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CANADA REMOVES GERMAN SURTAX

Tariff Agreement Between Canada and Germany—Canada Secures Lowest Rate For Exports.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 16.—A provisional trade agreement between Canada and Germany was signed today by Dr. Karl Luff, Imperial German Counsel for Canada, and Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance. This agreement evidently brings to an end the unfortunate differences between the two countries, which arose in 1908, and has continued until the present time. The German government concedes to Canada the higher duties of the tariff schedule of Canada, enumerated below upon their importation into Germany on or after March 1st, next, the conventional or minimum tariff rates of duty. Heretofore, Germany had penalized Canada by subjecting Canadian products to higher duties than the German tariff instead of the conventional tariff rates which had applied prior to 1908.

The question of a general convention for the regulation of commercial relations between Germany and Canada has been deferred for consideration to a time that may be found mutually convenient. It, after a reasonable time, a commercial convention such as that contemplated has not been entered into, then either of the principles may terminate the concessions by giving two months' notice.

The story of the differences between the two countries is in brief that after the granting of a preferential tariff to Great Britain by Canada in 1897, the British government denounced a number of favored nation treaties including the treaty with Germany, which provided that no other higher duties should be levied in the British colonies on the products of Germany than on the products of the United Kingdom. The treaties were terminated on August 1.

Germany Started War.
After that date German goods were entitled to admission into Canada under the same tariff as other goods. The Canadian government remonstrated against what was deemed to be an injustice to Canada, pointing out that the tariff relation between the United Kingdom and the Colonies were matters of domestic concern which no higher tariff government could reasonably interfere.

Germany, however, refused to accept this reasoning and Canada retained by applying the products of Germany, the surtax authorized by the customs tariff of 1907. This surtax of one-third was levied on the duties specified in the general tariff which was brought into effect on November 23, 1903.

Recently the commercial relations of Canada with foreign countries assumed a new phase owing to the making of the Franco-Canadian commercial convention, which had now gone into operation. Germany naturally desired to be admitted to the benefit of this treaty, on the same terms as France. The moment, however, appears to be past for negotiations for a comprehensive commercial treaty with Germany, but it has been deemed expedient to enter into this partial arrangement which will bring about a better understanding between the two countries. Agreements mean a surtax imposed by each country on the other's goods has been removed and the trade conditions existing before 1903 have been restored.

The Schedule.
Canadian products to be admitted into Germany under the conventional tariff rates are as follows: Wheat and speltz, barley, oats, red clover, lucerne, clover seeds, and other clover seeds, grass seeds of all kinds. Fruits (unpacked)—Fresh apples, pears, and quinces. Packed—Apples, peaches, plums of all kinds, cherries, hazards medlars, strawberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, blackberries and other eatable berries. Dried or kiln dried (cut up and peeled or not)—Apples and pears (including waste capable for use), apricots and peaches, plums of all kinds, loose or in cases or sacks weighing at least 50 kilograms, gross weight.

Timber, sawn longitudinally or prepared in some other way, not planed and soft woods for saws, staves and headings, also pieces of wood roughly shaped, recognizable as the article from which made, of oak, ash, horned wood, or soft wood. Horses, harnessed cattle, (live weight) sheep (live weight).

Meat, excluding bacon, fresh or even frozen; simply prepared. Marine crustaceans, living or not, including those which are boiled or salted, whether shelled or not; lobsters and crayfish (gross weight). Groceries and grease lard, hog's lard, grease, tallow, beef, mutton, oleomargarine, and other analogous fats. Meat baked or roasted or not, meat of grain excepting oats, meal of malt (with the exception of baked or roasted malted meal). Meal of rice or pulse.

Condensed milk, with or without addition of sugar. Alimentary and consumable articles of all kinds (except beverages) in airtight receptacles, so far as they are not subject to higher rates of duty as such.

