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TAFT TRYING TO JAM IT THROUGH

President Attempting to Unite Warring Factions on Reciprocity.

Amendments by Root, Lodge and Nelson may Prevent Passage of the Pact Through the United States Senate.

Washington, June 1.—The crisis in the senate fight on Canadian reciprocity is expected when the farmers' free list bill is offered as an amendment to the bill carrying the bill into effect. That such an amendment will be offered to embarrass the democratic supporters of reciprocity seems certain. Toward this contingency President Taft is devoting his attention. He is holding daily conferences in an effort to keep republican and democratic senators alike in line for the pact.

President Taft is certain that the reciprocity bill will pass the senate by a comfortable majority if it can be brought to a final vote without amendment. He feels that the test for the true friends of reciprocity will come in dealing with the proposed amendments. Mr. Taft recently has had assurances that the bill will be reported out of the finance committee without amendment and without recommendation. This is what he greatly desires.

The president feels that any amendment in the senate will defeat the bill and he believes that to be the purpose of some senators who have proposed amendments. The proposed Root, Lodge and Nelson amendments have brought the president into sharp conflict with these senators but he has not hesitated to express his views regarding them.

Fully cognizant of the fact that he must depend upon the almost solid vote of the Democrats in the Senate to carry the reciprocity bill through, President Taft has been endeavoring to devise a means to help them out of the dilemma that will be presented when they are asked to vote for or against the free list bill as a rider to the reciprocity measures. Some Democratic Senators have told the President frankly that they would vote against the free list amendment if they could be assured that the "stand pat," Republicans would not stifle in committee the free list bill as it came from the house and thus deprive the southern Democratic senators of the opportunity in open senate to properly record their votes on the measure.

Taft's Suggestion.

President Taft fully appreciates the position in which the senate Democrats found themselves, but he thinks he has found a solution of the problem. He has suggested that a motion by the Democrats to discharge the finance committee from consideration of the free list bill, and to put it upon its passage, would serve the purpose of the Democrats for making their attitude a perfectly clear one, and he has further expressed confidence in the fairness of the American people to recognize the purpose of those who would attempt the free list method of defeating reciprocity.

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BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS WHILE MANY WATCHED

Unknown Winnipeg Suicide Took Particular Pains To Conceal His Identity—Shot Himself At Noon Hour.

Winnipeg, Man., June 1.—An unknown man, about thirty, well dressed and intelligent looking, stepped into a vacant lot in the north end of the city at noon today, and in the sight of many passersby held a pistol to his head and blew out his brains. To prevent identification the suicide had removed everything from his pockets and even cut out the laundry marks from his clothing.

CHANGES IN WOOL TARIFF

Washington, June 1.—The democratic wool tariff bill prepared by the ways and means committee of the House, was presented to the democratic caucus at noon today. The bill makes reductions of from one-half to two-thirds in all wool duties. Raw wool itself, which was free in previous democratic tariff bills, is given a duty of 20 per cent. ad valorem, equivalent to from 3 to 5 cents a pound.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Relation Of Overseas Dominions To Imperial Treaties Discussed Yesterday—Laurier Participated.

London, June 1.—The Imperial conference today discussed Australia's complaint that the Dominions had not been consulted with reference to "the declaration of London," the agreement governing prizes in naval warfare which was adopted at a conference and pointed out that refusal to agree to the ratification of the declaration would be a great blow to the cause of arbitration.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier, thought that the claim that the Dominion should be consulted on treaties negotiated by the Imperial government was unjustified, and said that the arbitration treaty with the United States might not be carried through if the declaration was not ratified.

WIFE WILL TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF HUSBAND

Toronto Woman Whose Husband Is Charged With Shooting Her Will Leave Hospital To Defend Him.

Toronto, June 1.—Mrs. J. S. Phillips, [illegible] wound from a revolver in the hands of her husband, will take the stand in his defence when he comes up for trial next week.

