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CANADA'S SHARE IN PROGRAM OF EMPIRE DEFENCE

Will Construct Dry Docks and Repair Plants on Both Coasts.

THREE GREAT FIRMS SUBMIT PLANS.

OTTAWA, Oct. 29.—(Special.) The part that the Canadian Government means to play in the scheme of Imperial naval defence was officially outlined to the World correspondent this evening.

It will be seen that Canada's portion of the great programe, which has stirred the British Empire from end to end, is one which will early prove of value to the British Navy.

The question of prompt assistance to Britain is to-day, broadly speaking, the only point of difference between Canadians. In the hope of rendering speedy aid, some are arguing for a direct contribution to Britain, believing that if Canadian aid is confined to the establishment of a Canadian navy, it will not be effective until years after a crisis may have been reached, with Canada a helpless spectator.

The expedient which the government has hit upon to meet this consideration is the early establishment of docking facilities and repairing plants. It is understood that the Imperial authorities have stated that facilities of this kind will be of even greater practical value than the early establishment of a naval force.

Drydocks and Repair Plants.

Accordingly, the Canadian Government has taken steps to bring about the erection, as soon as possible, of dry docks and repairing plants on the Atlantic coast, in the first place. Afterwards the same policy will be pursued on the Pacific coast.

These, then, will be pushed forward as soon as a definite understanding has been reached between the government and the leading British firms with which negotiations are now proceeding.

The scheme must not be confounded with the proposition laid before the government a few days ago by a delegation representing all the shipping interests in Canada, who asked for assistance for a scheme to build a dry dock at St. John, N.B., and a dry dock and repairing plant at Levis, Que. This was entirely a commercial undertaking, and the subsidy, which is likely to be granted, will be in the same category as subsidies to railways, or iron and steel bounties.

The arrangements which are being made with British firms will, when completed, be the concern of the public works department.

Three Firms Negotiating.

The shipbuilding firms which are now negotiating are, Harland and Wolff of Belfast, along with Allans, Swan and Hunter of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Vickers Son and Maxim.

There are three distinct proposals. One is to erect dry docks and repairing plants for battleships on the Atlantic coast only, which proposal Harland and Wolff favor, the second is to build a dry dock at Montreal and a repairing plant on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, or at Halifax, which is put forward by Swan and Hunter, and the third is to build dry docks and repairing plants on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Vickers Son and Maxim favor this idea.

While it is impossible to forecast accurately what the Canadian Govt. will do eventually, it is probable that an arrangement will be made with all, and not one of the British firms, that a dry dock will be built at St. John, N.B., there being one at Halifax already, and that repairing plants will be laid down at both Halifax and St. John.

The Opposition's Policy.

R. L. Borden, Conservative leader, when questioned this morning as to what the attitude of the opposition will be on the government's naval proposals when they are introduced in the house, said:

"So far as the Conservative party is concerned, the question of Canada's participation in the organization and maintenance of Imperial naval defence rests to-day exactly where it did when the unanimous resolution of Parliament was passed on 29th March last.

"That resolution was so modified as to permit of a special contribution in time of emergency. Whether such emergency existed then or is imminent to-day is within the knowledge of the British Government and the Canadian Government.

"The report of the proceedings and conclusions of the recent Imperial Defence Conference, when laid before our parliament, will doubtless throw some light on the subject.

"Canada should take no action which does not receive the unqualified approval of the British naval experts.

Convention in January?

Mr. Borden has heard nothing official of the rumor, which comes from Winnipeg, that Premier Roblin is coming east with Hon. G. E. Foster to insist that the Conservative convention should be held in Ottawa in January, and that no decision should be taken as to the course of the party as regards the navy until after such convention.

MONTREAL ST. RY. EARNINGS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The gross earnings for the year of the Montreal Street Railway were $3,874,838 and operating expenses $2,255,019, making net earnings $1,619,819.

Murray to Take Borden's Place

OTTAWA, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—There is speculation as to changes in the Laurier cabinet before parliament meets. A. K. MacLean, who resigned the federal seat for Lunenburg, N.S., has been sworn in as attorney-general for that province in the Murray government, and it is believed here that this is merely a first move to be followed in a few days by the retirement of Sir Frederick Borden from the Laurier cabinet and the taking of his place therein by Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, who will resign from his present post in a few days, and allow his new attorney-general, Mr. MacLean, to become prime minister of the province.

