

SIR FREDERICK WILL STEP OUT

Minister of Militia to Avoid Defeat by Resigning from Government

E. M. MacDonald, of Pictou, to Take Vacant Portfolio Until After Election.

Reports from the Country at Large all Point the Same Way in the Direction of Great Conservative Victory.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 31.—The resignation of Sir Frederick Borden from the portfolio of militia and defence is stated tonight to be in the hands of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

LOOKS AS IF SHUSTER MIGHT LOSE HIS JOB

Russia Will Not Stand For an American as Treasurer General in Persia—Minister Serves Notice.

Teheran, July 31.—The Russian minister, M. Fokieriski-Kozel, has informed the Persian government that he will not permit Russian coupons and fixed charges on customs to be paid through the new treasurer general of Persia, W. Morgan Shuster.

DROUGHT IN INDIA. Simla, India, July 31.—Half of India is stricken with drought and the monsoon is spasmodic. The outlook for crops is very serious.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH MAINE?

The farmers of the State of Maine have all the advantages that reciprocity could bring to the Maritime Provinces of Canada, and none of the disadvantages. They have free access to the much-talked-of "market of ninety millions," and cannot be shut out of it suddenly by a vote of congress.

WILL CALL STEEL MEN INTO COURT

Charles M. Schwab and Other Magnates Will Testify Before Committee Which is Probing Steel Trust.

New York, July 31.—Geo. W. Perkins, director of the United States Steel Corporation, and chairman of the Finance Committee of the International Harvester Company, was served with a subpoena today to appear before the Congressional Committee of inquiry into the affairs of the United States Steel Corporation.

Both Mr. Perkins and Mr. Schwab will be interrogated also about the origin of the United States Steel Corporation, and its relation to the independent manufacturing concerns of the company.

WESTMORLAND IS READY FOR FIGHT. Preparations Well Advanced For Westmorland's Liberal-Conservative County Convention Next Week.

COASTING SCH. ACHORE. Norfolk Va., July 31.—The three-masted coasting schooner Thomas L. James, of New York, bound for Norfolk to New York, lumber laden, went ashore early today on Smith's Island near Cape Charles, Va.

BIG FIRE IN B. C. Fernie, July 31.—Three million feet of logs were burned at the lumber camps of the Fernie Lumber Company yesterday.

Looking Through Laurier's Spectacles



OPTICIAN LAURIER—"Can't you see the money in this, Mister?"—From the Toronto News.

AN ECONOMY IN BUTTONS ON THE I. C. R.

Can't Buy Buttons And Booze Too, so Trainmen on Government Road Must Provide Their Own Buttons.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, July 31.—Summer uniforms for I. C. R. trainmen have just arrived from the maker in Quebec, in good time for fall use.

WASHED OVER BY HUGE WAVE

Sailor Drowned From Spanish Steamer Which Arrived at Parrsboro Yesterday—His Body Was Not Recovered.

Special to The Standard. Parrsboro, July 31.—The Spanish steamer Ramon De Leringne, Capt. Acchini, arrived from New York to load deals for R. L. Tucker.

NO OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CONNAUGHT COMING

Ottawa, Ont., July 31.—In reference to the statement that the Duke of Connaught will arrive at Quebec, October 13th it was learned from Major Trotter, A. D. C., that no official notice has yet been received.

ACCIDENT FORCES A BIG PLANT TO CLOSE.

Springfield, Mass., July 31.—The entire plant of the Chicopee Manufacturing Company at Chicopee Falls, has been closed for a week, owing to the breaking of the main shaft in Mill No. 2.

HON CLIFFORD SIFTON SAYS RECIPROCITY TREATY IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE EXPLOITATION OF CANADA

Ottawa, July 31.—Hon. Clifford Sifton today issued a strong anti-reciprocity manifesto, appealing to all Liberals and especially to the young men to "stand by national interests."

Mr. Sifton also announced that he will not be a candidate in Brandon, having written to the Liberal Association there to that effect.

In any such arrangement there will be some benefits and some injuries, but the former are problematical and the latter certain.

"The worst feature of the arrangement," Mr. Sifton says further, "is the sacrifice of our independence. THE MOMENT THE TREATY TAKES EFFECT OUR POLICY WILL BE CONTROLLED FROM WASHINGTON. THOUGH TODAY WE ARE THE MOST INDEPENDENT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, THE TREATY IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE EXPLOITATION OF CANADA."

HOUSE AND LOT OTTAWA HAS A \$10,000 BLAZE FOR CLIFFORD

Toronto Citizens Will do Handsomely by Canadian Marksman Who Captured King's Prize at Bisley.



PTE W. J. CLIFFORD.

Toronto, July 31.—Private W. J. Clifford, winner of the King's prize at Bisley, will be presented with a cabinet of silver and cutlery to cost \$500.

Union Construction Co. Plant Burned—Fire Chief and Driver Thrown From Auto Car During Fire.

Ottawa, July 31.—The plants of the Union Construction Company and the Ottawa Stone and Brick Company on Catherine street, were damaged by fire today to the extent of \$10,000.

JOHN W. GATES WAS VERY ILL LAST NIGHT.

Paris, July 31.—The condition of John W. Gates, tonight was very serious. He was semi-conscious most of the time.

TORONTO WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH.

Toronto, July 31.—Her clothing catching fire from a gas stove which she was lighting, Mrs. Mabel Bryan, 25 years of age, of 309 Church street received such severe burns yesterday that her death occurred a few hours afterwards.

THE VETO BILL CRISIS IS PA

PLEAD FOR MORE BEER, LESS FOAM

Barley Growers And Brewers From all Parts of United States Appear Before Government Food Inspectors.

Washington, D. C., July 31.—Entering the illustrious names of Herodotus, Caesar, Plato and other ancients as earnest drinkers of beer, barley growers and brewers from throughout the country today began testimony before the board of food and drug inspection to determine the long disputed question, What is Beer?

Dr. Wiley looked threatenly on the pitcher that adorned the speaker's table. It contained only water. There were no amber liquid samples at the hearing today.

John R. Mauff, representing the National Consumers' League and the Wisconsin Board of American Society of Equity, argued that most people were under the impression that all beer was made of barley, malt, hops and water, when in reality inferior grains or "chemical preservatives" were substituted.

ST. JOHN SCHOONER HAD A HARD TIME

Crew of The J. Arthur Lord Reduced to a Diet of Dried Biscuits And no Water.

Portland, Me., July 31.—After three days almost ceaseless work at the pumps to prevent the vessel from foundering, the crew of the little schooner J. Arthur Lord, brought their battered craft into this port late today.

STANDARD OIL CO. WILL REORGANIZE

The Trust Will be Split Into a Number of Smaller Companies But Shareholders Will Be Same.

New York, N. Y., July 31.—Directors of the Standard Oil Company have approved a plan of reorganization, it was learned today, to comply with the decree of the supreme court. Details of the plan will probably be made public very soon.

Breach in the Unionist Ranks, Now in Fair Way to be Healed.

Halsburyites Thought to be Powerless—Lansdowne Has Advantage.

Premier Asquith May, However, Decide to Create Fifty Peers as Precaution Against a Possible Attack.

London, July 31.—The political crisis over the veto bill has undergone a slight modification, as the cabinet decided to postpone the reappearance of the bill before the House of Commons on August 7.

Lord Lansdowne tonight issued a letter discountenancing the idea of a Unionist peers voting in the government lobby for the veto bill.

C. P. R. TO ENTER COAL BUSINESS

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PUGSLEY AND MORE PROMISES

—Or a real substantial progress under Conservative rule?