

GREATER ST. JOHN FAIR OPENED SATURDAY

WOULD HAVE TWIN CITIES AMALGAMATE

Duke of Connaught Startles Port Arthur. TO END RIVALRY Believes Consolidation With Fort William Would Help Cities Better to Serve Destinies - Community of Interest in East and West Needed.

Fort William, Aug. 31.—Not only were the events of the visit of H. R. H. the Governor General, the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia today to the twin cities of notable variety and interest, but the civic address making his reply to the civic address of welcome departed very notably from the formal type of utterance. Indeed, Port Arthur to the project of end of the twinning rivalry of the twinning cities by consolidation.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY

Independent Course in Pacific Not Contemplated by Australia-Canadian Co-operation Possible.

London, Aug. 31.—The London Times recently published a leading article anticipating the possible eventual use of the Australian squadron to establish naval policy in the Pacific. This telegraph the Sydney correspondent of the Times this morning reported that the abandonment of the naval policy of 1909. Such a course is in view of Canada's interest in the Pacific, it is hoped that a Canadian unit will be added to the fleet in the near future. Secondly, the Australian view is that the squadron is defensive only, and not aggressive except when co-operating as part of a fleet under imperial command.

LAURIER INTERESTED IN THE CANAL

When Modification of Clayton-Bulwar Treaty Was Considered He Disclaimed Concern for Canada. FAILED TO FORESEE PRESENT PROBLEM. Conservatives in Vain Protested Isthmian Canal Was Important to Canada.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 1.—Canada had no direct interest in the Clayton-Bulwar Treaty, Canada had no direct interest in the Nicaragua canal, Canada had no more interest in the negotiation of a treaty which affected the Nicaragua canal than she would have in the Suez canal, or in any other question between Great Britain and a foreign power in which she was not interested.

UNITED STATES WILL GOBBLE NICARAGUA, SAYS PARIS TEMPS

Paris, Aug. 31.—The definite assumption by the United States of full control of the affairs of Nicaragua is anticipated by the Temps to be the outcome of the present American intervention in that country. After a long review of the circumstances leading up to the actual situation, the newspaper concludes: "The United States today holds the little Central American republic in vice. We may expect soon to see the armed intervention transformed into the establishment of a protectorate."

BIGGEST SUCCESS IN THE HISTORY OF EXHIBITIONS ASSURED FROM THE START

Formal Opening Proceedings Well Attended--Representatives of City and Province Spoke. Everything Now in Readiness for Arrival of Crowds--Best of Amusement Features and Attractive Exhibits Augur Well for Success of the Big Show--Expectation of Record-Breaking Attendance Warranted.

Looking bigger and brighter than ever, the Greater St. John Exhibition was formally opened by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Wood on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The opening night of an exhibition in St. John is never marked by large attendance, but this year's first night drew a fair sized crowd, about twelve hundred taking a glimpse at the educational, industrial and amusement features which the management number and variety of the fair has provided for the patrons of the 1912 show. There is much to claim the attention of the visitor, and the department of the fair shows careful planning on the part of the exhibitors, and the time and labor expended in preparing the show shows excellent results.

POSTPONE RAISE IN LUMBER RATES TO THE DOMINION

Transportation Cost from U. S. Jumps Between One and Six Cents Per Hundred Pounds End of Year. Washington, Aug. 31.—Proposed increases in the transportation rates on lumber, ranging from one cent to six cents a hundred pounds from points in the south to destinations in Canada, were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission from September 1 until December 30. In a supplementary order the commission also suspended for the same period proposed increases ranging from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents a hundred pounds on lumber from Ohio river transfer points to Canadian destinations. The traffic affected is heavy, and the proposed tariff applies to every railroad in the south.

BEST SHOOT HISTORY OF D. R. A.

Exciting Finish to Successful Meet, When Three Cornered Tie for Governor General's Prize. SERGEANT GUTHAUS OF OTTAWA, WINNER. Also Captured the Gibson Trophy—Good Results Throughout.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The greatest annual meeting in the history of the Dominion Rifle Association came to a close on Saturday night and the 500 visiting riflemen have departed for their homes in every part of the Empire. The closing day of the big meet was attended by thousands of spectators, and as the final stage of the most coveted feature, the governor general's prize, was being shot, the excitement was intense. At its close crowds gathered around the bulletin board to see who the winner was, but an officer announced that three men were tied for first position, and that the tie would be shot off immediately. The three men who had finished with scores of 185 were Sergt. Guthaus, 43rd, Ottawa; Lieut. A. G. Anderson, 8th R. R., Quebec, and Lieut. C. G. Gibson, 13th R. R., Hamilton.