R. L. BORDEN WILL SPEAK IN MIDDLESEX CAMPAIGN

To Be in the Riding Nov. 8 and 9 For Discussion of the Naval Policy.

OTTAWA, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader, will speak at several meetings during his West Middlesex by-election campaign. He has received a pressing invitation from the Conservatives of that riding, and it is probable that he will discuss the attitude of the opposition towards the imperial naval defence proposals of the government.

Mr. Borden will speak in West Middlesex on Nov. 8 and 9. He will spend a day or two in Toronto next week before going to London.

DON'T WANT PUBLICITY

Coal Company Lawyers Would Like Case Heard in Private.

HALIFAX, N.S., Oct. 29.—(Special). The trial of the coal operators charged with conspiracy to curtail the output of coal and to set the price of coal to consumers, was continued to-day.

The voluminous pile of letters from General Manager Duggan and Agent Dick of the Dominion Coal Company to Halifax Agent Morrow was tackled. When adjournment was made, half the letters was still unaccepted by the court, objections having being made individually to each letter.

Duggan was not present, being engaged at the court at Sydney in connection with a trial of a hundred strike cases before the Supreme Court.

The charge was made by E. M. MacDonald, K.C., and J. J. Ritchie, K.C., that Americans were back of the trial, with a view to destroying the Canadian coal interests.

An endeavor was made to have public excluded from the hearing, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the interests of the companies.

M'LAUCHLIN AGAINST ROSS

Conservative Candidate Promises to Lower Liberal Figures Again.

LONDON, Ont., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Robert McLauchlin, the tall Scotch farmer, who pulled down W. S. Calvert's majority from over 200 to 12 in the last election, was the choice of West Middlesex Conservatives at Mount Brydges this afternoon as a candidate for the bye-election. No other name was presented.

"If you will all stand at my back and work with me, I will win you West Middlesex," he said.

His nomination was moved by ex-Mayor Cameron of Strathroy, and Isaac Walker, Strathroy. Richard Dunlop of Napier presided. Joseph Armstrong, M.P., Dr. Reaume, ex-M.P., and Major Beattie, M.P., were among the speakers.

FOR MEN'S RESIDENCE

H. A. Massey Estate Makes Proposal to Victoria University.

The H. A. Massey estate yesterday made a proposition to the Senate of Victoria University to erect a men's residence on the northeast corner of the university property. The offer was accepted.

GONE DEER HUNTING.

Gerhard Heintzman, President of Gerhard Heintzman, Limited, left yesterday, with a shooting party, for the Haliburton district, to go into camp for two weeks' deer hunting. Mr. Heintzman is one of the oldest hunters in that district and has missed only one in twenty-eight years. He is a crack shot, and never fails to return to the city with several specimens of big game as an evidence of his marksmanship.

GUGGENHEIMS IN BIG DEAL.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Guggenheim interests are said to have obtained control of the Western Fuel Co., which owns 42,000 acres of coal and timber lands near Nanaimo, on Vancouver Island. The deal, which was for two millions, includes the mine at Nanaimo.

GOES TO PRISON FOR 28 YEARS

Sentence on James Robinson on Three Charges—Not Guilty of Crime of Murder.

SUDBURY, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—James Robinson was this afternoon acquitted of the charge of murder, in having assisted in the slaying of a child borne to him by a young daughter, but was sentenced to twenty-eight years imprisonment in Kingston Penitentiary on other charges to which he had pleaded guilty, while the jury were deliberating on the capital crime.

Justice Magee, in imposing sentence, said: "You appear before me confessing guilt of the most horrible crimes conceivable in a Christian country, and you have shown a nature so entirely devoid of any sense of morality or right, or care of your offspring and the decency of Christian society, that it is difficult for me to say anything to you. I hope it will never again be paralleled in Canada."

His lordship then sentenced Robinson to twenty-eight years, divided, fourteen years for incest against Ellen, his daughter; fourteen years for incest against his daughter Jessie, to begin at conclusion of first sentence, and twenty-eight years for rape of his daughter Maggie, to run concurrently with other sentences.

As Robinson is a man of fifty, the sentence is virtually a life sentence. He listened to the judge, with bowed head and sank back to his seat dazed, burying his face in his hands.