FRANCE IS INGRIP OF FIERCE STORMS

Enormous Damage Wrought by the Tempests of Last Three Days— Third Flood Over.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Unprecedented storms lashed France today. Great havoc has been wrought by the tempests of the last three days, and landslides and avalanches in the departments of the Alps and tourist resorts. Winds of cyclonic force have blown down several houses in Marseilles and more in the vicinity. Snow has descended in the reports coming in today was the lack of rain in the valley of the Saone and a fall in the river at Paris. When dawn came, the crest of the third flood of this disastrous year was past. The situation in the city is nevertheless serious. The suburbs that escaped in the second flood were inundated by the third. In the quarters of Grenelle, Javal and Passy, streets are yet under water in some places to a depth of more than a yard. At Ivry and Clichy, a vast sea has been deserted and there is grave danger of the collapse of houses whose foundations have been sapped again and again.

Champigny, Bry, Varennes, Nogent and St. Maurice, all suburbs, have been invaded by the last inundation. The food problem is again paramount, and the seriousness of the predicament is apparent in the refugee camps and outskirts the suffering is intense and in the refuge camps within the city the congestion is great. The water and service is virtually at a standstill and from every seaport comes reports of marine disasters.

FARMERS WANT THE MARKETS COMBINED

Petition Circulated Among the Men Who Bring Their Produce to Ed- monton, is Largely Signed—Calls for Removal of Produce Market to Haymarket Site.

The farmers who bring their produce to market in Edmonton are of one opinion with regard to the location of the new market building. A petition has been in circulation among them for several days past which will be presented to the city council at a meeting held Tuesday, requesting that in the event the present hay market being removed the whole farm produce market be removed as well.

The petitioners point out that both vendors and purchasers of hay generally want to deal in other products and state that in their opinion it would serve the best interests of all to have the hay market and the market for other farm produce in one and the same place. The petition is at present in the hands of W. S. Fielding, clerk of the market scales.

It was started on Saturday last by John Govekoff, of Ellerslie, and has been signed by every farmer to whom it has been presented. Forty-three signatures have so far been attached.

SELLING AGENCY FOR LUMBER.

B.C. Association Has Completed New
Organization—Travellers Dispensed
With.
Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 13.—Various mills embraced in the membership of the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association, with possibly one exception, have just completed the organization of a selling agency to act as brokers. Ivan D. Smith, formerly purchasing agent here for Messrs. Gordon, of Montreal, has been placed in charge. The effect of the new arrangement has been to discontinue the use of more of travelling representatives of the various mills. A number of them, however, have been transferred to the service of the new agency and will act in a similar capacity. The new move will have the effect of driving out of business local brokers who placed orders here for customers in the prairie provinces. The demand for lumber continues very brisk, and in some instances means a surtax, it is said, before orders for certain kinds could be filled.

MOB INCENSED AT SHERIFF.

Feeling Against Official Who Fired
Into Mob to Prevent Lynching.
Cairo, Feb. 13.—After a very trying day in which feeling ran high, Cairo is looking forward to the late hours tonight with grave apprehension. Two companies of the state militia arrived today to assist in preserving order. Popular feeling against the book negro who snatched the pocket book is now turned against Sheriff Nelis and his deputies, who shot into the mob intent on lynching after warning them.

Coroner James McMannus stated today that he would empanel a jury to probe the cause of the death of Thos. Halliday, son of a former mayor of Cairo, tomorrow. Sheriff Nelis is being universally condemned for allowing the body of Halliday to lay out in the snow all night while he was still in the body. Throats have been made against him, but it is thought that the soldiers will prevent further trouble.

Mad Dog Bit Many Animals.

London, February 16.—A mad dog, which came into the village of Dashiwood, six miles from Exeter, bit about twenty dogs and many horses and calves before it was killed. Government inspectors have hurried to Dashiwood and will quarantine all the animals bitten.

Were Native French Troops.

Paris, Feb. 15.—The detachment of French troops which was ambushed on Jan. 4, by the Sultan at Masalit, near Abesir Wadi, Ensen, consisted of 150 native soldiers with a European captain, two lieutenants and two sergeants. The entire command was massacred.

COAL STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED.

Officials of Dominion Coal Company Interviewed by Clergymen.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 16.—An early adjustment of the strike of Dominion coal miners appears probable tonight than it has since the trouble began. It is learned that President Plummer and General Manager Butler, of the Dominion Steel and Coal company, gave interviews to Rev. G. Fenwick, Rev. Mr. Gillis and Rev. Father Fraser at their general offices in Halifax Bay today. Later President Plummer received one of the U. M. W. men now on strike and the latter trouble was gone over at length. It is expected that good results will follow these interviews on behalf of the men.