The story told by Mrs. Phillips denies that her husband was intoxicated. She says that she opened a door and called to her husband. He was so startled that the revolver in his hands struck the side of the dresser and the unexpected jar caused it to be discharged.

Seeing her fall and believing that he had killed her he then turned the revolver on himself. Phillips also declared to his counsel that the shooting was accidental.

MR. BORDEN DENIES A NEWSPAPER YARN

Published "Forecasts" Of His Western Speeches Are Said By Opposition Leader To Be Wholly Untrue.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 1.—R. L. Borden when seen this morning in reference to a statement in a government newspaper which stated that he would when in the West advocate a certain programme including an increase in the British preference, said:

"The article is pure invention. I have not communicated to the correspondent or to any other person the nature of my speech in Winnipeg or any other western point. The article has been evolved to some extent out of my past reflections on public questions and in other respects out of the imagination of the enterprising scribe who prepared it. It is absolutely unauthorized."

SENATE WILL PROBE THE LORIMER CASE.

Washington, D. C., June 1.—By 48 to 20 the senate today adopted a resolution to reopen the investigation of charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer of Illinois. The resolution directs the regular elections committee to make the inquiry.

TURKISH RAILWAY PLAN SHELVED.

Constantinople, June 1.—The project for the construction of an extensive railway system in Asiatic Turkey, by an American syndicate headed by Arthur Chester, was shelved in the Chamber of Deputies today. A motion to postpone the discussion of the project until the next session of parliament in November, was passed by a vote of 76 to 64.

DIRECTORS OF THE CANADA LIFE OUT OF OFFICE

Five Of Them Including Sir Edmund Walker, Resigned Yesterday — E. W. Cox, New General Manager.

Toronto, June 1.—Following a meeting of the board of directors of the Canada Life Company, this afternoon at which important changes were made in the directorate, the following official statement was handed out:—

"Z. A. Lash, K. C., Sir Edmund Walker, H. B. Walker, Montreal; Hon. William Gibson, Beamsville, and Charles Chaput have resigned, and the following gentlemen have been elected: Hon. J. M. Gibson, Lt. governor of Ontario, Hon. Senator Lougheed, of Calgary, Duncan Coulson, president of the Bank of Toronto, and Robert Bickerdike, M. P., of Montreal, vice-president of the Banque D'Hochelaga.

The resignation of the directors mentioned followed in the adoption by the board of the policy recommended by the president, Hon. George A. Cox, and the vice-president J. H. Plummer, under which the joint general management has been discontinued and E. W. Cox has been appointed general manager.

Toronto, June 1.—Officials of the Canada Life denied the story which appeared in the Toronto World this morning, so far as the resignations of the directorate of the company are in any way connected with political or personal reasons. The names of the five directors who have resigned are correct, with the exception of J. H. Plummer, who has not resigned, but Hon. Wm. Gibson, of Beamsville, has left the board.

The directors resigned over a question of business management. The story of a merger of the Canada Life and Imperial is emphatically denied.

KEEPING MUM ON RECIPROCITY PACT

Nova Scotia Government Not Trying To Catch Any Votes On Strength Of Taft-Fielding Fiasco.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 1.—With the provincial elections in Nova Scotia only two weeks off, most encouraging reports are coming in to the opposition headquarters here on the chances of a Conservative victory. Word arrived today that a landslide was quite probable in favor of the anti-government candidates. The island of Cape Breton is expected to return a solid Conservative representation to the new legislature and from all parts of the province word is being sent that if only the vote can be got out the Murray administration is doomed.

It is significant that the Nova Scotia government has avoided the question of reciprocity, and is not making that an issue in the campaign, and the fight is to be lost or won on the sole question of the administrative record of the government.

PROBING MYSTERIOUS DEATH IN P. E ISLAND.

