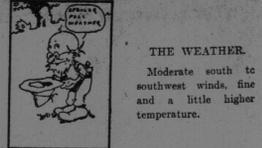




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TALKING OF PEACE BUT MAKING READY FOR WAR

Servia May Be Drawn Into the Turco-Bulgarian Squabble—Bulgaria Announces the Annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sarajevo, Bosnia, Oct. 7.—The imperial proclamation setting forth the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Austria-Hungary was posted this morning throughout the occupied provinces. The announcement has been given a mixed reception but up to the present time, the Servian movements are quiet. The troops are confined to their barracks in readiness to quell any possible disturbance. Constantinople, Oct. 7.—The council of ministers has decided to protest against the annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. Protest will be made through the Austrian embassy here. In an interview today Tewfik Pasha, president of the council of state and minister of foreign affairs, declared that the government had protested against Bulgaria's declaration of independence and had posted a notice to the signatories of the city. The minister added that Great Britain and France and Russia disapproved of the conduct of Bulgaria. In reply to a question, he said that Turkey desired peace in the interest of internal reform and counseled calm and moderation. The reports of Turkish military preparations are denied here, and it is said that the government is merely complying with the deficiencies in various army corps. Following out this programme, new guns and ammunition are being sent to Adrianople and Salonika. Paris, Oct. 7.—Official advice received in Paris indicate a great wave of popular excitement in Servia. Further mobilization orders have been issued and the reserves called to the colors are said to be 25,000. It is feared that the Belgrade government in order to save itself will be driven to embark on a desperate venture against Austria-Hungary. It has not yet been decided which power will take the formal initiative in inviting the powers to a conference to consider revision of the Berlin treaty or whether the initiative will be taken jointly by France, Great Britain and Russia. M. Siewolski, Russian minister of foreign affairs, will be in London today to take up the matter. The diplomatic situation this morning is briefly as follows:—Turkey has virtually agreed to refrain from final measures against Bulgaria and Austria-Hungary, pending action by the powers. In the meantime, the cabinets of Paris, London and St. Petersburg are engaged in efforts to domesticate a programme for submission to the powers dealing with the initiative.

GEORGE E. FOSTER DEAD POLITICALLY; IT REMAINS FOR PEOPLE TO BURY HIM

Rev. J. A. MacDonald Arraigns Foster at a Meeting in Toronto—He Says There is no Need to Lie About Foster for the True Facts of His Career Have Ruined Him.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 7.—(Special).—The opening meeting of the campaign in North Toronto in the interests of W. H. Shaw, Liberal candidate, was marked by an arraignment of Hon. Geo. E. Foster at the hands of Rev. J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Globe. Mr. MacDonald said he had not intended making any personal references to Mr. Foster, but Mr. Foster had seen fit to make many references personally to himself that Mr. Foster himself declares that "I hid behind ineptness and told lies about him. But what puzzled me is why anyone should tell lies about Geo. Foster. If I were his worst enemy, if I disliked him as bitterly as he is disliked by some of his Conservative colleagues in parliament, why should I tell lies about him? Were I to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, it would be more ruinous to his reputation than all the lies that could be invented between now and election day. The truth is quite good enough."

A PROMINENT POLITICIAN SHOT DEAD BY HIS SISTER

Philadelphia Has a Murder Case in Society Circles Captain Erb Killed by his Sister-in-Law While Beating his Wife—Details are Lacking.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—The killing at his country home near here last night of Captain J. Clayton Erb, captain in the Pennsylvania National Guard and confidential man of Israel W. Durham, former leader of the local republican organization, caused a sensation in this city. Captain Erb was shot dead by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, during a quarrel over domestic affairs. He was a man well known to all walks of life in this city, and had many friends throughout the state. Owing to the lateness of the hour when the tragedy occurred and the remoteness of Red Bank, the Erb country home details of the shooting were slow in coming out. Captain Erb and his wife had considerable domestic trouble of late, their differences becoming so serious that they finally reached the Delaware county courts. Each accused the other of unbecoming conduct, and it was expected that divorce proceedings would ultimately be instituted by one or the other. According to Mrs. Beisel she heard an exchange of angry words on the second floor and on going up the stairs found Erb beating his wife. Whether Mrs. Beisel had the revolver with her at the time or ran into the bedroom and got it, was not disclosed. According to her story as related to the officials in the case, Erb turned from his wife and started to attack her, and fearing for her life, she pointed the revolver at him and fired. She emptied every bullet in the chamber into Erb's body and he staggered and fell in his tracks. "Clay" Erb, as he was familiarly known, has been a prominent figure in the Republican politics of this city and state since the ascendancy of his friend Israel W. Durham, beginning in 1895 and culminating with the retirement of Durham in 1905 because of poor health.

