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Politics And Labor

Ralph Smith on the Relations Which Should Exist Between Leaders.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Address to the Trades and Labor Congress.

President Compliments the Government on Good Work During the Past Season.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Sept. 18.—The annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress opened this afternoon. Delegates were welcomed to the city in brief addresses from Sir W. Laurier, Hon. Wm. Mulock, Mr. Belcourt, M.P., and others.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke of himself as a workingman. No class could be independent of another. What brought the congress together was a mission of peace, and whatever the congress would do in the way of promoting the best interests of the working classes would be welcomed by all good citizens of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. Mulock said that of all deliberate bodies, none was charged with greater responsibilities than that which represented the cause of labor to workmen and the people. He presented Ralph Smith with the first copy of the Labor Gazette and asked the co-operation of the congress in carrying out the work which the government had undertaken in the matter of suppressing the sweating system and otherwise showing itself model employer. He touched on what had been done with regard to the fair wages movement. Whether a clause was to be effective in avoiding industrial disputes depended greatly upon the workingmen themselves.

Ralph Smith expressed the appreciation of the congress for the kind expressions which had just been made. Personally he was of the opinion that the leaders of great political parties should be brought into direct contact with leaders of labor. Misunderstandings had too often existed between the leading public men and the leaders of labor. He was convinced that in Canada the labor movement had made a determined start. He believed the foundation had been laid upon reason, integrity and justice, and such being the case, he was confident of the outcome. It was to the lawmakers of Canada that the labor men looked to some extent for amelioration, but this did not release the members of the congress from individual responsibility.

Mr. Smith read a telegram from Winnipeg announcing that Mr. Puttee had been selected as the Labor candidate in that city.

In his address he also spoke of the good work the government had accomplished last session in the interest of labor, and made particular reference to the going away with the sweating system and passing the conciliating act and the fair wage resolution, and complimented the government for the appointment of men favorable to labor. He also referred to the government's hearty approval of the mine bill, although thrown out by the Senate.

Chinese immigration was also mentioned.

THE DUKE'S TRIP

To Australia to Open the Parliament of the New Confederation.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 17.—The London correspondent of the Tribune says: "Lord Salisbury has received the credit for recommending the royal journey of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia, the first parliament of the New Confederation, but no doubt Mr. Chamberlain has been the chief policy. He has lost interest in old age pensions and other socialistic experiments, and is rounding out his career as the greatest of England's Imperialists and displaying his magnificence in emphasizing, in every possible way, the world-wide interests which have been involved in the war with South Africa and in the settlement brought about with the loyal support of the colonies."

TWENTY LIVES LOST

Two Steamers Sunk in a Collision in Cardigan Bay.

(Associated Press.)
Liverpool, Sept. 18.—The British steamer Gordon Castle and the German steamer Stormann collided in Cardigan Bay Sunday night and both vessels sank. Twenty of the persons on board the Gordon Castle were lost.

FIGHT WITH RIVER PIRATES

(Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 18.—A fierce battle was fought last night between a posse of special officers of the Leigh Valley Railroad Company and a gang of river pirates, who were in the act of stealing coal from a tow of barges in Staten Island Sound, off Rossville, N. J. About one hundred shots were exchanged and one of the thieves, who was captured, was found to be wounded in the leg. Another, who was shot, managed to escape in a small boat. Two of the gang, according to their companions who were captured, were drowned. Four are under arrest.

NETHERLANDS PARLIAMENT.

International Bureau of Arbitration Tribunal—Increased Taxation.

(Associated Press.)
The Hague, Sept. 18.—The states general (parliament of Netherlands) were reopened to-day by Queen Wilhelmina, who was accompanied by the Queen mother. In the speech from the throne, Her Majesty referred to the continued friendly relations with foreign countries, with the exception of China, and mentioned that the convention of the peace conference had been ratified by almost all the powers.

The Queen also said: "I hope the international bureau of arbitration tribunal will shortly be established here, and that it will fulfill the end for which it was founded by assisting in the peaceful settlement of differences between nations, a work of importance which cannot be too highly rated."

