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LAURIER AT TORONTO TALKS TO MANUFACTURERS

Declares Canada and Great Britain Cannot Agree on a Trade Policy

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Sept. 26.—The manufacturers banquet tonight at the King Edward was a magnificent affair, about 300 people attending. Hon. J. D. Rolland, the newly-elected president of the association, occupied the chair, and he had on his right the lieutenant-governor. Sir Mortimer Clark, on his left Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"If I had my own way in this matter I am afraid I would have a different organization of the British empire. I would have universal free trade in the British empire. But against it there are two chief objections. Canada does not want it. Australia does not want it. Great Britain does not want it. Great Britain is prepared to consider a reciprocity with a not ready to receive it, and therefore we cannot possibly trouble about it. Great Britain will not limit her free trade ever within the boundaries of the British empire. Canada will not have it because she is not prepared for free trade, even in the British empire. But what we want in the British empire. This is the thing we are ready for in this country but it is the thing that they are not ready for in the motherland. On my part, while we don't want to interfere with our domestic and fiscal policy by the people of Great Britain, we will not attempt to dictate to the people of Great Britain. (Cheers.) Let us have freedom of all, whatever may be the difficulties of the position, and at least maintain the policy which has been so successful in the last ten years.

Canadian Interests Sacrificed

"We take the record of the diplomat of Great Britain, in so far as Canada is concerned, and the record is a record of a reputation of the sacrifice of Canadian interest. (Cheers.) We have suffered on the Atlantic, we have suffered on the Pacific, we have suffered wherever there has been a question discussed between British diplomatists and foreign diplomatists and we have come at last to the opinion on this point that in our relations with foreign countries it would be better to attend to our business ourselves. It has long and long been the desire, if I mistake not, of the Canadian people that we should be entrusted with the negotiations of our own treaties, especially in regard to commerce. Well, this long looking for reform has come to be a live reality. (Cheers.)

"But, gentlemen, my sentiment does not spring from such a source as you might suppose; it is universally recognized that the heart of the mother goes out with strongest emotion to the wayward son. (Laughter.) In this you have the reason for my love for Toronto. I may have washed and endeavored to gather my children under her wings. But Toronto would not let me do so. (Renewed laughter.)

INHUMAN SEAMEN COOPER HAD GET OFF EAST HIS OWN WAY

Captain and Mate Convicted at New Carlisle of Torturing Boy A TERRIBLE STORY Victim Tells of Being Tied to Ring-bolt on Deck, Branded With Hot Iron, Thrown Overboard, Pulled Up and Hung Over Vessel's Side—Witnesses Corroborate Him.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Campbellton, N. B., Sept. 26.—Both the captain and mate of the bark Agat, charged with cruelty to a young German sailor, were this afternoon found guilty at New Carlisle. The captain was fined \$100, and the mate sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$100. The story told by the witnesses was one of the most revolting ever heard of in this part of the country. The boy's own testimony was about as follows: He was tied to a ring bolt in 3 o'clock, and was compelled to hold a cat in his arms all that time. If the cat escaped him he was beaten by the mate. He was also beaten over the head with a rope by the mate; his hair was pulled out by the captain and his teeth broken; he was stripped and thrown overboard, tied to a rope, and left in the water for half an hour, and then pulled up and left to hang over the side for ten minutes. Immediately afterwards he was compelled to go about, although he was almost exhausted. He was compelled to sleep in a hole about thirty inches square, and he could scarcely get out any covering. The mate branded him on the legs with a red hot iron. His story was corroborated in every detail by another sailor who had escaped from the vessel after being ill treated, as well as by other witnesses who were engaged in loading the stevedores. The captain and mate denied the statements made by the sailor, and explained that he had gone overboard to take a bath, and if he could not get ashore the place described it was because he was unclean.

