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SILVER NO BETTER OFF

The British Cabinet Cannot Give An Encouragement to the American Commission.

But the Powers Concerned Are to Be Further Urged to Help the White Metal.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Up to a late hour this evening the United States monetary commissioners had no communication from the British government regarding the answer expected by Senator Wolcott and his colleagues to the proposals made.

Yesterday there was presented to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the chancellor of the exchequer, the memorial which has been in process of signature among the leading banking houses and financial and mercantile enterprises of the city of London, and also cabled resolutions against bimetalism adopted by the Canadian Bankers' Association on Oct. 6.

"Impelled by a strong sense of duty and assuming that negotiations of some sort touching the metallic currency of Great Britain are proceeding with the United States and other countries, we urge upon the government that no alteration should be made in the circulating medium, except after full discussion in parliament and by the people; that in no circumstances should pledges of successive governments as to the single gold standard be broken, and that the sterling be set aside, and no step taken, even with the consent of the government, having in view any alteration in the value of the single gold standard, that any departure from the present British coinage system 'absolutely free from embarrassment, internal or external, and not relying upon engagements with other countries, would be a fatal mistake, and that the mint of India being now closed, whatever may be the result of the retrograde action should be taken except after exhaustive inquiry, and even then only for the primary benefit of the interests of India.'

The Canadian resolutions denounce the double standard as "delusive and impracticable," and assert that "any attempt to disturb the gold standard should be met with strenuous resistance."

The Times, Daily News and Standard all comment upon the anti-bimetallic memorials presented to the chancellor of the exchequer. With the utmost seriousness they impress upon the government "the danger of continuing in an ambiguous policy," and appeal to it to "do nothing rash in India."

No definite information can be obtained with regard to the action of the cabinet, but there is every reason to believe that the government's position is that it will not enter any international monetary conference. Messages from the members of the American commission say they have received no information with regard to the action taken at the cabinet council to-day, but that there is a strong probability to the effect that the government make no suggestion to the Bank of England as to any alteration in the gold reserve. The government cannot in any event do more than a recommendation to the bank, so the statement that the cabinet are to be consulted should maintain a full gold standard is incorrect.

The chancellor of the exchequer and his colleagues all maintain that the government cannot alter standard in the United Kingdom, but they have in the interval consulted several governments in regard to the question of the gold standard, and a reply has been received which, it is understood, is strongly adverse to the proposal. Owing to the difficulties raised in India, the position in other quarters the cabinet felt that they were unable to give an immediate undertaking to reopen the Indian mint, but they apparently are not indisposed to enter into further negotiations, and it is expected that as the outcome of to-day's cabinet council the British government will be constrained to immediately interview with Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and that diplomatic communications upon the question will be continued with the American commission, and that the latter are immediately concerned in the rehabilitation of silver. In spite of the above, however, it is generally believed that the government will not be induced to say no to the proposals presented by Mr. Wolcott.

INCREASING THE ARMY. Thirty Per Cent. to Be Added to the Strength of Britain's Regular Forces.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Army and Navy Gazette voices the opinion of the British military in congratulating the country upon the fact that the government has at last determined to increase the army. The Gazette says: "It is useless to deny that there is reason for alarm at the present moment," adding that the army is unequal even to ordinary demands, the home batteries and battalions being little better than so many "military nurseries."

The Westminster Gazette says that the money for the proposed increase will be granted when it is proved that the country is getting value for its present expenditures. The Evening News takes a similar view of the subject. The St. James' Gazette, however, is in favor of the proposal. There is likely to be a fine surplus in the budget, this paper says, and it is suggested that the government make the question of army reform the chief business of parliament next session.

The Globe declares that the whole military machinery is out of gear, because the force at home is 22,000 less than the force abroad. Were an emergency to arise, it says, "Great Britain would be almost as ill-prepared to meet it as she was when the Crimean war began."