The only direct reference to the South African war and the Chinese troubles were Her Majesty's mention of "two deplorable events" necessitating the presence of Netherlands war ships for the protection of Hollanders.

Her Majesty pronounced the finances of the country to be in a satisfactory condition, but said further taxation measures were necessary, principally to cover the cost of compulsory education.

Mr. Steyn's Flight

The Ex-President Is Reported to Have Arrived at Lorenzo Marquez.

Boers Destroy Railway Line and Culverts—The Fight at Koomati Poort.

London, Sept. 19.—The following dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated yesterday, appears in the Daily Telegraph: "A pitched battle has been fought between Kaap Muiden and Hectorspruit, resulting in heavy Boer losses. The Boers removed and now threaten to destroy the cogwheels of locomotives used between Natourhaboven and Walsbush, and without which the railway cannot be worked. They have blocked and damaged the railway for six miles on the Crocodile-Poort section, have destroyed the culverts and the Hectorspruit bridge and looted and burned Koomati Poort. The British are now at Koomati Poort and heavy fighting is proceeding."

It is rumored that Mr. Steyn has arrived here.

Refugees at Lorenzo Marquez.

Lorenzo Marquez, Sept. 18.—Five hundred Boer refugees arrived here this evening. Twenty were wounded.

Captured Locomotives.

Pretoria, Sept. 18.—Gen. Pole-Carew has occupied Kaap Muiden, about 20 miles east of Nelspruit, where he captured a number of locomotives and a considerable quantity of rolling stock.

ASK FOR A RECEIVER.

Affairs of the Chicago Packing and Provision Company, Ltd.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Sept. 19.—The Inter-Ocean prints the following statement: "The common stockholders of the Chicago Packing & Provision Co., Ltd., practically decided, at a meeting held yesterday, to ask for a receiver for the company."

"In doing so a question will be raised of paramount importance to stockholders interested in foreign corporations throughout the United States. The fight grows out of the fact that the corporation, being unable to conduct the business profitably, decided at a meeting held in London, September 12th, to wind up its business. Great trouble arose when it was learned that the quick assets of the company would be sufficient only to pay off preferred stockholders, leaving nothing for the common shareholders. The latter had paid 35 per cent. dividends from 1890 to 1892, and consequently sold above par. The stock gradually went down and the dividends were reduced and the last sale was \$1 per share."

"The Chicago Packing & Provision Co., Ltd., took the business of Chicago Packing & Provision Company of Illinois. The English company got quick assets, amounting to \$511,721. The company was bonded for \$803,000. Of this issue the stockholders in the American company took \$411,000, receiving in addition \$290,000 in capital stock. The common stockholders now assert that it was with the proceeds of the bonds that the American corporation was purchased and that the stock issue of a par value of \$1,948,000 went as a bonus to the promoters."

THE DUKE'S LIABILITIES.

(Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 18.—The Duke of Manchester has concluded that it is useless to attempt to compromise with his creditors, and has signed his consent to be adjudicated a bankrupt. During the course of his statement to the court, the Duke says the family estates, of which he is a life tenant, are so heavily mortgaged that the receipts only suffice to pay the interest. He adds that since attaining his majority his relatives have allowed him £70 monthly, but that his expenditure has been from £1,500 to £2,000 a year. In addition to his known liabilities of £18,000, there are very many acceptances outstanding, the amount and whereabouts of which he has no knowledge.

Fight in Progress

For Possession of the Town of Kaamati Poort, on Transvaal Frontier.

It Is Rumored That Botha Is Among Boers Who Have Surrendered.

Roberts Reports Skirmishes Between British Troops and Burghers.

(Associated Press.)
Lorenzo Marquez, Sept. 18.—Fighting is proceeding at Koomati Poort. All the available men have been sent to the frontier.

It is expected that Koomati bridge will be destroyed. There is great uneasiness here.

Poort is a town on the frontier of the Transvaal, and on the railway leading from Pretoria to Portuguese territory. It is situated about fifty miles from Lorenzo Marquez. With the occupation of Koomati Poort the British would be able to cut off all supplies reaching the Boers by railroad from Portuguese territory.