Kaiser Has Severe Cold.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The Kaiser is suffering from a severe cold, and his physicians have ordered him to remain in his apartments. He was unable to attend the annual meeting of the agricultural league.

NEW TRADE AGREEMENT WILL BE GREAT BENEFIT

The Commercial Arrangement Between
Canada and Germany a Step in
Right Direction, Says Hon. J. S. Martin—Manufacturers (of Steel
and Jewelry) Protest Against Ar-
rangement.

Canadian Associated Press.
London, Feb. 17.—Joseph Martin M.P. interviewed by the German Canadian commercial treaty, said: "Whether this is the right spirit for Canada to adopt towards the mother country does not enter into the question. In business you cannot be friends. If it be to Canada's interest to take a course which may one day point it to the interests of Canada to remove the surtax, but then I should be a proponent of all these tariffs. Canada regards all countries as commercially alike and where her own interest is concerned she will not treat Germany just as she would Britain. Canadians can be ever so loyal, yet that will not affect their commercial policy. You are never going to get the people of Canada to work for Britain when it comes down to money. It is not that they do not love Britain, but they do not love Britain prospering, but she does care that it should be at her expense. Commercially Canada is travelling in the right direction."

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Coming as a complete surprise to all these tariffs, the commercial arrangement with Germany is the chief subject of discussion tonight of the weekly steamship service. The big increase in trade which should be of advantage to both countries is regarded by many manufacturers and importers as a certain outcome of the new commercial agreement. Some think it will mean the re-establishment of a regular steamship service between Hamburg and Montreal.

From other quarters, however, comes news which does not regard the change with any who are not manufacturers, especially of lines such as jewelry, steel machinery and metal goods, as somewhat of a loss. To many of them the introduction of German manufactures under low tariffs comes as a heavy blow.

PORT BYRON BANK ROBBERED

Yeggmen Get Away With \$5,000 in
Currency.
Rock Island, Ill., Feb. 16.—Robbers early this morning blew open the safe in the bank of E. K. Rogers & Son at Port Byron, 18 miles from here, and made away with more than \$5,000 in currency. The robbery was committed on December 1, 1908, when robbers carried off \$5,000 from the State Bank of Port Byron.

Dr. Everett Dead at Quincy.

Quincy, Mass., Feb. 15.—Quincy mourns tonight the loss of her first citizen, Dr. Everett, one of the world's most noted scholars and philosophers, who died today. His death was due to a general break down, hastened, it is believed, by the closing of Adams Academy founded by President John Quincy Adams. Dr. Everett was principal of the academy for years and his life was largely bound up with it. When the institution was obliged to close two years ago owing to the lack of support the shock was to him severe.

Nova Scotia Bye-Election.

Liverpool, N.S., Feb. 15.—The bye-election in Queens to fill the vacancy in the legislature caused by the appointment of Speaker F. M. Farrell to the senate resulted in the return of W. L. Hall by a majority of 230 over A. W. Hendrick, Liberal.

King Gustava Convalescent.

Stockholm, Feb. 16.—The physicians attending upon King Gustava issued a bulletin at noon today recording the wholly satisfactory progress toward recovery. The King's appetite is good, he sleeps well and is able to spend most of the day in a room adjoining the bed chamber.

BRIDE OF TEN DAYS SUICIDES.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Joseph Anderson, 30 years old, who was married but ten days ago, com- mitted suicide today.

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EXPLOSION IN ISLAND OF CRETE

Whole Village Destroyed With a Heavy Loss of Life—Disturbances in Mediterranean.

Athens, Feb. 15.—A terrific earthquake today shook Crete. It is reported one village has been destroyed. The population is in a panic. It is believed there has been a heavy loss of life.

The seismic disturbances are prevailing along the entire line along the mountain ranges, which form the backbone to the island, gave way. The inhabitants in the towns and villages are fleeing to the country. Hundreds have left Crete, the chief port, and Candia, the capital.

YORKTON MURDERER HANGED.