In a paper delivered at Gideford by Mr. Broderick, under secretary of state for war, foreshadowing some of the government's policy, he said that parliament would be asked to increase the army by 30 per cent. He complained of the costly inefficiency of the army, and said that when it was necessary to send an expedition or an additional battalion abroad, nearly three weeks were spent in finding the men.

BLAMES HIS COUNTRYMEN.

Professor Jordan Tells How United States Pirates Have Destroyed the Seal Herds.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 16.—Dr. David Starr Jordan, en route to the international sealing conference, corrects an error into which Mr. Phillips and others seem to have fallen in recommending a thirty-mile closed zone for sealing around the islands belonging to the United States. He says that a sixty-mile closed zone is already in effect, and adds: "As a matter of fact the strictest regulations governing the American seal herds have been of no avail. The sole cause of the decline has been in all cases the same indiscriminate killing of females."

One great obstacle to the success of negotiations in the past is the fact that we have never come into any conference with clean hands. American sealers have destroyed one-third of our own herds, which once had a cash value of \$25,000,000, and more than half the depletion of the herds has been due to American enterprises. We have allowed our pirates to destroy the seal herds of ourselves and of our neighbors. If we are as honest and as just in our dealings as private citizens are forced to be, the whole seal controversy could be settled in a day."

PRISON-MADE COINS.

A Pennsylvania Institution Competing With the United States Mint.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 18.—Ex-Warden E. S. Wright, of the Riverside penitentiary, has discovered that a number of the convicts confined in the institution have been manufacturing fifty cent pieces. He has unearthed the metal from which the "guesser" money was made, and the counterfeiters are being punished. The counterfeiters had already secured in connection with outside parties and some of the bad money is now in circulation. Warden Wright has a list of nearly a score of prisoners who are to be connected with the counterfeiting, and it is said there will be some sensational developments.

A FAT LAWSUIT.

The State of New York and the Armour Engaged Before the Courts.

ALBANY, N.Y., Oct. 18.—By a decision of the appellate division of the Supreme court, the Armour Packing Company of Chicago and the Armour Company will have to answer in the courts for alleged thousands of violations of the oleomargarine and butterine laws of New York state. Actions involving \$17,000,000 have been brought against them by the state attorney-general. In order to prove that these violations had occurred, the trial judge denied the motion and the appellate division has affirmed the denial. The attorney-general will now proceed with the case unless an appeal is taken to the court of appeals.

CANON GORE LAID UP.

The Visiting Eminent Divine Has Been Seriously Ill in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Oct. 18.—Rev. Canon Gore, D.D., of Westminster Abbey, who came to Buffalo to attend the conference of the British and American episcopates, has been laid up since Friday evening, when he gave his address in the Music hall on "Individual and corporate work, their mutual dependence." To-day he is reported somewhat recovered, although still weak and unable to leave his bed. Canon Gore is suffering from a low fever, which on Sunday caused his friends considerable uneasiness. He is the guest of Bishop Walker, at the See House, where he will remain until well enough to continue his journey.

DEATH OF CHAS. A. DANA.

The Great New York Journalist Passes Away.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The Sun's announcement of the death of its great editor is almost pathetic in its simplicity. The news columns are dumb. At the top of the first column on the editorial page, in ordinary type, appears: "Charles Anderson Dana, editor of the Sun, died yesterday."

MR. GARDNER COMMITTED.

But Other Proceedings to Intervene on the Plea of Justification.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 18.—(Special)—Gardner and Lewis to-day waived arraignment and went on over for trial, bonds being fixed at \$1,000. Habeas corpus proceedings will be begun in their behalf on the ground that as treasury agents they were justified in raiding Yee Ho's place to search for evidence of his connection with the alleged smuggling ring.

THE POPE APPROVES.

His Finding on the School Question Favorable to the Governments Interested.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 18.—(Special)—A prominent Roman Catholic of this city has received word from the Pope on the subject of the school question in the Manitoba school settlement which is favorable to the governments interested.

WINDSOR IN SORE NEED

Fire Has Destroyed the Dwelling Places and All Sources of Employment.

An Old Town Completely Wiped Out and Relief Urgently Required.