Has Botha Surrendered?

New York, Sept. 18.—A large part of the Hunterbong commando has surrendered, and there are reports that Commandant Botha has given himself up. The London correspondent of the Tribune cables relative to the South African war.

Locomotive Captured.

London, Sept. 18.—Lord Roberts reports from Machadopol under date of Monday, September 17th, that a few minor skirmishes have taken place between the British troops and Boers.

He adds that Gen. French has captured fifty locomotives in addition to the forty-three locomotives and other rolling stock which he took when he occupied Barberton on September 12th, and that Gen. Stevenson was expected to occupy Nelspruit during the afternoon of September 17th.

London, Sept. 17.—The Daily Mail's Pietermaritzburg correspondent announces that Lord Roberts will start for England about October 3rd.

This time there is little doubt of the genuineness of the report of his early return. Some troops will be coming back and the election will thus be excellently timed by the government to take advantage of national fever over a successful war.

Mr. F. W. Reitz, state secretary of the defunct South African republic, is going to Paris, according to the Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail, from which point he will proceed to the United States, where he will probably remain.

Must Sell to Europe.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—The Vossoche Zeitung points out that the "singular orders" given by the Portuguese government to the governor of Mozambique authorizing the departure of Mr. Kruger for Europe, permits Mr. Kruger to sail only for a European port, adding: "The government in so doing goes beyond its powers. Doubtless Lisbon is acting under pressure from Great Britain, which fears, presumably, that Mr. Kruger is going to the United States."

The Canadians.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Further reports received at the militia department to-day from different contingents in South Africa up to August 12th show the effective strength of the infantry on that date was 548 men, an improvement over last report; 217 men were sick. This report is dated Welveden.

Col. Otter states that on August 9th the battalion joined Hart's brigade of infantry, which included the Northumberland, Somerset, Derbyshires and Buffs. Devet was marching northward and the infantry pegged after him and had a trying time. The men are standing the work very well.

The first battalion of Mounted Rifles was at Bankfontein on August 6th. The effective strength being 171 out of 368.

The second battalion Mounted Rifles was at Pan Station on August 8th, the effective strength being 166 out of 373.

London, Sept. 19.—Lord Roberts telegraphs from Nelspruit, Vaal River colony, under the date of Tuesday, September 18th, that the town was occupied upon the previous day without opposition.

He adds that he is in communication with General Buller and is able to send him supplies.

Lord Roberts further announces that General Buller reports that the bulk of his opponents now are mercenaries and Cape Colony rebels.

Kruger's Departure.

Lorenzo Marquez, Sept. 17.—Mr. Kruger, the former president of South African Republic, will not sail for Europe on the German steamer Herzog on Monday, September 24th, as he originally intended.

The Hague, Sept. 19.—The government of the Netherlands have been notified of Mr. Kruger's acceptance of its offer to place a warship at his disposal to

convey him from Lorenzo Marquez to Holland.

The Victoria Cross.

London, Sept. 19.—Through a telegraphic error in the recent transmission of the dispatch announcing the gazettement of a sergeant of Strathcona's Horse as a recipient of the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in South Africa, the name was made to appear "Arthur Lindsay," whereas it should have read "Arthur H. Lindsey Richardson."

Annuity for Father O'Leary.

Quebec, Sept. 19.—Protestants and Roman Catholics alike have organized a joint committee to solicit subscriptions towards providing Rev. Father O'Leary, the Roman Catholic chaplain to the first Canadian contingent in South Africa, with a suitable annuity for his old age on account of his services to the sick and dying Canadians on the field of battle.

MAIL STEAMER ASHORE.

It is Reported that Several Passengers Have Been Drowned.

(Associated Press.)
Athens, Sept. 19.—The Egyptian mail steamer Chariki is ashore upon the island of Andros with a broken shaft. Some of her passengers have been drowned.

Situation Improving

System and Order Take the Place of Chaos at the City of Galveston.

