employ.

On the other hand the companies have been assured that at the next session of parliament the government will propose legislation providing that an increase in the cost of labor due to an improvement of conditions would be a justification for a reasonable advance of railway rates within the legal maximum.

The men on the London & Northwestern Railroad were still on strike to-day and there was some trouble on the Midland Railway.

The Midland employees returning to work this morning found that in some cases they were not to be reinstated exactly in their old positions to which men who had remained loyal, had been promoted. When the strikers discovered that they had lost their seniority, they refused inferior posi-

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G. T. P. OFFICIALS ON THEIR WAY WEST

Will Remain on Coast Until September 12—New Hotel for Prairie Capital

Winnipeg, Aug. 21.—President Hays, of the G. T. P., accompanied by Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of G. T. P., and other prominent railway men, left for the west this morning, where they will remain until September 12, looking over the company's business. President Hays stated definitely that the contract for the balance of the road to British Columbia had not yet been let. He added that in all the contract would cover 410 miles, and that this would be let either in one contract or in two, as deemed desirable.

Mr. Hays said that the contract for the two million dollar new hotel in Winnipeg would probably be let within a few days. The work of examining the details of the contract was done upon the train. He said that the foundation of the hotel would be laid this fall, and that the steel for the superstructure would be got out during the winter. An early start would then be made in the spring, and the hotel completed toward the fall of the same year.

WILL RUSH WORK.

Hudson's Bay Company Will Resume Operations on New Building at Calgary.

Winnipeg, Aug. 21—Commissioner Burbidge, of Hudson's Bay Company, said to-day that work would be resumed on the Calgary building within the next three weeks. The work is now being held up by architects who have the revising of certain plans. The plans will be returned complete within 21 days and work resumed at once.

The architects are Burk, Howard and White of Toronto. He says work will be rushed and the building should be ready for business before Christmas 1912.

THREE CHILDREN DROWNED.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Aug. 21.—A sad tragedy occurred on the farm of James Staples, a dozen miles north of this city, on Saturday evening, his three children being drowned. During the absence of the father the children, who had been playing in a shallow pond, wandered to a deeper pond, where they were drowned. As they were forbidden to go into the water, when first missed it was thought they were out of sight in the tall grain, but when the pond was dragged their bodies were recovered.

SETTLEMENT OF RAILWAY STRIKE

SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS

Joint Committee to Investigate Working of Conciliation Agreement

London, Aug. 21.—A great wave of relief went over the country Saturday night, when shortly after 11 o'clock, the announcement was made from the board of trade offices that the railway strike had been settled and that the men would return to work immediately.

Most of the credit for the ultimate success of the efforts toward peace appears to rest with David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, who worked for conciliation when all others of the interested parties seemed to have given it up.

A joint committee of five members, composed of two representatives of the railway companies, two of the men, and a non-partisan chairman, will be appointed on Tuesday to investigate the workings of the conciliation agreement of 1907, which the men claim is the root of all their grievances. This device overcomes the men's objections to a royal commission, which they contend always had been the practice as an excuse for delay.

So far as technical advantage in the compromise goes, it appears be be in the men's favor, particularly as the managers consent to meet their representatives. The official statement concerning the agreement says the managers consented to this scheme, in view of certain representations made by the government, including a promise of legislation to permit of an increase in railway rates. The men claim a victory for unionism on the point of recognition of unions, which was one of the most vital principles at stake.

Messages were sent to more than a hundred branches of labor unions saying: "The joint commission has settled the strike. It is a victory for trades unionism. All men must return to work immediately."

As a result of the settlement troops will be withdrawn as fast as arrangements for their transportation can be made.

At the conclusion of the conference between Lloyd George and the executive of the men's societies, the following statement was issued:

"Acting on representations made to the railway companies by the government, they empowered G. H. Claughton, a director of the London Northwestern railway, and Sir Guy Granet, general manager of the Midland railway, to confer on their behalf with the representatives selected by the executives of the trade unions and railway employers with a view to discussing with them the suggested terms of settlement drafted by the board of trade.

"Mr. Claughton stated that upon certain representations by the government, he and Sir Guy had the authority of the railway companies to meet the representatives of the men with a view of discussing the terms of an agreement. The terms had been discussed and agreed to. Mr. Claughton and Sir Guy Granet stated that the recommendations of the commission would be loyally accepted by the companies, even though they were adverse to the companies' contentions, and should the settlement be effected, any traces of ill-feeling which might have arisen certainly would be effaced.

"The terms of the agreement follow:

"1. The strike to be terminated forthwith and the men's leaders to use their best endeavors to induce the men to return to work at once.

"2. All the men involved in the present dispute, either by strike or lock-out, including casuals who present themselves for work within a reasonable time, to be reinstated by the companies, at the earliest possible moment, and no one to be subjected to proceedings for breach of contract, or otherwise penalized.