Charlottetown, June 1.—The preliminary hearing in the case of Mrs. Molyneaux, of Murray Harbor, P. E. I., whose death under strange and suspicious circumstances occurred there recently, the deceased being found hanging by a rope to a door, was resumed in Georgetown today before Stipendiary Magistrate Redden. The case will come up again tomorrow morning when it is expected developments will take place which will throw light on the tragedy.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN MERGER

Shareholders Of N. S. Telephone Company By Large Majority Favor Sale To Maritime Co. At $135 Per Share.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, June 1.—The shareholders of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company decided today by an overwhelming majority to sell out to the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company. The vote stood:—For, 66,924; against, 8,449—majority, 58,475. Votes cast, 75,373. Total number of shares, 118,055.

There was no change whatever in the terms offered by the Maritime and accepted by the Nova Scotia Company. Peter Innes and Mr. Lewis, with others present, contended that a higher price should be paid, that the property was worth more, and the gentlemen named moved an amendment that the Nova Scotia Telephone Company offer to sell at 140. They were told in reply that the offer could not be entertained by the Maritime Company, that the deal had been calculated on the basis of 135, but they pressed the motion. It was put in the form of an amendment and lost, the vote standing:—For, 20,742; against, 50,909—Total vote, 71,651.

These votes showed the temper of the meeting and prepared for the announcement of the result on the original resolution of 66,924 to 8,449 in favor of the sale. The decision was taken as a good thing all round after all, by nearly everyone present, and it looked as if everybody went away quite well satisfied.

The deal becomes effective on July 1st, and shareholders are given to September 20th next to exercise their option on the three phases of the offer. The heavy majority in favor of the merger is noteworthy, the proportion being about eight to one.

The attendance was large, practically taking all the seating accommodation in the large room reserved for the meeting. F. P. Bligh came in from Dover some thirty miles away through the rain to be present. Ald. H. E. Gates and J. M. Davison were appointed scrutineers. After the reading of the reports from the committee, majority and minority, W. C. Milner moved a resolution which he understood had been prepared with knowledge and approval of the management.

This authorized a sale of the company, its franchises and property, to be effective as of July 1st with three options for purchasers as follows:—$135 on every $100 in cash, or $100 in six per cent., bond with $35 cash, or $100 in six per cent. bonds, $30 in six per cent. preferred stock and $30 in common. The option must be exercised by stockholders by September 20th, 1911.

Hon. B. F. Pearson announced that a market for all the bonds not taken under the second and third options had been found in England.

STUDENTS WILL INSPECT MINES

Mining Engineering Students At McGill To Visit Iron And Coal Mines In Province Of Nova Scotia.

Montreal, June 1.—Twelve students of the mining section of the polytechnical school left yesterday with Prof. Dulieu, for Nova Scotia where they will inspect the coal and iron mines. At the Dominion steel plant they will be the guests of M. J. Butler, general manager. They will be back in Montreal in a week's time.

TRIAL OF THE CAMORRISTS YESTERDAY

Much Of Evidence In Yesterday's Hearing Centered On Ring Said To Belong To Murdered Man.

Viterbo, June 1.—Cuoca, a Neapolitan barber, was the star witness at today's sitting of the Camorra trial, and his testimony caused such an uproar in the court room that the proceedings were adjourned.

The witness described the habits of Gennaro Cuocolo, who was murdered, the prosecution alleges, by members of the Camorra society. Cuoca said that he saw among the rings worn by Cuocolo the one sequestered by the Carabineers following the arrest of the Camorrists. The ring bore the monogram "C. G. C.," and was found, the authorities allege, in the mattress of a bed at the home of a woman known as the friend of Guiseppe Salvi. The theory of the police was that this ring was to be sent to Lugi Arena as proof of Cuocolo's death.

The session of the court was resumed in the afternoon when Cucci confirmed his desposition with reference to the ring. He added that he saw the ring on Cuocolo's finger on several times during two years. President Blanche showed the witness the ring which had been sequestered by the carabineers and Cuocolo under examination said: "It seems to be Cuocolo's."

