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BRITAIN WILL TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO MAINTAIN RIGHTS

Canal Dispute May be Submitted to Arbitration

FORMAL PROTEST SOON

It Will Then Become Necessary for the United States to Show Reasonable Cause Why Treaty Obligations Should Not be Fulfilled

Washington, Aug. 12.—A determined fight is to be made in the conference of the Panama Bill against the granting of free passage in the canal to American foreign bound ships. The conference committee has its first meeting today and continued discussion of the measure at a night session.

Senator Brandagee, who opposed free toll provisions in the senate, is understood to stand with Representatives Adamson and Stevens, of the house conferees, in opposing what they consider a violation of treaty rights, and the great concession to foreign bound shipping, it is believed from the preliminary conferences on the measure, that the free toll provision for American coastwise shipping will be retained.

Little progress was made in the first session of the conferees toward an agreement on the Bourne amendment, to divorce railroads from control of competing steamship lines, and the Reed amendment prohibiting trust-controlled ships from using the Panama Canal. Both houses have endorsed the plan to prohibit railroad-owned ships from using the canal; but the Bourne and Reed amendments are new matters, so far as the house is concerned.

The British government, according to advices from the state department today, has made no further representations to the United States regarding the proposition to allow American vessels to use the canal free of tolls, since the note of Charge Innes July 8th last. It is now awaiting, it is said, the enactment of the legislation into law and the adoption of regulations to put it into effect in order to have a sufficient basis for a more formal protest against what it regards as a clear breach of an existing treaty.

In recognition of the superior right of Great Britain to address the United States government on this subject by virtue of the existence of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, other European powers and even Japan have refrained from approaching the state department, notwithstanding that their interest is equal to that of Great Britain by reason of their right to claim equal treatment for their shipping under the favored nations clause in existing conventions with the United States.

Further Protests.

Officials of this government, however, are said to expect that soon after the signature of the act by the president, the British charge will be directed to submit to the state department a formal protest in behalf of his government against what it regards as discrimination against British shipping. This will require an equally formal reply, reciting the act itself as a mandate by congress which the executive cannot disregard, supported by such argument as the diplomatic bureau can make, to justify the action.

As this will amount to a positive refusal of the British request to treat British shipping on an equality with American, it is probable in the opinion of government authorities, that the foreign office will come forward with a proposition to submit the issue to arbitration, calling attention to the existing British-American arbitration treaty as a basis for the proposition, which move would bring the matter to a real crisis.

Should arbitration be adverse to the American position, it would be necessary, it is said, for the state department to find reasonable ground for a declination of the British overture, without laying itself open to the charge that it had deliberately violated the provisions of the treaty, the charge lodged against it in connection with the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

HAS NOTHING TO SAY.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, August 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned to Ottawa today after a holiday trip by automobile. He is not saying anything as to his thoughts on naval matters.

WRONG GIRL ATE POISONED CHOCOLATES

Rose Ziebe Partook of Candy Intended by James Bruce For His Wife.

DEATH OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER.

Man Hoped to Avoid Matrimonial Troubles—Forced to Marry.

Hamilton, Aug. 12.—Events are marking time in the tragedy of Miss Rose Ziebe, who died Sunday evening at the city hospital, after eating some candy given her by Mrs. Edith Bruce, a patient whom she had been calling upon. The facts gathered by the police have been forwarded to the Crown authorities at Toronto, and no new developments are expected pending the inquest.

The Misses Gertrude and Ethel Dalby, sisters of Mrs. Bruce, and Miss Vance, who were also with Mrs. Bruce at the time, and ate some of the candy, have fully recovered and returned to their homes late last night.

According to the police story, the Dalby girls and Miss Vance each ate one of the chocolates and Miss Ziebe ate two, while Mrs. Bruce bit into one and finding it bitter to the taste, spat it out. The stomach of the dead girl and half a pound of the chocolates have been sent to Toronto for analysis, and no statement will be given out before the inquest, as to what sort of poison the candies contained, though it is supposed to have been strychnine.