Sanford Hainer Suffers Extreme Pen- alty at Regina This Morning.

Regina, Feb. 17.—Shortly after eight o'clock this morning Sanford Hainer suffered the extreme penalty of the law for the murder of A. Fraser, committed near Yorkton last June. The condemned man, who is 35 years of age, was led to the gallows, showing very little sign of terror. Fred Holmes acted as executioner and carried out his work with dispatch and accuracy, death apparently being almost instantaneous. The execution took place within the prison walls and beyond the sheriff, the prison doctor, coroner and a few other officials, none were allowed to be present. The black flag was hoisted in the usual manner when all was over. Following the execution a jury was empaneled and a verdict returned in accordance with the medical evidence. The remains were at once consigned to the grave already prepared in the prison yard. Hainer confessed his guilt to the Salvation Army captain who attended him at the last.

SIX KILLED AND TEN OTHERS ARE MISSING

Explosion in Powder Works Near San
Diego, California, Results in
Many Deaths—Burst—Six
Men Blown to Pieces—Buildings
Took Fire.

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 17.—Six men were blown to atoms and ten others who are missing, are believed to have met instant death as a result of an explosion which, today, occurred in the Trojan powder works in Alameda county. A score more were wounded, several if not it is believed, fatally. The identified dead are: Rueben Thayer, chemist; Frank McCoskey; laborer; John Lewis; laborer; unknown Chinaman.

Four of the probably fatally injured are missing. It is recommended that the state of affairs in the Trojan powder works be investigated by the authorities of the street railway. The state of affairs in the Trojan powder works is such that it is believed that it is too dangerous to have such an important business in the city. The state of affairs in the Trojan powder works is such that it is believed that it is too dangerous to have such an important business in the city.

PUT IT IN A PILL BOX

Halley's Comet Will Not Snuff Out All Life.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 15.—"That there is no danger in the tail of Halley's comet is undoubted, but you could put it all in a pill box," said Professor Charles Toronto University, during a lecture before a large audience. Thus he disposed of the contention of Camilla Flammarion, a French astronomer, that when the comet sweeps its tail across the earth on the 16th of May next all life will be snuffed.

WANT SPANISH PREMIER TO RESIGN.

Madrid, Feb. 15.—The friends of former Premier Here have united in opposition to Premier Canalejas, claiming that he is not the leader of the Liberal party and insisting that he resign and permit Captain General Weyler, the former minister of war, to form a cabinet. The premier has refused to resign.

DEVELOP INDEPENDENT SPIRIT.

Need of Canada Says Judge Longley to Strengthen Empire.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 15.—Hon. J. W. Longley, of Halifax, spoke before the Canadian club this evening on some of the national problems of Canada. He did not agree with the policy of easterners, who said, "We will stop booming the West," in the hope that the East would thus be benefited. Rather, he said, the people of the Maritime Provinces should develop through their own resources.

Dropping the commercial aspect, Judge Longley spoke of other things than those which could be weighed and measured and put on a counter. He did not expect to live to see it, but men present would see Canada take her proper place among the nations. As the years went by he thought the bonds which bound Canada to England would be strengthened. The danger was that too much reliance might be placed on the protection of the empire. That was needed was to develop an independent Canadian spirit.

DISAGREEMENT OVER BASIS OF PAYMENT

Post Office is Prevented From In- augurating Adequate Delivery Ser- vice by Insistence of Street Rail- way Department that Postmen Should be Paid for Monthly, In- stead of Yearly.

Dissatisfaction with the mail delivery service in Edmonton is wide spread. For some time past the post office authorities and the officials of the street railway have been at loggerheads over the transportation of the mail carriers on the street cars. Superintendent Taylor and the commissioners demand a monthly settlement for this privilege. The post office department refuses to accept their terms and holds out for settlement on the yearly basis customary in all delivery contracts of the post office department. Meanwhile there is no delivery to Norwood or to the Groat estate, and the downtown district is served with an inadequate single delivery where it might as well have three deliveries each week-day. The postmen walk with their burden of mail matter from the central office to the various points of delivery and letters and papers are thus greatly delayed in transit. The inconvenience to the general public is much more real than the dispute between the closing of the central office to box holders on Sunday.