HALIFAX, Oct. 18.—The town of Windsor, N.S., was almost destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire broke out in the business centre. A high wind carried the flames in all directions and made a clean sweep of everything. Churches, public institutions, banks and residences were destroyed. King's college, Edgell, the English church, the Dufferin hotel and a few other buildings are all that remain standing. Halifax sent three fire engines, but they could do little good.

The loss is estimated at \$2,000,000; the insurance is about \$500,000. The homeless number 3,000 and many are in a deplorable condition without a cent, without a roof over their heads, and barely sufficient clothes. The town had a semi-weekly and a weekly newspaper and several monthly publications and job-printing establishments, all of which were destroyed. The fire has caused the stoppage of every business, factory and work that gives employment.

TO DRAW TO CANADA. A Great Commercial Office Should Be Maintained at the Empire's Capital.

Where the Golden West Could Permanently Display Her Chief Sources of Wealth.

TORONTO, Oct. 18.—(Special)—Editor Willson writing over his initials in the Globe, adverts to the great extension of Canada's commerce in London. The department of the interior and the department of agriculture could unite, he says, to maintain a great commercial office that Canada could establish in the city, and each of the chief provinces should send a commissioner to act with the Dominion officials. The Maritime Provinces could perhaps unite for this purpose and appoint a single officer to take charge of the exhibits of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Ontario should send a commissioner to exhibit her minerals, fruits and agricultural products. Quebec should do likewise; and Manitoba, Ontario and Ottawa and set up in the heart of London a great permanent exhibition of the West, in charge of men who know the West in every phase of its life and every humor of its climate.

MANTOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Mr. Ogilvie in Generous Mood—A Young Whilowson's Escapade.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 18.—J. B. Davies, ex-postmaster of Norman, Ont., has been sentenced at Rat Portage to two years' imprisonment for fraudulent appropriation of public moneys.

THE VANCOUVER SMELTER.

Disappointment Felt Because It Will Be Out of Town.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—(Special)—Now that the agreement between Harry Symons and the city council regarding the building of a smelter has been ratified, complaints and objections are coming thick and fast. It appears that half a mile the other side of Hastings, or about opposite Seymour Creek, and the objection is made that the city cannot burn a smelter situated outside of its limits. This has been got over by the statement that the city are merely buying the stock of the company to the extent of \$65,000.

C. P. R. INSPECTION PARTY.

They Have Arrived at Vancouver Where Numerous Requests Will Be Presented.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—(Special)—Sir William Van Horne, president, Manager Whyte, and R. B. Angus, of C. P. R., arrived this afternoon on the special car Saskatchewan. The party also includes E. C. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, C. C. Chipman, chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, and L. A. Hamilton, C. P. R. land commissioner. The course of the board of directors is to present an address tomorrow morning, when a deputation from the city council will also meet the C. P. R. president and manager. They will discuss amongst other things the need of further wharfage and new terminal depot buildings, probably also proposed new C. P. R. route to Klondyke, and try to elicit the ideas of the C. P. R. as to smelting at Vancouver and in the Kootenays. The question of the partial exemption of C. P. R. land and buildings from city taxation in return for improved local accommodation may also come up.

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LOSS OF THE "TRITON."

The Ship Overwhelmed With Terrible Sadness—Some Interesting Scenes.

HAVANA, Oct. 18.—The gunboat Maria Christina, which left this port on Saturday for the scene of the wreck of the coasting steamer Triton, bound from Havana to Bahia and Henda, Pinar del Rio, which sank on Saturday morning between Dominica and Marie, has returned, accompanied by the tug-boat Suste, which went with her. The two vessels arrived here at one o'clock this afternoon, the gunboat having on board nineteen and the tugboat twenty-three members of the ship's company, of whom thirteen are civilians and soldiers. The whereabouts of the others of the company is unknown.

The Triton struck a rock during a heavy storm. Her cargo shifted, and fifteen minutes later she sank in 120 fathoms of water. There was a scene of confusion and panic among the crew, and several were killed. The survivors were rescued by the tug-boat Suste, and eight of those who had been thrown overboard were rescued.