James Bruce, who is under arrest on an open charge is in his early twenties. He was in debt and his marriage with Edith Dalby was arranged in a hurry under circumstances which he has shown on several occasions had greatly irritated him. It had never occurred to him before Sunday to treat his wife to candy.

Miss Vance, Miss Ziebe and the Misses Dalby were chatting at the hospital with Mrs. Bruce, when the latter opened a box of chocolates which she informed her mother later in the evening had been given to her by her husband during the afternoon and offered them to her chums. Miss Ziebe immediately partook of the candies as did the other girls and they mentioned at that time that they had an odd taste.

Girl Collapsed.

About twenty minutes later the Ziebe girl, with a cry of pitiful agony, flung her hands to her breast and moaned terribly, while the others looked on stunned, for the moment. The house doctors were rushed for as well as several nurses, but, when they arrived the unfortunate girl was stretched on a nearby bed, uttering shrieks of agony. The doctors worked over her to ascertain the cause of her illness, but as the time sped away she gradually ceased moaning and passed away without uttering many words. It was on the information supplied by Mrs. Bruce that the police arrested her husband. When he visited the hospital yesterday afternoon, he was not very friendly to her, she said, and attracted considerable attention by speaking in abusive terms to her.

According to the parents of the young wife, Bruce has been in difficulties financially, for some time, and this to some extent, caused the rift between them. Mrs. Dalby declared late in the evening after visiting her daughter, that Bruce had declared to her that he had practically been forced to marry the girl to save her from disgrace.

"I put it in the papers about her marriage and he said he did not like it," said Mrs. Dalby. "I thought it should be announced, and did not care whether he liked it or not."

FRESHETS ON RIVER.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Aug. 12.—After rising about six feet almost to spring freshet height since Saturday, the St. John river started to recede here this afternoon. The St. John River Log Driving Company's boom at Six Mile Island near Grand Falls, broke away and two million feet of logs went adrift. A number of logs were carried over the Marysville dam on the Nashwaak River.

NETS CLOSE AROUND THE BANK THIEVES

Facts Now in Hands of Police Look Black for David Walters and His Companion.

PRISONERS' STORY IS DISCREDITED.

Attempt to Clear $350,000 Theft Charge Likely to Prove Futile.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—David Walters and Alice Davis, who were arrested in the Palmer House on Saturday night by Detectives Mitchell and Cronin in connection with the robbery of $350,000 from the Bank of Montreal branch at New Westminster last September, appeared before Magistrate Denison today and were remanded for a week without bail. They are charged with receiving stolen property, but did not plead or elect.

Yesterday the Toronto police received word that two officers had been hurriedly despatched to Toronto by the New Westminster police to take charge of the prisoners. Superintendent Fuller of the Pinkerton Agency, was also notified that representatives of the agency at Vancouver and Chicago were on their way to Toronto for identification purposes. The local superintendent informed the authorities that Walters is well known to the police in Chicago, Cleveland and other western American cities, having previously been in custody on four different occasions.

The woman declared her husband was a reputable citizen of Chicago and that they were simply enjoying a holiday jaunt in Eastern Canada. She stated that she and her husband had been connected with several theatrical enterprises. Her explanation of the big amount of silver found in their possession was that they had received it as their share of the receipts while playing in Canada. She felt that the notoriety of the whole affair had placed her and her husband in an embarrassing position.

Walters told the police he lived in an aristocratic district in Chicago. Supt. Fuller, of the Pinkerton agency telegraphed to the Chicago branch of the concern to make inquiries and received a reply that the address given by Walters was a blacksmith shop. The superintendent stated that the adjoining building was a noted dive frequented by pickpockets, thieves and confidence men. Last night Acting Inspector of Detectives George Guthrie stated that the police had recovered $9,250.50 of the stolen money.

The police think that about $3000 of the stolen money was circulated in Toronto.

CHARGE WOMAN WITH MURDER

Mrs. Frieda Trost Believed to Have Poisoned Husband Week After Wedding—Financial Troubles Cause.