Cipolletti, a barber, who shaved Cuocolo on the day he was murdered testified that Cuocolo was pale and agitated; he had never seen him so before. On that occasion Cuocolo was wearing a ring on his little finger.

PAYS EARL GREY FOR GOOD ADVICE

The Governor General Receives An Interesting Bequest From a Cousin Who Died In East Africa.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, June 1.—Word has come to Ottawa that His Excellency the Governor General, has fallen heir to an interesting bequest. Last February his cousin, George Grey, of Falloden, Northumberland, died in East Africa having been injured in a lion hunt. Mr. Grey was famous in South Africa, having been commanding officer of the corps known as Grey's Scouts in the Matabele war.

After disposing of his English property, he left one-third of the residue, which includes a share in the Tanganyika concessions to his cousin, Earl Grey, "through whom I was induced to go to Africa and to whose advice and help any success I have achieved in Africa is greatly due."

WORKMEN IN MINE OVERPOWERED BY GAS

Trevers, Prussia, June 1.—An entire shift of workmen in a railroad tunnel which is being constructed at Bitburg, 17 miles northwest of Trevers, was overpowered by gas today. One workman was taken out dead. Four others have not yet been rescued. The air in the tunnel was so bad that the men could only work in three hour shifts.

AN M. P. UNSEATED.

London, June 1.—Sir Henry Seymour King, who in the last general election was returned to the Conservative seat in the House of Commons, for the central division of Hull, was unseated today by the court hearing the petition against his election.

STOP IT, YOU VILLIAN; STOP IT.—From the Toronto News.

DENIES THERE IS A STEEL TRUST

Elbert H. Gary, of U. S. Steel Co., Examined by Committee.

Denies all Knowledge of any Merger or Plan Whereby it is Hoped to Capture World's Steel Trade.

Washington, D. C., June 1.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the U. S. steel corporation today flatly denied any knowledge of the proposed formation of a combination to control the steel trade of the world. Mr. Gary appeared before the house committee investigating the steel trust, and declared that he had come to Washington to tell frankly all he knew of the big corporation.

The disclaimer as to the world-wide combination was called out by a statement by Chairman Stanley that Mr. Gary was accredited with being the directing genius of such a trust. Mr. Stanley intimated that these reports had much to do with the inquiry started by the house of representatives. The examination of Mr. Gary brought out the fact that the department of commerce and labor and its bureau of corporations are not collaborating with the Stanley committee. Mr. Stanley asked the witness whether he knew if a report of the bureau had even been submitted to President Taft or former President Roosevelt.

Mr. Gary said he did not.

Mr. Gary's examination will be continued tomorrow when the committees will seek to learn from him further facts relating to the taking over by the steel corporation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. Today Mr. Gary surprised the committee with the statement that the Tennessee company before its absorption while practically independent of all other companies, was very dependent so far as getting a livelihood concerned, a remark which he quickly asked to have expunged from the record and which he said he had no business to make.

This remark, however, served to forecast the probability that Mr. Gary tomorrow night might make statements not in accord with the testimony given by John W. Gates as to the highly prosperous condition of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company at the time of the "forced sale" to the steel corporation.

Mr. Gary told the committee that the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company still owes the steel corporation $10,167,700 for money advanced.

"There is not any doubt," Mr. Gary said, "that the U. S. steel corporation as the owner of most of the stocks of the subsidiary company ultimately controls those subsidiary companies, including their management and conduct."

Asked if the Carnegie Steel Company now competes with other subsidiary companies in the steel corporation, Mr. Gary said, "I should say it does, putting my interpretation in the word. I came to be frank and to give you the exact facts, that you may put your own construction on them."

"The subsidiary companies have their own directors and officers and have the right to act independently, but as the steel corporation owns the securities, if the conduct of a subsidiary company was antagonistic in any way, it would only be a question of time when the administration of that subsidiary company would be hanged."

"You mean the parent company would control the policies of any subsidiary company?"

"It might not for the moment or the month, but when the time to elect officers arrived it would."

