

## Crookedness Is Revealed.

Liberals Shown up Before the West Huron Election Enquiry Committee.

British Columbia's Allen Act Has Not Yet Been Considered by the Government.

Railway Subsidies and Increase of Chinese Poll Tax to Come Before the Commons.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, July 19.—The house was engaged all day discussing the subject of preferential trade. The debate was adjourned.

Col. Prior was informed by Mr. Fielding that the contract for the Vancouver drill hall had been awarded to Vain and Lachance, of Hull, whose tender was \$65,658. The minister also stated that 250 persons in Victoria had petitioned in favor of the reductions in dock charges.

Col. Prior inquired whether it was the intention of the government to disallow the act to amend the Placer Mining act, otherwise known as the Allen act, passed by the legislature of British Columbia last January. Premier Laurier replied that the government had not yet received a report from the minister of justice upon the act. The government would not take the matter into consideration until such report had been received.

In moving a resolution that the house sit in future in the mornings, Premier Laurier stated that the only important business remaining to be brought down were the railway subsidies and the bill to amend the Chinese immigration act. The West Huron election inquiry elicited considerable crookedness by Liberals. The investigation will continue to-morrow.

ACCIDENT ON CARIBOO ROAD.

D. G. Clark Thrown From the Stage and Has Both Arms Broken.

Clinton, B. C., July 19.—Monday evening near the 105-Mile House, on the Cariboo road, 68 miles from here, D. G. Clark, of Chicago, was thrown off the seat of a freight wagon by the wheel striking a stone just as the wagon was turning off the road for camp. Clark had both arms broken below the elbows and was unable to get them set until noon to-day, when he arrived here. Clark is a brother-in-law of W. McKinley, of Chicago, assistant auditor of the Northwestern Railway Company.

SHAMROCK WAS LEADING.

Yesterday's Race Was Called Off Before the Course Had Been Sailed.

Cowes, July 19.—The Shamrock in the trial against the Britannia to-day was easily being sailed by the Shamrock ahead at the finish. The course as originally planned was not completed. When off South Sea the Britannia signalled that the Prince of Wales had engaged in London and requested the race to be considered over, as he must return to Port Arthur. The Shamrock was then 12 or 15 minutes ahead. She was immediately turned homeward, and directly afterwards grounded on a bank outside Dorsetshire. She remained fast 10 minutes, when she was safely and easily hauled off. As was the case yesterday, the Shamrock showed her superiority very soon after the start was made. Beating to windward, she ran away from her opponent to the Nab Lightship and again put ahead in 10 seconds, the Britannia occupying 12 seconds in the turn. The whole performance again showed that the challenger is far ahead of the Britannia, though the unfortunate becalming of the boats precluded the finish of the course before the Prince of Wales was obliged to start for London. The Shamrock was apparently not damaged by grounding.

MUST PAY DUTY.

Only One Sample for Spokane Fair Will Be Entered Free.

Washington, July 20.—In response to an inquiry from the managers of the Spokane (Wash.) industrial exposition, which opens about October 3 next, Assistant Secretary Spaulding has decided that in the absence of legislation on the subject he cannot allow collectors of customs on the Canadian frontier to admit to free entry exhibits to be imported from Canada. Mr. Spaulding, however, will instruct the collectors to admit free such importations of ores and minerals as have no commercial value.

WEATHER INTERFERING.

Floods in the Philippines Put a Stop to the American Campaign.

Washington, July 20.—The following dispatch has been received at the war department: "Manila, July 20.—The Adjutant-General, Washington, D. C.: Storms still prevailing; barometer rising, indicating improving weather conditions. Average rainfall July several years, 144 inches; for 20 days now closed, 41 inches. Country flooded. Troops on outposts have suffered, and former lines of communication cut in some instances. No material increase in sickness reported. Telegraph communication maintained to San Fernando and Manila at other points. Unable yet to coal returning transports. (S.A.) Otis."

MUSICIANS MARRY.

London, July 20.—Mr. Harry Plunkett Greene, the well-known music composer, and Gwendoline, daughter of Sir Hubert Parry, of the Royal College of Music, were married this morning. Prof. Herkimer was the best man. Among the guests were Mary Anderson Navarro and Mme. Valerie White, the song-composer.