Terrible Story of Torment. The victim of the cruelty is a young German, and his oppressors were Captain K. Krastler and the mate, James Agat, and the first mate of the same vessel. The Agat arrived at Bonaventure on Sept. 25 and finished loading on Sept. 25. The cruelties to which the German boy was subjected came under the observation of Stevedore Gallagher and his men a day or two later. The boy was taken aboard the Agat, and was kept in this position for days, it is alleged, and the only food handed out to him consisted of burned crusts and water. He took his own food, and the mate had thrust his head against the deck until it had driven him mad. Mr. Gallagher asked the captain why he kept the boy in the position. The captain's only reply was that the boy would not do it unless he was kept in that position.

On another occasion the longshoremen at the mill took the boy by the neck and shoulders, and held him up through the rigging, the boy all the while screaming in a terrified manner. Baring his neck and shoulders, the boy told others marks which he said had been inflicted by the mate with a red hot iron. Mr. Smith, remonstrated with the captain for treating the boy as he did, saying that the boy couldn't understand his orders. The captain replied that the boy could understand, and that he was a "No stand." The second mate, it is said, was about the only member of the crew who showed sympathy for the boy. Mr. Smith, Stevedore Garratt, that if he was treated the way the boy was he would kill every man on board and go to hell. Stories of the cruelties inflicted on the boy were brought ashore by the men loading the vessel, and they reached the local authorities, with the result that they went on board the vessel and took the boy ashore. They also wired some of the facts in the case to the German consul at Montreal. The consul wired back to have the mate and captain arrested on information laid by the boy.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of the two officers. Early Friday morning L. P. Lebel and a constable visited the ship to place the mate under arrest. With an axe over his shoulder and the crew behind him, the mate stood and defied the officers to arrest him. The local officers retreated. They went ashore and found the mate and placed him under arrest, and took him down to the ship. He was kept in a few minutes to the mate from the ship. The mate was taken to the jail and a constable visited the ship to place the mate under arrest. With an axe over his shoulder and the crew behind him, the mate stood and defied the officers to arrest him. The local officers retreated. They went ashore and found the mate and placed him under arrest, and took him down to the ship.

The mate, who is said to be handsome and somewhat polished, then went into his cabin and dressed himself, after which he went with the officers. Both the captain and mate were taken to New Carlisle and locked up. The captain came to Campbellton on Saturday evening in the care of the sheriff and had a long interview with W. Albert Mott, the Norwegian consul, with the result that Mr. Mott went down to New Carlisle on Monday to defend both him and the mate. The preliminary examination was begun on Tuesday before Magistrate Tremblay. Another German boy, who was also the victim of ill treatment on board the Agat, ran away. He was located by the authorities and was one of the witnesses against the mate.

N.S. SCHOONER TURNS TURTLE AGAINST ABROGATING THE JAPANESE TREATY

One of 'Princess of Avon's' Crew Perish; Three Cling to Wreck STRUCK BY SQUALL

(Special to The Telegraph.) Boston, Sept. 26.—Snatched from death when hope had been abandoned and they were about to relax their unsteady hold on their overturned craft, three of the crew of the little Nova Scotia schooner Princess of Avon were lifted from the waters of the bay off Nahant yesterday by a boat's crew from the quartermaster's steamer, Capt. Morrison.

One man was drowned before succor could reach him. He was Elsie Norman, 40 years old, of Hanport (N. S.), where he leaves a wife and four children. He was making his first trip at sea, having previously been employed in a lumber yard at Hanport. The saved were Capt. James Howard McLellan, of Kamp (N. S.); Mate Joseph Wilcox, of Cheverie (N. S.); and Seaman George M. Ross, also of Cheverie.

The captain and mate are over 70 years old and their experience nearly cost them their lives. When the vessel turned turtle they were carried under the water and were nearly drowned before they managed to get out. They were numb and exhausted when the rescuing boat reached them. Norman was thrown into the water with the others, but instead of clinging to the wreck he deliberately swam toward the open sea. He appeared to be bewildered and paid no heed to the others when they called to him to return. He swam steadily for about five minutes. Then the sea began to beat him down. He turned his face upward, uttered a despairing cry and sank.

Ross, who had climbed onto the bottom of the wreck, saw the man go down. The three survivors were brought to the shore yesterday afternoon and landed at Commercial wharf. Later they were taken in charge by the British consular agent, Mr. J. J. McKeown, and were taken to the homes of their relatives in Nova Scotia.