On the murder charge, the jury were out two hours. At first, three of the jury were willing to convict. Justice Magee, in his charge, explained that there was only the direct evidence of Mrs. Robinson against him, and her evidence, as that of an accomplice, should be carefully weighed, as the experience of law was that corroboration was needful.

The evidence of Mrs. Robinson this morning was admitted by Justice Magee after granting to the defence a reserve for appeal purposes. Justice Magee did not warn her that she could decline to testify against her husband, saying he would leave that to herself. She wept at intervals. She said it was after conversation with her husband that the babe had been smothered between mattresses. There were no witnesses for the defence.

Not a word was said in court after the jury's announcement. The judge sat busily writing, but suddenly, without any comment whatever, he brushed together his papers and hurried from the bench.

MONTREAL'S CENTENARY

Ships in Port Will Recall Arrival of First Steamer.

MONTREAL, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—All ships in port will be decorated on Monday as it will be the hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first steamer to reach port. Her name was the Accommodation, owned by the Molson family.

Earl Crewe May Be Next Gov.-General

Present Colonial Secretary, It is Thought, Will Be Chosen to Succeed Earl Grey.

OTTAWA, Oct. 29.—The cabled announcement from London that Canada's next governor-general is likely to be a member of the Asquith cabinet is taken in well-informed circles here to refer to the present colonial secretary, Earl Crewe. It is believed here that he would be the most likely first choice of the imperial government, as successor to Earl Grey, if he desires the position. Earl Crewe is a son-in-law of Lord Rosebury, and even if the Unionist party should come into power next year in Great Britain, the colonial secretary would probably still be a not improbable choice for the Canadian governorship. His appointment or that of Lord Morley, who is also mentioned for the position, would be well received here.

LARGE SCHOONER ASHORE

Another Marine Tragedy Reported From New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—A telephone message to A. J. Legere, agent of the marine and fisheries department, at 10 o'clock to-night, states that a large schooner is ashore near Quaco, in the Bay of Fundy, and that another schooner is reported a short distance off flying signals of distress. The government steamer Lansdowne has been ordered to the scene of the wreck. A heavy sea is running and the wind is blowing hard.

C.N.R. GET ANOTHER LINE

Purchase the Charter of the Portland Canal Short Line.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—From Seattle and Vancouver holders of the charter, the Canadian Northern Railway have purchased the Portland Canal Short Line Railway. T. F. Hopkins, a Seattle engineer and one of the incorporators, said to-day that the new owners would build twenty miles of the line this year, and more later. It will develop the mining country which borders on Alaska boundary in the north.

FOSTER BACK TALKS NAVY

Canada's Aid to Imperial Defence Must Not Be Sham, But Real Force Ready at Britain's Call.

"Canada's aid to the Imperial navy should not be a sham help, but a real help," said Hon. George E. Foster, to the Ward 4 Conservative Association at their smoker last night. "If Canada cannot give real assistance she should give nothing, and when the call comes from the Imperial navy there should be no strings to prevent the Canadian navy going automatically and at once to help in Imperial defence."

Mr. Foster had just arrived from a month's tour of the West, and was given a tremendous ovation.

He had travelled purposely on the G. T. P. to ascertain its real value to the country, and in the main it was of no use, was his verdict, because it paralleled the C.P.R. It was supposed to open up an immense new territory when the money was voted. Sir Wilfred Laurier wanted a monument and he had it in the G. T. P., sure hop.

A. Claude Macdonell, M.P., expressed the view that the country should be Whitneyized, and if Canada was going to contribute to the navy the ships should be built in Canada, under the supervision, of course, of the Imperial Government to prevent graft. The mills of the Laurier Government were grinding nothing but graft.

About 400 attended, and on the platform were: A. Claude Macdonell, M.P., Hon. J. J. Foy, E. B. Osler, M.P., W. K. McNaught, M.L.A., J. R. L. Starr, W. D. McPherson, M.L.A., Arthur Vankoughnet, C. A. B. Brown, Controllers Geary and Hocken, Ald. Church, Edmund Bristol, M.P., Ex-Controller Hubbard, Alf. Hoyle, T. Hughes, Ald. Mcobie, Frank Somers, Hon. Thos. Crawford, H. E. Smallpeice, Dr. Conboy, L. S. Levee, and James Branton. Fred Armstrong presided.