"3. Conciliation boards to be convened for the purpose of settling forthwith all questions at present in dispute, as far as they are within the scope of such boards, provided notice of such questions be given not later than fourteen days from the date of this agreement. If the sectional boards fail to arrive at a settlement the central board is to meet at once. Any decisions arrived at are to be retroactive, as from the date of this agreement. It is agreed for the purpose of this, and the following clause that rates of wages include remuneration whether by time or piece work.

"4. Steps are to be taken forthwith to effect a settlement of questions now in dispute between the companies and classes of their employees not included within the conciliation scheme of 1907, by means of conferences between representatives of the companies and representatives of the employees, who, themselves, are employed by the same companies, and failing an agreement by arbitration, they are to be arbitrated mutually or by the board of trade. The above is to be a temporary arrangement, pending a report of the commission as to the best means of settling disputes.

"5. Both parties are to give every assistance to the special commission of inquiry, the immediate appointment of which the government has announced.

"6. Any questions which may arise as to the interpretation of this agreement are to be referred to the board of trade."

The agreement was signed by all present at the conference. The special commission will consist of five members, including representatives of the companies and workmen in equal number and an impartial chairman. The names of the commission will be announced next Tuesday, and the commission will proceed immediately with the inquiry.

Assurances have been given by both parties to the agreement that they accept the findings of the commission and the government has assured the railway companies that it will propose to parliament at the next session legislation providing that an increase in the cost of labor, due to improvement of conditions of the railways will be valid justification for a reasonable increase in charges within the legal maximum.

MILWAUKEE TAKES RECORD.

Special Train Makes Run to New York From Tacoma in Speedy Time.

The coast to coast railway record was broken by the special Milwaukee train which carried the silk cargo of the Seattle Maru, Osaka Shosen Kaisha, from Tacoma to New York, according to word received by the local office of the railway company. The train made the distance in four days and ten hours, thereby clipping several hours off the best previous record, which was made by a great Northern special. The silk shipment was valued at close to $200,000.

THE CAMPAIGN IN NOVA SCOTIA

LEADERS WILL TOUR THE PROVINCE

Liberals of Carman Endorse Candidacy of Leading Grain Growers

Halifax, Aug. 21.—The campaign finds the Conservatives and Liberals in Nova Scotia locked in a struggle over reciprocity.

The province sends eighteen members to Ottawa, twelve of whom were Liberals in the late parliament and six Conservatives. Nova Scotia is supposed to be traditionally favorable to closer trade relations with the United States, and it happens that the leading champions for and against reciprocity, Hon. W. S. Fielding, who negotiated the reciprocity pact on behalf of Canada, and R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, represent Nova Scotian constituencies.

Messrs. Fielding and Borden both will be here the last two weeks of the campaign. The Conservatives say that reciprocity would cause trade to flow north and south, instead of east and west, and tend to divide the Dominion. Nova Scotia has coal, fish and lumber to sell, and the shippers of the province are in a position to employ cheap water carriage to reach New England markets if the reciprocity arrangement were in force.

Winnipeg, Aug. 21.—The Liberals and the grain growers are brought closer together in the reciprocity campaign by the endorsement of the candidacy of J. Woods, vice-president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, by the Liberals. Woods was nominated by the grain growers at a convention at Carman a week ago.

Quebec, Aug. 21.—The Conservative convention of Chicoutimi nominated E. Leverque as candidate.

Berlin, Ont., Aug. 21.—William G. Werchel is Conservative candidate for North Waterloo.

Brampton, Ont., Aug. 21.—Richard Blain has again been selected to contest Peel in the Conservative interest.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 21.—York County Liberals have nominated Dr. C. B. A. Atherton to oppose C. S. Crockett.

Montreal, Aug. 21.—J. E. Leonard has announced that he would accept the Conservative nomination in Laval in opposition to C. A. Wilson, who will again contest the division for the Liberals.

Durham, Ont., Aug. 21.—The Liberals have selected H. H. Miller as their candidate.

Lindsay, Ont., Aug. 21.—Col. S. Hughes will again be the Conservative candidate for Victoria and Haliburton.

Guelph, Aug. 21.—J. Kelly Evans-Browes has been selected as Conservative candidate for South Wellington in place of Dr. Groves, who refused the nomination.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 21.—The Conservatives of East Essex have selected Oliver J. Wilcox as their candidate.

Picton, Ont., Aug. 21.—The Conservatives of Prince Edwards have nominated R. R. Hepburn.

Brantford, Ont., Aug. 21.—Brantford Liberals on Saturday unanimously nominated T. H. Preston, editor of the Expositor, as their condidate.