BARONESS ROTHSCHILD DEAD.

Paris, July 20.—Baroness Nathaniel Rothschild died suddenly to-day of heart disease.

CANADIANS AT BISLEY.

They Keep to the Front, and Take Some of the Coveted Prizes.

Bisley, July 19.—The only Canadian entitled to shoot in the second stage of the competition for the St. George's challenge vase is Graham, who has a score of 88 points. Corporal Ommundsen, of the Royal Scots, leads with a score of 70, the highest possible at both ranges.

Gilchrist, a Canadian, won in the tie in the Premier competition, defeating Fleming, Payne and Pattison, and taking first prize, a bicycle.

The Duke of Cambridge competition, at 800 yards, commenced to-day. There were several scores of 45 out of a possible 50. Canadian scores were as follows: Buckley, 44; Bertram and Renne, 38; Wilson, 41; Lieut. Robertson, 39; Bayles, 38; Ross, 15. Shooting at 500 yards for the St. George's challenge vase, the Canadian team, including Fleming of the Canadian team. The scores of the other Canadians were: Buckley and Graham, 34; Bertram and Simpson, 33.

POPULAR COMMANDER.

Queenstown, July 19.—The White Star liner, Teutonic, from New York, July 12, arrived here to-day, having been delayed by fog. Capt. Cameron was relinquished command of the steamer upon her arrival at Liverpool, to take command of the Oceanic, the White Star line's new steamer. The passengers on board the Teutonic on her last voyage under Captain Cameron subscribed for a present of a loving cup for the popular seaman.

## The Siberian Railway.

Marvellous Progress Made on Russia's Transcontinental Road Says an Engineer

In Another Year Trains Will Be Running From Ocean to Ocean.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, July 19.—Among the passengers who arrived on the Empress of India at Vancouver yesterday was Engineer M. Sergey Prioz, the pioneer American in Manchuria, who is now returning to New York city from his fourth trip to Central and Northern Asia in behalf of American manufacturing interests.

Mr. Prioz reports that since his last trip across Siberia, a year ago, marvellous progress has been made in the construction of the Trans-Siberian and Chinese Eastern railroads. American tools, machinery and rolling stock have been introduced everywhere along the line, and while the Chinese coolies, and even the Russian workmen, have been introduced, they still imagine that the pushing, thumping drills are worked by devils.

So marvellous is the rapidity with which the construction is advancing, said Engineer Prioz, that it may be definitely stated that through trains will be running from Port Arthur and Vladivostok to St. Petersburg before the close of 1900. No one who has not been over the ground within the last three months can realize how near completion the road has been pushed. In fact by the fall, with the exception of a few hundred yards in the very mountainous parts of the route, the line will be run on every section and by winter, with temporary tracks across the frozen rivers, there will be but few, very short, gaps. Then the work of laying permanent tracks will be begun, and in another year the road thoroughly completed and through fast trains running uninterruptedly from ocean to ocean."

## OBJECTIONS BY SMALL POWERS.

Protest Against Proposals for a Court of Enquiry at Peace Conference.

The Hague, July 18.—The committee of the international conference met to-day, M. Bourgeois of France, presiding. At the opening sitting the Roumanian, Grecian and Servian delegates jointly moved the total suppression of the five articles relating to international courts of inquiry. M. Beldiman, Roumanian delegate, was the spokesman and addressed the committee for an hour. He claimed that the proposition for a court of inquiry was not contained in the Muraviev's circular and was contrary to the principle of national sovereignty. Roumanian, he said, would gladly pledge herself to the rest of the arbitration scheme, but it was impossible to fulfill these and other obligations. Chevalier Deschamps, the Belgian delegate, and Professor Martens, of Russia, defended the articles, which were finally passed on first reading, the three protesting states recording their objections.