FORMER AMERICAN TO HELP BRITAIN TO RULE THE AIR

S. F. Cody Tendered Reception By Town of Salisbury, Dwells on Value of Aeroplanes for Defense. Salisbury, Eng., Aug. 31.—The mayor and corporation of Salisbury today gave a reception to the town hall to S. F. Cody, the aviator, who yesterday won two of the principal prizes awarded by the British War Office for feats of aviation. Replying to congratulatory speeches, Mr. Cody, who once was an American citizen, but is now a naturalized British subject, said he had tried his best to serve the British government by furthering the development of aerial machines in order to protect the nation in case of war.

FIVE KILLED, TEN INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Work Train Strikes Freight Near Mattawa. SECOND CRASH Engineer Returning With Loose Engine After Reporting Disaster Collides With Wreckage and Fireman is Hurt—All Injured Doing Well.

North Bay, Sept. 1.—Five dead and ten injured was the toll taken by an accident on the Canadian Pacific Railway near Mattawa on Saturday morning, when a work train engaged in ballasting the tracks, while running caboose first, collided with a fast through freight train. The work train backed out of the Mattawa yard about six in the morning with the engine behind pushing cars and caboose ahead. One mile and a half from Mattawa the two trains came together, the engineer and fireman of the fast freight just seeing the oncoming wreck train in time to jump from their engine and save their lives. Immediately after the collision, Engineer Herbert Shepherd, of the work train, uncoupled his engine and ran back to Mattawa to report the wreck. Returning to the scene at top gear, his engine crashed into the wreckage, and fireman William Roach was injured in jumping when he saw that a second collision was inevitable. The first reports of the wreck giving Brakeman P. Wallace and Cabman Ellender as killed, were erroneous. The correct list of dead being: Thomas Duncan, conductor of the work train; Thomas O'Keefe, Felix Chénier, August Desjardins and Ernest Chénier, laborers. The injured are all doing well in Mattawa hospital, with every prospect of recovery.

WESTERN UNION WILL MAKE CUT IN PRESS CABLE RATE

British Postmaster General Announces General Day and Night Press Charge Will Be Seven Cents. New York, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Another reduction in the rate for press dispatches between New York and London, over the cables of the Western Union Telegraph Co., will be put into effect on Sept. 1st. Formal announcement of the reduction is being made on the other side of the ocean by Postmaster General Samuel, who has jurisdiction over the British land lines, which are owned by the government. The cut leaves the rates as follows: General day and night press rate between London and New York, 7 cents a word; the former rate was 10 cents a word; London to New York, 12 midnight to 6 a. m. (London time), 5 cents a word; New York to London, 12 midnight to 6 a. m. (New York time), 5 cents a word. This is intended to facilitate the transmission of news at the periods most useful to the newspapers on both sides of the ocean.

WILL NOT OPPOSE BRITISH DEMANDS UPON THE CHINESE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The United States will not oppose the action of Great Britain in forwarding a note to the Chinese government demanding that the British government be consulted in regard to any action contemplated in Tibet. This became known here today. While Great Britain concedes Chinese suzerainty in Tibet, it takes the position that its own interests there must be cared for in any action taken by the Peking government in that country.

TWELVE MILLIONS GAIN IN CUSTOMS RETURNS SO FAR

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 1.—An increase of twelve millions and more is shown by the customs returns for the Dominion for the five months of the fiscal year. The receipts for the month just closed totalled \$10,147,908, as against \$7,622,295 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of \$2,495,513. For the five months the receipts totalled \$46,877,297, an increase of \$14,701,791.

SIX KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

One Passenger and Five Trainmen Die When Chicago and Northwestern Express Left Rails. Green Bay, Wis., Sept. 1.—One passenger and five trainmen were killed, two other persons were seriously injured and 21 were slightly hurt today when train No. 112, on the Lake Shore division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway running 30 miles an hour was derailed two miles north of Lyndonville, Wis., as the result of a washout caused by a cloud burst.

On the Grounds. Outside the main building visitors to the fair on Saturday night found the spacious grounds a merry place. The merry-go-round started on its regular tour to the accompaniment of the latest popular airs played on the steam organ. The Ferris wheel was in operation and did not fail to attract the attention of the fairgoers. The pike and midway with laughing mirrors and amusement features was in vogue, and when the additional side shows have started in business there should be no dearth of amusement.

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Continued on page two. MORE HONORS FOR ROSTRON. New York, Aug. 31.—Captain A. S. Rostrom, of the steamer Carpathia, which saved to the scene of the Titanic disaster last April and picked up 704 survivors, was the recipient of more honors today when the Life Saving Association presented him with a gold medal.