WADE TO LEAD LIBERALS

British Columbia Politicians Hope to Get Him.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—That F. C. Wade, K.C., may accept the Liberal nomination in Vancouver, and should he be elected may become leader of the party in British Columbia, is the statement of prominent Liberals to-day, who are trying to arrange a ticket.

Dr. Callan and John A. Fraser, nominated by Conservatives in Cariboo, John Oliver of Delta, Liberals.

TWENTY MINERS PERISH

Explosion in Colliery—Three Rescuers Also Lose Their Lives.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—A score of miners were killed by an explosion in the Rhymney Company's colliery at Glamorganshire, the most southeasterly county of Wales, to-day. Manager Bowen and two companions who attempted a rescue were themselves overcome by the afterdamp and perished.

King George Who May Soon Quit The Greek Throne

King George has long been anxious to abandon the crown and retire to his native Denmark. Only to oblige the "Powers," which have been paying him half his salary, has he continued on the throne.

CRIPPLE WOMAN ROBBED BY INDIAN HOUSEKEEPER

Culprit Tried to Make It Appear as The Burglars Had Looted House, But Couldn't Fool Detective.

COLDWATER, Ont., Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Mary Maracle, an Indian woman, about 40 years old, was to-day committed for trial at Barrie on a charge of robbing Mrs. Wm. Barnett of Waubashene of about $500 in cash. The arrest was the result of a clever piece of detective work on the part of Provincial Detective Miller. The woman surrendered $466 of the stolen money.

The robbing occurred on Oct. 20, the victim, Mrs. Barnett, being a cripple, and the stolen money representing all her savings. The window had been forced during the night, a trail of burned matches was found on the floor of the house, the front door was left open in leaving the house, and the little leather satchel, in which the money had been kept, was found in a nearby field, slit open with a knife. Waubashene residents pitied Mrs. Barnett's plight and asked for a government detective, and Inspector Miller arrived Thursday morning.

He found out that the Maracle woman, who had been working as housekeeper for Mrs. Barnett, had been borrowing money before the robbery, but afterwards had seemed to have plenty. She had tried to make her theft appear as a burglary.

THOUSANDS WAITING FOR VANDERBILT CUP RACE

Twenty-six Cars Will This Morning Begin Sensational Complicated Race Over Dangerous Course.

GARDEN CITY, L.I., Oct. 29.—Altho the race for the Vanderbilt Cup will be started at 9 o'clock in the morning, instead of at daybreak as in former years, the same fantastic scenes which in former years have made the night before the race picturesque and weird, were enacted again to-night during the hours which preceded the unleashing of the 26 cars which will start as competitors for the famous trophy.

Beginning at nightfall, the roads leading to the grandstand and to the vantage points along the course, were alive with the whir and clatter of automobiles. Near the course, the machines were numbered in thousands. Hucksters and peddlers with everything to sell, from sandwiches and programs, to parking places, mingled with the crowd.

Increased morbid interest attaches to this year's contest owing to the fact that the race must be run over a circuit which is but 12.64 miles long. This means that there will be twice as many turns as last year. In addition, there will be twenty-six cars running simultaneously instead of seventeen as last year, and the drivers are not as experienced as those of former years. Extraordinary precautions have been taken, however, to rob the course of one of its chief perils by banking all of the turns.

The contest is complicated this year by the bringing together of four classes of cars, running simultaneously for three sets of distances. The smaller cars will cover the circuit ten times; the intermediate class will circle the course fifteen times and the big cars, which alone are competitors for the Vanderbilt Cup, will be called upon to go around twenty-two times.

A bond for $100,000 to protect the County of Nassau against damages, and loss thru the race, was filed this afternoon by Wm. K. Vanderbilt, jr., on behalf of the authorities conducting the race.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Oct. 29	At	From
Carthaginian	Philadelphia	Glasgow
Saxonia	Boston	Liverpool
Deutschland	Plymouth	New York
Bremen	Plymouth	New York
Antonio Lopez	Genoa	New York
Italia	Genoa	New York
Louisiana	New York	Havre
Emp'ss Britain	Quebec	Liverpool

GREEK REBELS IN A NAVAL BATTLE

For Twenty Minutes, Warships and Batteries Engage Torpedo Boats Manned by 300 Rebels—No Casualties.