Those rescued tell heartrending stories of the scene during the wreck. One of the first to be rescued was a young man named Ricardo, who was with the Triton. An army captain, his wife and daughter went down together, locked in protest embraces. Captain Ricardo, her commander, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver.

It is impossible to give the exact number of those lost, but the estimate is that there were no fewer than 150. The vessel carried a general cargo and was not insured.

THE BOSTON ENTERPRISE.

The Company Has Unlimited Capital to Work With in the Yukon.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—(Special)—Mr. Fogelstrom, chief engineer of one of the surveying parties sent to Alaska by the big Boston corporation, is in Vancouver, accompanied by Mr. East, C.E., and Mr. Hill. Mr. Fogelstrom was at one time professor of mathematics at Stockholm college, and later chief engineer of the Inglelake railway, in Chile. He said to the COLONIST correspondent: "The COLONIST was the first paper to publish a full account of our mission almost entirely from the press until we reached Victoria. Of course the COLONIST did not publish all, but the report is a good one. I am happy to keep our work in the public eye by the Boston company. We have \$200,000 to work with, and four or five trips prove that we can do it. I am happy to see that the Boston company is sufficiently accurate for a properly defined course. Roughly speaking the route of the revolver was taken by Ewen and Joliet met Carriere near the United States consular office, where he was loaded and in his pocket were found two boxes of cartridges."

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The inland revenue department will issue a bulletin in a few days giving an analysis of drinking water, to be followed by bulletins on milk, beer, aerated waters, etc.

Thanksgiving day has been definitely settled for Thursday, November 25.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Coal Mines Regulation Appeal Is Quashed Without Decision on the Constitutional Point.

A Crazy Elector From Rimouski With a Grudge Against Canada's Premier.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Oct. 18.—Last year Dr. Macphail, professor of pathology in Bishop's college, Montreal, was commissioned by the minister of marine and fisheries to investigate the causes of discoloration of lobster. The importance of the lobster canning industry, the export in 1896 amounting to \$2,500,000, warranted such an investigation, and the report has just been issued by the department of marine and fisheries. Dr. Macphail found the discoloration to be due to bacteria, and after elaborate experiments proved that the bacteria could only be destroyed by a solution of heat to the filled cans, the use of germicidal fluids being out of the question. The process is simple enough, and when adopted will save hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly to Canadian canners.

OTTAWA, Oct. 19.—In the Supreme court to-day the case of the Union Colliery Company vs. the Attorney-General of British Columbia, was taken up for hearing, on motion to quash the appeal for want of jurisdiction, on the ground that the opinion or decision of the court below is not a final judgment or conclusive decision susceptible of appeal under the Supreme court act. The case had arisen out of a reference by the government of British Columbia for an opinion of the Supreme court of the province as to the constitutionality of the coal mining regulations in effect in that province. Mr. Robinson instructed by Drake, Jackson & Helmecken, of Victoria, on behalf of the New Vancouver Coal Company, moved to quash the appeal, Mr. Hogg contra. On the merits the interested parties were represented as follows: Mr. Hogg, Q.C., for the Union Colliery Co.; Mr. Robinson for the New Vancouver Coal Mining Co.; Mr. McCarthy for British Columbia, and Mr. McInnes for the Miners and Mine Laborers' Protective Association. On conclusion of the arguments upon the motion the court decided unanimously to quash the appeal without costs. There was consequently no hearing upon the merits of the case.

Crazed with bad whiskey and wildly flourishing a 32 calibre revolver, Ferdinand Carriere, who hails from Rimouski, started down Wellington street this morning screeching people on his heels. He carried a heavy bag and Club had commenced crying: "I am after Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and I will shoot him!" at the same time pulling the hammer of the revolver, which went off with a loud report. Constables McEwen and Joliet met Carriere near the United States consular office, where he was loaded and in his pocket were found two boxes of cartridges.