The commissioners claim that the yearly carrying charges on the terms of the street railway, as in some cases men added to the post office staff would be carried an entire year before the post office department would be required to pay for them. The commissioners have written the department offering them the terms of the monthly system of payment. Postmaster May stated to a Bulletin representative yesterday that the delivery system was deplorably handicapped through the policy adopted by the authorities of the street railway. The state of affairs in the Trojan powder works is such that it is believed that it is too dangerous to have such an important business in the city.

Their appointment had been approved by the city council, but had not been made effect of the trivial disagreement so great that steps to remove the difficulty should be taken by the city at once. The post office had already done all in its power.

FLOOD COMMISSION AT WORK.

Cause of Disaster in Paris is Being Investigated.

Paris, Feb. 15.—The commission, appointed to make an exhaustive study of the causes of their recent floods, and of the measures necessary to prevent a recurrence of the disaster, have begun work under the presidency of Alfred Picart, the civil engineer, who was formerly minister of marine. Besides working out a plan for keeping the Seine within its banks, either by the construction of higher protecting walls or a cut-off to divert the waters around the city, the committee is to suggest remedies for the defects recently shown in the public service including the aeration and subway lines, and the sewer, gas, electricity, telegraph and telephone.

Baron Pirrie Acquires Jones' Interests

London, Feb. 15.—The Journal of Commerce has announced that Baron Pirrie, chairman of the Harlan and Wolff Shipbuilding company, has bought all the interests of the late Sir Alfred Lewis Jones in the Elder Dempster Shipping Company and that business and other interests. It is understood here that J. P. Macgan and the Rothschilds are concerned in Baron Pirrie's purchase.

French Sloop Blown Up.

Brest, France, Feb. 17.—The sloop Jeanne D'Arc, containing a cargo of petroleum blew up at the wharf today. The explosion killed one sailor, who was burned or otherwise injured.

ASQUITH IS NOT DRIVEN TO WALL

British Ministry Has Not Sold Out to Nationalists—Labor Party Dissatisfied.

London, February 15.—Premier Asquith's speech next Monday in parliament will probably give the first real explanation of the government's policy. It will then be time, if the Nationalists and the Laborites are dissatisfied with the government's plan, for them to take action.

It is asserted that this will take the form of moving an amendment to the address, expressing regret that Mr. Asquith should continue to hold office without assurances from the King that His Majesty would support him in case the House of Lords rejected the veto bill.

Question of Tactics.

T. P. O'Connor, in an article which he has contributed to his weekly paper, says that the question of tactics. To begin a campaign by submitting the budget to the House of Lords, whether they were willing to accept it or not, he asserts, will be a surrender, and he adds that all talk about financial chaos is irrelevant.

"We want to make a revolution or we don't," he says. "If we do, we ought to think in revolutionary terms, and do revolutionary deeds. In the arrangements had been reached with the Liberals, and the Conservative morning papers are again inviting the government to seek the assistance of the Unionists in passing the budget."

Labor Leader's Bombshell.

George M. Barnes, member of parliament for Glasgow, Blackfriars division, who two weeks ago was elected chairman of the Labor party in parliament, threw a bombshell into the political arena this afternoon in the shape of a manifesto, which, if acted on, means the severance of the ties which have united Liberal and Laborites.

"I learn," writes Mr. Barnes, "that Premier Asquith is to hold office without assurances from the King with regard to the veto, and that the veto is to be dealt with after the budget. That, of course, will be acceptable to the Labor party. This manifesto, which has been sent to Premier Asquith, is generally accepted as an intimation that in the event of the protest being disregarded the Laborites will vote against the government and coming on top of the evident difficulties which the ministers are encountering in their negotiations with the Nationalists, it created an almost panic feeling among the Liberals in the lobbies of the House of Commons this afternoon."

Negotiating With Nationalists.
The government and the Irish Nationalists are in progress of making a deal. It is reported to have failed to carry out its plan for keeping the Seine within its banks, either by the construction of higher protecting walls or a cut-off to divert the waters around the city, the committee is to suggest remedies for the defects recently shown in the public service including the aeration and subway lines, and the sewer, gas, electricity, telegraph and telephone.

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