ATHENS, Oct. 29.—After about 2389 years—when Themistocles gained a memorable victory over the Persians—Salamis again to-day was the scene of a battle.

The correspondent of the Associated Press has just returned here from Scaramanga, whence he witnessed twenty minutes of fighting this afternoon by field batteries and big warships on the one side, and a mutinous band of naval officers, which quitted the capital Wednesday, with their torpedo boats, on the other.

The first shots were fired soon after 4 o'clock, and a sharp exchange of shells followed. Some of the projectiles struck the arsenal building, but the correspondent saw only one shell hit a torpedo boat—the Sphendona, which immediately was enveloped in a cloud of smoke.

During the action the torpedo boats gradually retired, steaming backwards until they obtained the shelter of the headland, when the firing ceased. Apparently little damage was done on either side.

The rebels were led by Lieut. Tobaldos and are reported to have numbered 300 men.

Arsenal Recaptured.

Athens remained quiet to-night, but much excitement prevailed. An official statement was issued, stating that the arsenal, which was in the hands of the rebels, had been recaptured, and that the mutinous torpedo boats are expected to surrender shortly.

Lieut. Tobaldos, who leads the mutineers, appears to have been actuated by his disapproval of the tactics of the military league and the junior naval officers in consenting to negotiating a compromise of their naval reform agitation. Tobaldos took a prominent part in the military movement last August.

The military league's proclamation disowning Tobaldos, who was in command of a flotilla of torpedo boats and submarines and had demanded the portfolio of minister of marine, ascribes his pretensions to madness and the influence of outsiders and threatens to have him courtmartialed for treason. The league held a meeting late to-night to discuss what its attitude should be toward the naval officers who took part in to-day's fight. It is believed that the league is inclined to show them indulgence.

Headed for Crete.

Meanwhile, the government is apprehensive as to where it next will hear from the mutinous torpedo boats. Rumor has it that they have gone toward the Island of Crete.

In the chamber of deputies this afternoon, Premier Mavromichalis, after detailing the events of the day, said the government was determined to suppress the outbreak by force. Happily, he said, the movement was very limited.

The Causes Leading Up to the Disturbance.

The cause of the naval revolt in Greece is to be found, probably, in the recent failure of the Greek cause in Crete, when the powers, upon Turkey's protest, removed the Hellenic flag which had been hoisted at Canea. This failure to secure Crete was popularly blamed to governmental inefficiency and as a result several weeks ago two battalions of trops at Athens mutinied.

Retiring to the suburbs, they demanded the surrender of the high places held in the army by Crown Prince Constantine, commander-in-chief of the Greek army; Prince Andrew, a captain of cavalry and Prince Christopher, a sub-lieutenant in the infantry. The cause of the malcontents was espoused by the military league, which on October 15 forced the chamber of deputies to vote a measure abolishing the right of the Crown Prince to hold the post of commander-in-chief and of other princes to hold military commands. Upon the passage of the military bills in the chamber of deputies, thirty loyalist members showed their disapproval by withdrawing from the chamber.

Humiliating Royal Family.

However, the military league was not satisfied with the humiliation of the royal family, and on last Wednesday, it issued an ultimatum demanding the enactment within twenty-four hours of an ordinance suspending all promotion for five years, the abolition of the post of rear admiral, heretofore held by Prince George, together with two vice-admiralships and fifteen positions of lesser rank.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH

Woman and Two Children Perish at Uxbridge.

UXBRIDGE, Ont., Oct. 29.—Fire was discovered this morning shortly after midnight in the residence of A. McLaughlin who is bookkeeper with Alexander and McPhail, such headway had been gained that no one could enter the building, and Mrs. McLaughlin and her two youngest children were burned to death. Mr. McLaughlin who was up with a sick child escaped with it.

ASSELIN MAY RUN.

MONTREAL, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—It does not look at present as if Bourassa would be able to induce Mr. Lafamme, K.C., to accept a nomination against the government candidate in St. James, and it seems as if Oliver Asselin, the former editor of Le Nationaliste, will be chose

WANTED---AN ESCORT

MISS SUFFRAGETTE: O, he's a dear, but—hem—shy.