Philadelphia, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Frieda Trost, proprietress of an uptown saloon, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of having caused the death of her husband, William Trost, within a week after her marriage to him, by administering poison, was committed to prison for her appearance tomorrow, when an inquest will be started in the case. Edmond Guenkle bar tender for Mrs. Trost, was also committed as a material witness in the case, which the police believe will have sensational developments.

After the arrest of the woman, the police say, they found a druggist from whom she purchased the poison on Monday last, or shortly before her husband was taken ill. At the hearing today the coroner's detective testified that in his investigation of the Trosts, he learned that Mrs. Trost, who was a widow when she married a second time, was deeply in debt. An autopsy performed by a coroner's physician, the detectives said, showed that Trost's death was caused by poison.

The police said Trost had a bank account of $4,000, and that his life was insured for $2,000.

C. P. R. DECLARES DIVIDEND.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—At a meeting of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company today a dividend of two per cent on preference stock for the half year, and two and one-half per cent. on common stock for quarter ended June 30th last were declared.

CORSICAN STRIKES ICEBERG

Allan Liner Meets With Mishap Near Belle Isle

PASSENGERS SAFE

Injury to Liner Does Not Prevent Her from Continuing Voyage—Other Vessels in Vicinity May Render Aid.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—Word came to Montreal tonight from Captain E. Cook of the Allan liner Corsican that his vessel struck an iceberg this afternoon in the vicinity of Belle Isle. The steamer is proceeding slowly and the damage which is reported as slight, is above the water line. The vessel will proceed on her voyage to Liverpool.

The message from Captain Cook, which came to the Allan Line office here is as follows:

"The Corsican struck an iceberg this afternoon at 4 p. m., while going very slow. Stem injured above the waterline, and ship is making no water. Will proceed on voyage."

The above message has been received at the Allan Line office here from Capt. Cook, of the Corsican.

The Corsican is said to be in no need of assistance.

Reports that the Lake Champlain and the Scandinavian were proceeding to the assistance of the injured vessel are without confirmation. The signal service reports show that the Scandinavian was some three hundred miles away at the time of the accident. The position of the Lake Champlain is not definitely known, but she passed Belle Isle at 8 a. m.

The exact position of the Corsican when she struck is not stated, but it is thought to have occurred some hundreds of miles east of Belle Isle, judging by the latest reports from the signal service.

The signal service report from Belle Isle shows dense fog prevailing and this is probably the cause of the collision with the berg and also accounts for the fact that the vessel was proceeding slowly.

The Corsican carried 25 first class, 62 second class and 200 steerage passengers. She sailed from Montreal for Liverpool last Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Aug. 12.—A Marconigram from the Straits of Belle Isle timed 4 p. m. today, states that the Allan Line steamer Corsican, bound from Montreal for Liverpool, struck an iceberg in lat. 52, 24 N., long. 52, 15 W. The Lake Champlain also bound from Montreal to Liverpool, is said to be going to her assistance.

The government steamer Lady Laurier is at sea in the vicinity of Sydney, and C. H. Harvey, agent of the marine department, is trying to get in touch with her to see if she can render assistance.

The Corsican has between 400 and 500 passengers. Her gross tonnage is 11,419. She was built in 1907.

PASSES PROBE TO BE RESUMED TODAY IN RAILWAY TOWN

Dr. Murray and John T. Hawke Will Undergo Examination—Liberal Organ Tries to Discredit Evidence.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Aug. 12.—The I. C. R. pass investigation will be resumed tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. C. A. Murray, whose name has appeared in connection with the issue of passes and John T. Hawke, Editor of the Transcript, have been summoned and it is expected will be the first to undergo examination.

In last Friday's examination one of the witnesses, Raymond Vye, referred to the issue of election passes in 1908 and some comment has been caused by the fact that he was not questioned in regard to the particulars. It is said that Vye, who was at that time chief clerk in the mechanical department could have given some interesting information in this connection, but it may come out later.