Several of the London newspapers question whether or not Emperor Francis Joseph is acting against his will. A conference of the powers is expected to be held within two or three months if it can be arranged, but no one imagines that it will undo this weeks work. Austria declines even to discuss annexation and the mood that is expected is one arrangement that will save Turkey's pride. The annual meeting of the St. Vincent's Aid Association will be held in St. Vincent de Paul Hall, Waterloo street, on Thursday evening at 7:30, for the payment of dues, election of officers, etc. The Algorithms will practice on the Shamrock grounds this evening from 5 to 7 o'clock. A fall turnout is requested.

THREE TEAMS MAY TIE FOR FIRST PLACE

Pittsburg, New York and Chicago May Yet be on Even Terms for National League Pennant.

New York, Oct. 7.—Although the last regularly scheduled games of the National League season, played today, did not end with the race for the pennant still undecided. Post season games will be necessary in any event and there is even a possibility that Pittsburg, which practically abandoned hope when her season ended last Saturday may yet win the pennant. Only one material game remained to be played today, that between New York and Boston on the National League grounds in this city. It was the last of a final series of three of which the home team had taken two. Pittsburg's hopes were high in victory for the Bostonians today and a subsequent victory by New York over Chicago in the tie game played yesterday. Pittsburg's hopes would be finally blasted. That would leave New York, Chicago and Pittsburg tied for first place, and give all three even chances for the pennant. Should New York win today's game, making it three straight from Boston, Pittsburg's hopes would be finally blasted. New York and Chicago would be tied for first and the ownership of the pennant would be decided by the play off of the tie game.

A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DEAD

A. L. Spencer, the Veteran Dancing Master, Passed Away This Morning.

A well known citizen of St. John passed away at an early hour this morning in the person of Albert L. Spencer. For years Mr. Spencer has conducted dancing classes, and dealt in musical instruments, sewing machines, costumes, etc. He had not been in very good health lately, though he was up around as usual. This morning his wife was aroused from sleep by a noise, and thinking he was ill, lighted a lamp, but when she returned to the bedside, he had passed away. Death is attributed to heart trouble. Mr. Spencer was 72 years of age, and had been twice married. His second wife was Miss M. Lavina Sherwood, of St. John. He leaves a son and daughter by his first marriage. The son is E. E. Spencer and the daughter Mrs. E. K. Elford, both in Massachusetts. He also leaves one daughter, Mrs. H. H. Hildreth, of Brewer, Maine. Mr. Spencer was born in Passadumkeag, Maine. Some years ago Mr. Spencer was prominently identified with the board of trade, and was also a member of several fraternal organizations. He was one of the oldest members of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias. He is a civil war veteran of the U. S. army and the Maine Regiment and figured in many engagements, notably at Bull Run, where he had a coat, he was carrying over his arm when he was shot.

SIR WILFRID IS IN QUEBEC

Next Week He Will Engage in Political Work in Montreal.

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—(Special).—His Excellency the Governor-General is expected to return to the capital on the 18th. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is spending this week in the Quebec district. Next week he will devote to political work in the district of Montreal. A Klondyke Croesus GILDS PHILADELPHIA

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD MEETS

Truro, Oct. 7 (Special).—The synod opened its session with devotional exercises and the forenoon session was taken up with reports from the directors of the ladies college and the Presbyterian witness.

WHY NAVAL UNIFORMS ARE BLUE

Nearly all over the world the naval uniforms are blue. The British fashion in this matter has been the rule with maritime people in general. This blue was selected for the king's naval service as a fortuitous happening. "When," so says our informant, "in 1747, the question of uniform was being considered the color selected was very like to have been French grey, laced with silver. But while the King was not quite decided in the matter he saw the Duchess of Bedford in a riding habit of blue faced with white and lined with gold lace. It was at once decided. Here, the King declared, was the uniform color and trimmings for the sea-service officers, and no more was to be said of French grey. The navy took the blue and every other navy has since followed with the same color."