(Associated Press.)
Galveston, Sept. 18.—"The situation continues to improve," is what one is told when applying at any of the various headquarters for information. In fact this statement is being made with gratifying monotony all over the city. The work has been brought down to a business basis as far as possible, and the amount of system and order furnished in the various departments would furnish cause for considerable surprise to anyone who might return to Galveston after an absence of three or four days. The men have been assured of compensation for their labor, and they now go about their unpleasant tasks with a much better grace than heretofore.

Workmen Being Assured of Compensation Are at Work Clearing Away Debris.

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DEATH FROM THE PLAGUE.

(Associated Press.)
Glasgow, Sept. 18.—One of the four members of the family reported yesterday to have been stricken with the plague has since died.

BIG BLAZE AT WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, Sept. 18.—Robert Whitelaw & Company's iron foundry was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The loss is estimated between \$30,000 and \$40,000, and is partially covered by insurance.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Portuguese Bark Set on Fire—Suicide of the Captain.

(Associated Press.)
Santiago, de Cuba, Sept. 19.—A sailor from the Portuguese bark Gertrude, which founded while en route from Galveston to Rio Janeiro, who landed from a small boat on the coast about 20 miles west of Playa del Este, declares that the recent hurricane washed the sea over the ship, and she was on the point of sinking but the pumps were successfully worked, and she would have probably ridden out the gale had not the lightning struck her and set her on fire.

GUARDING LORD SALISBURY.

(Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 18.—There was an unusual gathering of uniformed police and Scotland Yard detectives at King's Cross railway station this morning, awaiting the arrival of Lord Salisbury from his country seat.

A PLEASANT DUTY.

(When I know anything worthy of recommendation, I consider it my duty to tell it," says Rev. Jas. Murdoch, of Hamburg, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder has cured me of Catarrh of five years' standing. It is certainly magical in its effect. The first application benefited me in a few minutes, 50 cts."—Sold by Dean, & Hlecock and Hall & Co.—

Ladysmith Collision

The Result of the Inquest Which Was Held at Nanaimo Yesterday.

Duggan Held Responsible for the Accident in Which Four Lives Were Lost.

Funeral of Superintendent Fisher Is Taking Place To-Day—Working at Wreck.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Sept. 19.—The inquest into the disaster near Ladysmith whereby Robert Fisher, Samuel Walton, Hugh Thompson and Harry Saunders lost their lives, took place in the provincial court house yesterday afternoon before Acting Coroner Herbert Stanton. The following jury was empaneled: John Dawson (foreman), G. W. J. Westwood, William Scoville, W. H. Philpott, J. H. Pease and Gilbert McKinnell.

Evidence was given by Mr. Bostock, conductor of No. 1 train; Jos. Thornblough, conductor of No. 10; Fred. Brown, train dispatcher at Victoria, and N. P. Duggan, telegraph operator at Ladysmith.

It appeared that No. 1, which was a loaded train from Wellington, had orders to take the siding at Fiddick's Junction to allow the passenger to pass. She arrived at Fiddick's Junction at 8 o'clock, and was still there when, at about 10 o'clock, Duggan reported to Victoria that she had arrived at Ladysmith. Immediately thereafter orders were received from Victoria that "the line was clear," and at 10:15 engine No. 10, with a train of empties for South Wellington, started from Ladysmith with the well-known result.

The only excuse Duggan had to offer for his ill-fated report was that "he has been blind since the Ladysmith disaster."

After the taking of evidence the jury, after a short consultation, returned the following verdict:

"We, the coroner's jury, empaneled to inquire into the death of Harry Saunders, who was killed in the collision between No. 1 and No. 10 engines on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, near Ladysmith, September 15th, find that the collision was caused by the negligence of the operator at Ladysmith, Nathan Paul Duggan, who reported that No. 1 train was in Ladysmith when it had not arrived there."

After the inquest Duggan was arrested and taken before Magistrate Yarwood and committed for trial for manslaughter.

Robert Fisher, the deceased superintendent of South Wellington mines, will be buried in Nanaimo cemetery this afternoon from the residence of Rev. C. E. Cooper, rector of St. Paul's church, on Prudeaux street.