Books of election passes, it is said, were freely distributed and used.

The local liberal organ continues to publish nightly two or three columns of statements and comment mostly derogatory of the witnesses Vye and Ferguson, but exonerating or passing over the other parties concerned, the object apparently being to discredit those witnesses.

CONFESSES TO SHARE IN GRAFT CASE

Former Chief of Detroit Common Council Gave Information Leading to Arrest of 16 Aldermen.

WANTED TO HELP CLEAN UP CITY.

Town Will Be Startled When Disclosures Are Made He Said.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 12.—All doubt that the alleged confession of Edward Schreiter, former clerk of the common council, was the basis for the sixteen arrests made in the council graft cases last week, was removed this afternoon when Prosecuting Attorney Hugh Shepherd in an interview told the details of Schreiter's confession. Schreiter was taken before Police Justice Jeffries, to assist in making out warrants against the sixteen aldermen arrested last Friday, and two additional members of the common council, making eighteen in all who will appear in the police court tomorrow for examination, some on a charge of accepting a bribe, and others on a charge of promising to accept a bribe. Schreiter said his aged mother led him to confess.

"Schreiter made a complete and detailed confession of all the deals that he said he had been in," said the prosecutor. "He [illegible] this voluntarily three days after the council had ousted him from his job. He went to a hotel with me and a stenographer and spent five hours going over all of his transactions."

"He told me that he wanted to help clean up the city. I figured he could help us greatly but I promised him nothing. He did want to know whether it was a matter of just 'getting him' or cleaning up the city, and I assured him that I wanted his statement to clean up the whole thing. The confession takes up more than 100 pages, the details of which cannot be given out now. The city will be startled when the disclosures are made."

Schreiter, who is secretary of the American League of Municipalities, is charged by the operatives of Detective William J. Burns, with being the leader in the alleged bribery arrangements made with the Wabash railroad for street rights in the city of Detroit which resulted in the first aldermanic arrests being made several days ago. Schreiter was arrested at the time and is now at liberty on bail.

CANADA WILL BACK PROTEST

Understood that Dominion Will Support Home Government in Any Step Decided Upon—Mr. Borden in Conference.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—Canada will, in all probability, join in an international protest against the Panama canal bill passed by the United States senate. Premier Borden during his visit to London, it is understood, conferred with the British authorities in the matter and will support the home government in any step decided upon.

Diplomatic opinion in official circles here is that the whole question is one which will have to be referred to The Hague, in view of the fact that the United States senate has acted in the face of high constitutional opinion in its own country.

SUMMERSIDE GIRL MISSING, THOUGHT TO HAVE GONE WEST

Special to The Standard.

Summerside, P. E. I., Aug. 12.—A large number of young men and some women have left this place and vicinity en route west on the harvester's excursion. A young woman has disappeared from home here and her parents think that in all probability she has left for the west and advices have been sent to the authorities along the line to keep a watch for her and if located to take her in custody and send her back home.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PLANS PROTEST TO CANAL LEGISLATION

Every Province is Interested in Matter

VIOLATES TREATY

Canadian Shipping Put at Disadvantage by Action of American Senate, Says Prominent Citizen of West in Capital.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—"A vigorous protest will be made by British Columbia," said George H. Cowan, ex-M.P., who was in Ottawa today, "against the superficial and unwarranted interpretation the United States is putting on the Panama canal treaty, which will discriminate against Canadian shipping. The prairie provinces are really as vitally interested in this question as British Columbia and strong protests should be made by the governments of those provinces as well as by the coast province.

"The British Empire relinquished valuable rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty in order that the Panama canal like the Suez canal, might be free and open to the vessels of commerce and war of all nations on terms of equality, so that there should be no discrimination against her in favor of any nation in respect to traffic charges. If then, the United States be a nation it cannot discriminate either in favor of itself against Canada and observe the terms of the treaty.