DR. PUGSLEY'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Minister is in Charlotte Co. Today and Will be at St. Martins Tomorrow.

Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, left this morning for Oak Bay, Charlotte county, where he will speak at the picnic being held there today. Tomorrow evening, the minister will deliver an address at a meeting to be held in the Masonic Hall, St. Martins, and on Friday afternoon he will speak at a gathering at the launching of a new barge for the Bay Shore Lumber Company at Great Salmon River. Hon. Mr. McKeown and James Lowell, M. P. P., will also address these gatherings.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE CAMPAIGN

County is fixed for the 14th October and the voting for the 29th of that month. Hon. R. Lemieux will in all probability be re-elected by acclamation.

THE WORK ON THE G. T. P.

Track Between Fort William and Lake Superior Junction Will be Completed on November 30.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 7.—(Special).—The Grand Trunk Pacific track will be completed between Fort William and Lake Superior Junction on November 30. Divisional Engineer Knowlton states that construction work is well under way, and he hopes to have the track laid within two months' time.

MONTEAL STOCKS

Montreal, Oct. 7 (Special).—Stocks were firmer to-day. Montreal Traction was a feature at 20 1/2, compared with 19 1/2 at the close yesterday, and Canadian Pacific was firmer at 177. Mexican was easier at 72 1/2, but the rest of the market was steady.

WILL HE RESIGN?

Will Mr. Fred Sproule, M. P. P., resign, as he has been asked to do by the temperance people of Kings, whom he decried? If he will not resign voluntarily, will Mr. Hazen insist on his resignation? Report says that a motion has slipped him back to Kings to stump that county for the immaculate Mr. Fowler—Amherst News.

TOMORROW'S SMOKERS

Liberal Entertainments in Berryman's Hall and McLean Building Promise to be Successful.

The "smokers" to be held tomorrow evening by the Liberal workers of Dukes, Queens and Sydney wards in Berryman's Hall and by the workers of Prince ward in the McLean Building, Union street, promise to be very interesting and enjoyable. Addresses will be given by members of the Young Liberals Club and others. The Liberal workers in both city and county are very confident over the result of the coming contest and predict that both Liberal candidates will come through the fight with big majorities.

INSPECTION OF METERS

The Venturi meters installed in the city water service at the time of the Loch Lomond extension were inspected during the past few days by Mr. Young of Providence, R. I., a representative of the company, that supplied them. One of the meters was not working well and it has now been properly adjusted. Mr. Young spoke very highly of the new water service here saying it was one of the best he knew of. He thought the people here did not fully realize what a great benefit such a system was, unless they had looked into the sources of supply in other cities.

BIG GAS WELL STRUCK

Welland, Oct. 7 (Special).—A good natural gas well has been struck at Moulton, with a flow of a million feet per day.

A NEGRO LYNCHED

Glens Falls, Tex. Oct. 6.—Bon Price, a negro, was seized by a mob here, taken to the centre of the town and hanged to a tree to-day. He was charged with criminal assault on his own daughter. The mob broke in the jail in order to capture the negro.

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Quite another thing. Mr. Peter Binks says that if anybody will provide free feed and cigars, with some singing and dancing thrown in, he will undertake to crowd the largest rink in St. John at two hours' notice. When asked if he would thereafter deliver a rink full of votes, Mr. Binks stared at the questioner as if he were some new species of harmless lunatic. This terminated the conversation.

MEETING AT WATERFORD

A meeting in the interests of Dr. D. H. McAlister, Liberal candidate for Kings Albert, was held in Waterford, Kings county, last evening. There was a very large attendance, including a number of ladies. Addresses were delivered by Senator Donville and Ora P. King. Judging from the enthusiasm, there should be a very large vote for McAlister from Waterford district.

THE WRIST FRILL

The wrist frill is now being worn with nearly every type of garment. With all net, lace, voile or silk gowns the tulle frill is in order, but with simpler frocks such as those of pongee, foulard, dainty and linen, folds of fine white lawn are best. Although these frills soon become soiled, they are readily removed and replaced at the minimum of expense and time. The pen point production in Birmingham, England, is 250,000,000 a week.