"It would exercise the recall, as it were?"

"Yes, you might put it that way," Mr. Gary answered.

"Are the profits of one subsidary concern measured as the profits of all?" Chairman Stanley asked. "That is, does the parent company distribute the dividends of all?"

"The earnings of the subsidiary companies," Mr. Gary answered, "whenever dividends are declared, go into the treasury of the U. S. Steel corporation. That corporation being the owner of the dividends, of course distributes them as it sees fit. The subsidary companies have no interest in the dividends after they are declared."

"Who chooses the officers of the subsidiary companies?"

"Of course, the boards of directors choose them, but nevertheless a suggestion from the parent company, as you call it, would be recognized."

Mr. Gary said he was chairman of the board of directors, chairman of the finance committee and chief executive officer.

SPRINGHILL OPTIMISTIC

Better Times Expected To Follow In The Wake Of The Settlement Of Long Standing Strike.

Special to The Standard.

Springhill, June 1.—Optimism and hope prevail in this town. The coal company has found places for one hundred and fifty of its old men and the others will be put to work as soon as places can be found for them.

The provincial constables will be gradually withdrawn, five will be cut off the force this week, and the week following ten more will be withdrawn. The U. M. W. officials paid an indemnity on Tuesday this week and tomorrow will pay another, but it is not known what course will be pursued in the future, although the general opinion is that they will continue relief to the men still idle until places can be found for them.

THE WOMENS MISSIONARY CONVENTION IN MONCTON

Officers Elected Yesterday—Addresses And Instructive Papears Heard — Observance Of Holiday

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., June 1.—The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist conference of New Brunswick and P. E. I., continued its sessions today, about one hundred delegates answering the roll call.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. B. Coulthard; 1st Vice President, Miss Stewart; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Howard; 3rd. Vice President, Mrs. Walter; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Sanford; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dawson. Other officers will be elected tomorrow.

Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell addressed the convention, expressing his great appreciation on behalf of the missionary department of the church of the work done by the society.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Sanford of St. John read an interesting paper on Women Under Ethic Religions, and Under Christianity. Mrs. W. B. Coulthard read a paper on The Unfinished Task, illustrated by charts which proved very interesting, as well as instructive.

Mrs. Balderson's paper on the auxiliary member between meetings was read by Miss Stewart in the former's absence, and contained many good ideas. This evening an illustrated lecture on China was given by Rev. G. J. Bond.

Saturday will be observed as a holiday in Moncton by the bankers, post office, I. C. R. offices, and city market. Whether the business men will close or not is yet a question, as opinion is divided. Probably much work will go on as usual, as the public demonstrations are being reserved for Coronation Day.

REBELS CAPTURE 3000 SOLDIERS

Arab Insurgents Have Taken City Of Abha And Made Prisoners Of Garrison—Artillery Batteries Captured.

Hodirda, Arabia, June 1.—The rebellious Arabs in Assyria have captured Abha, the capital and have made prisoners of the 3,000 Turkish troops composing the garrison. Three batteries of artillery and a number of large guns also have fallen into the hands of the rebels.

A relief force under the grand shereef of Mecca, marching to relieve the Abha garrison, has been routed. Isset Pasha who succeeded in suppressing the revolt in Yemen is preparing a strong expedition against the Assyrian tribesmen.

TO TOUR THE WEST.

Ottawa, June 1.—Hon. Frank Oliver and Hon. Wm. Paterson will tour the west prior to the R. L. Borden trip. Their itinerary will include Winnipeg, Brandon, Portage La Prairie, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and other points.

A WOMAN IN THIS CASE

Ottawa, June 1.—George H. Mather, a well known young man, pleaded not guilty in the police court today when charged with shooting at Francis Leamy, former street foreman of the city. According to the story told, Leamy found his wife talking to Mather in a city park on Monday night, and started a row in which Mathers fired a revolver shot at him. The parties are well known and the affair has caused quite a sensation.