The schooner was on a voyage from Hanport to Boston, carrying a cargo of lumber. The vessel was commanded by Capt. John J. DeCoursey, commander of the Capt. Morrison, for coming to the rescue and for the hospitable treatment accorded the shipwrecked men. The schooner had been on a voyage from Hanport to Boston, carrying a cargo of lumber. The vessel was commanded by Capt. John J. DeCoursey, commander of the Capt. Morrison, for coming to the rescue and for the hospitable treatment accorded the shipwrecked men.

Struck by Squall. "We left Hanport two weeks ago last Saturday, bound to Beverly with a cargo of 125,000 feet of lumber. We had some bad weather, but not withstanding this the vessel made the run from Spencer's Island to Salem in four days. We were under way on Saturday morning. "We hauled up to Beverly and discharged at a lumber wharf, and while there I got word from my owner to proceed to Moncton (N. B.). I had the vessel towed down to Salem harbor Tuesday afternoon, and yesterday morning, although it was a trifle misty, I decided to make an early start. "The weather became very equally as we came along the north shore, and to prevent being carried out to sea by the strong northerly wind, we had all the sail on her she would carry. She had a reefed mainsail, jib and forestay set, and was beating up against the wind, making rather slow progress. "Without a moment's warning we were struck by a violent squall which caught the vessel completely. I was at the wheel at the time and Norman was close beside me. The mate and Ross were forward, and when the squall hit us the mate let go the jib lanyard in an effort to keep her from going over. "This had no effect, however, for she rolled her starboard rail under and then turned turtle, throwing us all in the water. The mate and myself went down under the vessel until I thought we would never get clear of her. When we did come to the surface we were some distance away but managed to swim to the schooner and got hold of the quarter.

Olung to Capsized Boat. "I clung there until a big sea swept me away and then I swam back to the wreck and got hold of the chain plates at the main rigging. Ross climbed up on the bottom of the vessel and he hung on to the keel with both hands. The mate was swept away, but managed to swim back and together we clung to the side until the boat from the quartermaster's steamer came up to help us. "Norman appeared to be all right. He was not injured or stunned, but he made no attempt to get to the vessel, which he could easily have done. Instead he swam right away from us and kept calling, but we could not understand what he said. We were fighting for our lives and it came very near being a losing battle. I have been nearly five minutes, but it seemed like many. My legs were so cramped that I was almost doubled up and was about ready to give up when assistance came to us. "We lost everything but the clothing we had on. We dried our clothes in the sun. (Continued on page 7, seventh column.)

Pass Resolution, After a Lively Debate, Calling on Government Not to Take Any Hurried Action in the Matter—Hon. J. D. Rolland Elected President, and Charles MacDonald Vice-President for New Brunswick.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Sept. 26.—At the close of the convention of Canadian Manufacturers' Association today some discussion took place on the resolution urging the government to exercise caution before taking steps to abrogate the treaty between Great Britain and Japan. One member thought the resolution dangerous in its implications but W. K. George and Mr. Robins, of Walkerville, stoutly supported it and it was adopted. The resolution was as follows: "Whereas there can be no doubt that it is the desire of all intelligent people in Canada that we should build up a trans-Pacific trade with Asia from results of which all parts of Canada, and especially British Columbia would greatly benefit. "And whereas, it cannot be doubted that the existence of the present treaty, favorable as it is in many respects to Canada, has already done a great deal towards the development of trade with Japan and that the abrogation of the treaty would not only be disastrous so far as existing trade is itself concerned, but all hope of future extended relations with Japan would have to be abandoned. "Be it resolved, that we do urgently recommend that dominion government give due consideration to all interests in Canada, should take no hurried action towards the abrogation of the treaty as it stands today as a basis of friendly relations and alliance between Britain and Japan."