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The local office of the Company in this Province is situated in Alberni, Vancouver, Victoria, and James Armstrong, at St. John's, New Brunswick.

The objects for which the Company has been established are as follows: (a) To acquire in British Columbia, the adjacent islands and elsewhere, by purchase, lease, gift, or otherwise, all lands, minerals, rights and claims, minerals, ores, mills, stamps, smelting and other works for treating and mining, and rendering them available for the production of marketable metals, including all kinds of building, machinery and plant useful or necessary for the carrying on of the business of the Company, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing and carrying on, and working the same; (b) To lay out towns and villages on the lands acquired or controlled by the Company, and to construct, maintain, alter, make and work railways, tramways, telegraph lines, canals, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, roads, streets, hotels, houses, shops, dwelling houses, factories, shops, stores, gas and water works, piers, wharves, buildings, machinery and other works and appliances of every nature and description, which may be expedient or useful, or deemed to be expedient or useful for the purposes of the Company, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing and carrying on, and working the same; (c) To carry on all kinds of exploration business, and in particular in relation to mines, quarries and minerals, to seek for and secure openings for capital, and with a view to any of the objects aforesaid, to prospect, explore, examine, test and assay, and to dispatch and employ expeditions, commissions, experts or other agents; (d) To lay out all kinds of promotion business, and in particular to form, constitute, float, lend money to assist and control any companies, partnerships, associations or undertakings whatsoever; (e) To acquire by purchase, option, lease, gift, or otherwise, absolutely or conditionally, the rights, either generally or exclusively, over any area or areas of, in all or any patent rights or processes, or mechanical or other contrivances useful, or deemed to be expedient or useful for the purposes of the Company, and to deal with or dispose of the same, or any interest therein, respectively; (f) To lay out towns and villages on the lands acquired or controlled by the Company, and to construct, maintain, alter, make and work railways, tramways, telegraph lines, canals, reservoirs, wells, aqueducts, roads, streets, hotels, houses, shops, dwelling houses, factories, shops, stores, gas and water works, piers, wharves, buildings, machinery and other works and appliances of every nature and description, which may be expedient or useful, or deemed to be expedient or useful for the purposes of the Company, and to contribute to the cost of making, providing and carrying on, and working the same; (g) To carry on any business the carrying on of which the Company may be directly or indirectly authorized by the development of any property in which it is interested; (h) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise carry on, or any part of the property of the Company; (i) To prospect, explore, and develop the resources of the said lands, and to acquire, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise carry on, or any part of the property of the Company.

(j) To promote, form and register other companies in England or in any colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, and to acquire, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise carry on, or any part of the property of any such company, and to guarantee the shares, debentures or other securities issued by any such company; (k) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds or other securities of or in any other company, having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company; (l) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on, or about to carry on, any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company; (m) To amalgamate with any other company, or to acquire, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise carry on, or any part of the property of any such company, and to guarantee the shares, debentures or other securities issued by any such company; (n) To acquire by grant, purchase or otherwise, concessions of any property or privileges from any Government, British Colonial or Foreign, and to perform and fulfill the terms and conditions; (o) To obtain any Act of Parliament or law or order of any Colonial or Foreign legislature or Government for enabling the Company to carry out any of its objects into effect; (p) To promote, form and register other companies in England or in any colony, dependency, foreign country, state or territory, and to acquire, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise carry on, or any part of the property of any such company, and to guarantee the shares, debentures or other securities issued by any such company; (q) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds or other securities of or in any other company, having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company; (r) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on, or about to carry on, any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company; (s) To amalgamate with any other company, or to acquire, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise carry on, or any part of the property of any such company, and to guarantee the shares, debentures or other securities issued by any such company; (t) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds or other securities of or in any other company, having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company; (u) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on, or about to carry on, any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company; (v) To amalgamate with any other company, or to acquire, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise carry on, or any part of the property of any such company, and to guarantee the shares, debentures or other securities issued by any such company; (w) To take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, debentures, bonds or other securities of or in any other company, having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company; (x) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on, or about to carry on, any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company