In response to a telegram from Robert Walton, Havelock, Ont., the remains of Samuel Walton, the engineer, will be shipped to that city on Thursday.

A large force of men are now clearing the debris of the wreck, which will take a week or ten days to complete. It is thought that most of engine No. 10 can be saved.

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WALDERSIDE AT HONGKONG.

Commander-in-Chief of Allies Starts for Shanghai To-night—German Note to Powers.

Hongkong, Sept. 18.—The German steamer Saschal, having on board Field Marshal Count von Walderside, commander-in-chief of the international forces in China, and his staff, has arrived here. The Field Marshal landed and was received by a guard of honor of British troops. Count von Walderside will proceed to Shanghai, en route to Taku, this evening.

Another Note.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—The foreign office has sent a circular to all the powers announcing that the German government considers that an indispensable preliminary to the beginning of peace negotiations with China is the delivering up of those who were responsible for the outrages.

Chinese Drilling.

Hongkong, Sept. 18.—It is reported in the West River district that Chinese troops are visible in every town, and that they are actively drilling. A Chinese gunboat is again patrolling the river and it is evident that some action is contemplated. The Sandpiper, which has been patrolling the delta, has proceeded to Canton.

Smith For Commons

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Sept. 19.—At the Trades and Labor Congress to-day, a resolution was unanimously passed asking Ralph Smith to run as Labor candidate for the Dominion House in Nanaimo.

Mr. Smith consented to do so if the negotiating labor men had with another candidate were not too far advanced to prevent him doing so.

Miners' Agent Asked to Run as Labor Candidate For Nanaimo.

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CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Nomination of Candidates—Demand for Lumber in England.

(Associated Press.)
Montreal, Sept. 19.—The following nominations took place yesterday: Province of Ontario—Dundas, Andrew Broder, M. P. Conservative; Centre Wellington, W. John McGowan, Conservative; Muskoka and Parry Sound, George McCormick, M. P., Conservative; North Renfrew, Thomas Mackie, M. P., Liberal.

T. G. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., leaves to-morrow on his annual inspection of that railway system. The inspection will be extended to the Pacific Coast.

W. Tees & Co., undertakers and desk makers of this city for a quarter of a century, have assigned. The liabilities are \$20,000.

Charles Langlois & Co., produce merchants, who assigned a few days ago, have filed a statement of liabilities and assets. Liabilities are over \$400,000, and assets over \$360,000.

Toronto, Sept. 19.—The Liberals of the city have succeeded in getting Walter E. Massey, of the big implement firm of Massey, Harris & Co., to consider the nomination. The matter has created a big surprise in political circles here, owing to the well known Conservative leanings of the firm up to a few years ago, Mr. Massey himself ten years ago being one of the most ardent Conservative sympathizers in the city.

The Lumbermen's Association of Ontario have decided to maintain the high prices for lumber, owing to the active demand in the English market and the anticipated shortage of at least 300,000,000 feet of lumber in Georgian Bay, including Eastern Michigan points, and the output of the mills of Eastern Michigan.

The Grand Jury have found a true bill against Donald Chapman for having conspired with one Oscar Thompson to set fire to the barns of his brother, Mordecai, in Georgian township, on account of revenge because of some family differences, and for which Arthur Riddell, another accomplice, is now serving four years' sentence at Kingston penitentiary for applying the match.

Barrie, Sept. 19.—Sir Charles Tupper and Messrs. Macdonald, and Foster were warmly welcomed here yesterday afternoon. Replying to Hon. Mr. Tarte's challenge to meet him on any public platform in Ontario to discuss the minister of public works' Paris utterances, Hugh John Macdonald said if the elections were not held till after October he would be glad to accept the challenge. At present, however, his engagements prevented him from making arrangements with Mr. Tarte unless the latter was willing to accompany him on his present political tour.

Belleville, Sept. 19.—Archibald A. McDonnell, aged 69 years, a veteran of the Fenian raid of 1866, is dead.

COAL FROM THE STATES.

(Associated Press.)
Port Said, Sept. 19.—The British steamer "Lorin" from Philadelphia, August 22nd, has arrived here with the first importation of American coal.