Officers were elected as follows: President—Hon. J. D. Rolland, Montreal. Vice-presidents—John Hendry, Vancouver; R. Hobson, Hamilton, as Ontario vice-president; Quebec—D. L. McRobb; Montreal—Nova Scotia—T. M. Cutler, Halifax; British Columbia—R. P. McLeod, Vancouver, New Brunswick—Chas. MacDonald, St. John. Prince Edward Island, P. E. Hazzard, Charlottetown. Alberta and Saskatchewan—A. G. Cross, Calgary. Treasurer—Geo. Booth, Toronto. Secretary—G. M. Murray, Toronto.

TWO YEARS PRISON FOR AMHERST WIFE BEATER

W. G. Lowe, Who Assaulted Bride He Married in June, Sent to Dorchester Penitentiary.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Amherst, N. S., Sept. 26.—Tonight M. G. Lowe was sentenced by Judge Patterson to two years in Dorchester penitentiary for a brutal assault on his wife. Lowe, who is a native of the town, has been cutting rather a wide swath during the past year. In January last he obtained a divorce in Boston from his first wife, the plea being desertion. In June he was married to Miss Ollie Blair, of Amherst Shore, a very respectable young lady. Things did not run smoothly and about six weeks ago, while intoxicated, he committed a grievous assault upon her causing such injury that she was obliged to be taken to the public hospital for treatment, and is still suffering from her wounds. Much sympathy is expressed for his mother and young wife. Lowe is a barber by trade and has lived a considerable time in the United States. H. J. Logan, M. P., prosecuted, and C. R. Smith, K. C., defended.

BIG RISE OF WATER IN ST. JOHN RIVER

Rafting Operations About Over—Total 735,000,000 Feet—Other News of the Capital.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 26.—Miles Enack, of this city, shot a fine moose yesterday near Burgess Hill stream. He brought the carcass out of the woods intact and it attracted much attention today. "Merritt H. Smith, of New York, and his son, Merritt H. Smith, Jr., passed through the city on route home from a hunting expedition to the Miramichioch having the head of a fine moose. So far the influx of American sportsmen to the province is not quite as large as last year but very few have returned home without shooting a moose. Four sportsmen from Johnston (Pa.), who hunted on Crooked Deadwater, shot a moose each on the opening day of the season. The water in the river here has risen nearly two feet as a result of the recent rains. The St. John River Log Driving Company will finish rafting operations the last of next week. The total amount handled at the booms this season will be close to 135,000,000 feet. All the towing of this season has been attended to by D. D. Glaser & Son. The examinations of the U. N. B. commenced this morning and will be finished on Saturday. The college opens on Monday and indications point to a large Freshman class.

CANADIAN GIRLS BETTER WATCH OUT

Six Hundred English Spinners Sailed for the Dominion Thursday. Montreal, Sept. 26.—(Special)—A London cable says: Six hundred spinners sailed today for Canada via New York. Eight hundred emigrants sailed for Canada by the Dominion line Thursday. Toronto, Sept. 26.—(Special)—The senate of Queen's University, Kingston, will confer the degree of LL. D. on Hon. G. P. Graham and others this fall.

SUSPECT TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN HAS STOLEN THE RIG

Amherst Livery Stable Proprietor Let Horse to James Rouse Saturday, But He Hasn't Returned.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Amherst, N. S., Sept. 26.—James Rouse, a ticket-of-leave man from the maritime penitentiary at Dorchester, hired a rig from W. B. Strang's stable last Saturday to drive to Tidnish. Becoming uneasy, Strang has since the matter in the hands of the authorities, believing that Rouse has stolen the rig. He was last seen heading for Northport.

FERRYBOAT CAPSIZES; FOURTEEN DROWNED

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 26.—A ferryboat crossing Tombigbee river at the government works at McGrew's shoals, near Jackson (Ala.) late today, capsized. One white boy and thirteen negroes were drowned. The boy was Leslie Verneuil, 16 years of age, residing in Oakdale, a suburb of this city.

WRECKED SENLAC SOLD FOR \$9,000

Halifax, Sept. 26.—Stamer Senlac was sold at auction this morning to C. B. Robinson, St. John, for \$9,000. The steamer was sold at the instance of the underwriters. Bidding was started at \$5,000 and went up in \$500 jumps.