"Its effect upon sea-going trade at the port of Vancouver, if this discrimination is allowed, will, of course, be serious. With six or seven transcontinental roads making to that port as an ocean terminus and the terms of the treaty observed, a large part of the train traffic of the middle west will go to Vancouver for shipment by sea via the Panama to Great Britain and Europe, and almost an equally large part of the importations will come by sea for British Columbia and the prairie provinces through the Panama canal."

REBELS SHED MORE BLOOD IN MASSACRE

Zapatistas Attack Railway Train Slaughtering 36 Soldiers and 20 Passengers.

MEAGRE DETAILS ONLY AVAILABLE.

Murderous Rifle Fire Followed By Unchecked Massacre Of Wounded.

Mexico City, Mex., Aug. 12.—Thirty-six soldiers and more than twenty passengers were slaughtered by Zapatistas in a canyon one kilometer north of Ticuman, 110 miles southeast of Mexico City, yesterday, when a passenger train southbound from this city was attacked from ambush. Only meagre details had reached this city tonight. So far as known only a part of the train crew escaped.

The first news of the assault was sent to Mexico City by Conductor Marin and Collector Dominguez, who although wounded, had managed to make their way to Yautepec, twelve miles away. They were forced to steal through the Zapatista lines, and did not arrive at the telegraph station until this afternoon.

After a murderous rifle fire had ceased the rebels swarmed down the hill side and set fire to three cars composing the train. A few of the wounded had crawled out on to the right of way, thus escaping the fate of those unable to leave the cars which were burned.

According to reports the leader of the rebels made absolutely no effort to restrain his men from acts of brutality greater than any that has yet marked the campaign in the south. The wounded pleaded for mercy, but none were spared.

HON. MARTIN BURRIL AT EXPERIMENTAL FARM IN KENTVILLE

After Drive Through Agricultural District Minister Inspected Work of Institution—Leaves for Windsor.

Special to The Standard.

Kentville, Aug. 12.—Hon. Martin Burrill, Minister of Agriculture, and Mrs. Burrill, arrived at Kentville from St. John accompanied by A. L. Davidson, M. P. for Annapolis. They were met by Prof Saxby of the experimental farm who with S. C. Parker, R. S. Starr and others lunched at the Aberdeen. They afterwards were driven in automobiles through the farming districts and to the experimental farm, where the extensive undertakings were inspected. In the evening the Minister addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering of horticulturists.

The minister joins his private car tomorrow morning at Windsor.

SCHOONER FULLER IN COLLISION WITH CRESCENT IN FOG

Former Vessel Goes Ashore but Crew Escape— Latter Hits Rock But is Later Floated

Machias Port, Maine, Aug. 12.—The loss of the Machias schooner, Addie Fuller, and the damaging of the British two masted schooner Crescent during the fog last night, became known today. The Fuller bound from Eastport loaded with coal went ashore at Little River Hold. The crew of six men rode ashore safely. The Crescent, which was bound from Maitland, N. S., for Vineyard Haven, struck on Avery Rock. She was floated later on and towed here.

TROUBLE FOR NEW PRESIDENT

Supporters of General Simon Plan Effort to Oust Present Incumbent of Chief Executive's Office in Hayti.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 12.—Movements apparent in the Haitien colony here indicate that preparations are under way for the formation of an expedition to oust the new president of Haiti, General Tancrede Auguste, who was elected by the Haitien congress August 8 following the tragic death by fire of the late president, General Cincinnaus Leconte.

The movement is headed by General Antion Simon, who took refuge in Jamaica in August in 1911, after his government had been overthrown by a revolution which placed General Leconte at the head of the country. General Simon has a considerable following among the Haitiens who have sought refuge here.

OFFICERS ON 200 MILE FLIGHT TO WAR MANOUVERS

Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 12.—To participate in the war manoeuvres in Connecticut, Lieuts. Arnold and Kirtland, of the United States army, began a 200 mile flight in a hydro-aeroplane from here today. If satisfactorily completed, the flight, it was said, would be the longest ever made in this country in a hydro-aeroplane.