In the interval between the sitting of the committee and that of the drafting committee, which was held later, strong efforts were made to effect a compromise as regards the motion for the suppression of the five articles relating to international courts of inquiry, as the Roumanian delegates had made certain remarks not palatable to the delegates of the powers. At the meeting of the drafting committee, Prof. Martens demolished all of M. Beldiman's arguments. He said that when everything had been done to protect the weaker states against the stronger, the former thus obtaining a shield—the commission of inquiry proving this—he was willing to make some concessions further the way of making the matter more optional. These concessions were accepted by the committee, and the proposal passed its second reading. The arbitration scheme will probably be passed entirely to-morrow.

## Balloons Are Tabooed

Peace Conference Vote Unanimously Against Firing Explosives From Them.

Britain and America Object to Restrictions on Ammunition Manufacture.

Report of First Committee to Be Submitted to the Full Conference to Day.

By Associated Press.

The Hague, July 20.—The first committee of the International Peace Conference met to-day. M. Vankarneck, representing Holland, submitted amendments to the report of Count Muraviev's circular but expressing the desire that the remaining three points be made the subject of a formal convention. A long discussion followed after which the committee unanimously supported the prohibition of firing explosives from balloons. The delegates of the United States and Great Britain voted against the prohibition of the use of asphyxiating gas and the explosive bullets. The American delegation and Dr. Zorn, only of the delegates, vigorously defended the use of material. Captain Mahan and Sir Julian Pauncefote finally moved the suppression of the clause and proposed a formal conference on the other three points of Muraviev's circular. This was agreed to and the amended report was submitted to the full conference to-morrow, when it will be decided whether the conclusion of a convention on the disputed points is possible.

The third committee adopted the 34 articles of the arbitration scheme with the exception of the five clauses relating to international courts of inquiry, action on which awaits the result of instructions from the Roumanian and Servian governments to their delegates. An effort was made to obtain the substitution in article 27 of the words "deem it useful" for the phrase "consider it their duty," but Mr. Hollis, secretary of the American delegation, and Dr. Zorn, one of the delegates, vigorously defended the original reading, which was adopted unanimously.

A fresh conference for adapting to naval warfare the Geneva convention of 1864 will also be submitted to the conference to-morrow.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Opening of the Fourth Biennial Convention at Indianapolis Yesterday.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 20.—The fourth biennial international convention of the Epworth League opened to-day. The meetings were held at the corner of Delaware and Market streets, where the Epworth League and Tomlinson hall, with a capacity of 7,000, and were well attended. In fact by the fall, with the exception of a few hundred yards in the very mountainous parts of the route, the line will be run on every section and by winter, with temporary tracks across the frozen rivers, there will be but few, very short, gaps. Then the work of laying permanent tracks will be begun, and in another year the road thoroughly completed and through fast trains running uninterruptedly from ocean to ocean."

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## LONDONERS SWELTERING.

Unprecedented Spell of Hot Weather in the World's Metropolis.

London, July 20.—A prolonged spell of unprecedented heat which has prevailed over the entire country reached a climax yesterday and to-day, when the thermometer registered 87 degrees in the shade. There have been numerous cases of sunstroke, many ending fatally. Horses have suffered from the heat almost as much as human beings.

WANT TO BE CONSULTED.

Paris, July 20.—A delegation from the Society of Agriculturists, of which the Marquis de Vogue is president, called upon the Minister of Agriculture yesterday and demanded that the government do not conclude any arrangement with the United States without first consulting representatives of the agricultural industry. The minister promised to bear the matter in mind.

MOB DEMONSTRATION.

Barcelona, July 20.—There was a serious demonstration here to-day. A mob of about 800 seized the opportunity afforded by the presence of the French admiral, Fournier, at an official lunch to parade the streets, carrying the French flag and shouting slogans.

EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY.

Rome, July 19.—The damage done here by the earthquake shocks was slight, but at the village of Rocca di Capa, 15 miles southeast of Rome, it was more serious. A number of houses in that place fell. A part of a church was demolished at Gandofino, the northwest side of Mount Albano, about 14 miles southeast of Rome. No fatalities have been reported.

MAJOR MARCHAND.

Paris, July 19.—Major Marchand has been attached to the Fourth Regiment of Marine Artillery, which is now garrisoning Toulon.

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PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

Hugh John McDonald to Make a Tour of the Province Shortly—Prorogation To-day.

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