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GREAT CONFERENCE IS ON; PREMIERS GATHER AT LONDON

Campbell-Bannerman Outlines Subjects To Be Discussed, But Fights Shy of Tariff.

SIR WILFRID AND PARTY WERE WARMLY RECEIVED

London, April 15.-The conference between the premiers of Great Britain's self-governing colonies and the British colonial secretary was opened today at the colonial office, under the presidency of the Earl of Elgin, secretary of state for the colonies. Reporters are not admitted to the conference, so the public will have to be contented with strictly censored official summaries of each day's proceedings, until a blue-book on the conference is Issued, months after its final adjournment.

The premiers present included: Dr. Jameson, of Cape Colony; Gen. Louis Botha, premier of the Transvaal; Alfred Deakin, the Australian premier; Sir Joseph G. Ward, premier of New Zealand; Frederick R. Moor, premier of Natal, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada.

Premier Sir Robert Bond of Newfoundland will arrive in the middle of the week. The premiers were accompanied by their advisers. A number of British cabinet ministers attended the morning session.

Campbell-Bannerman Speaks.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman opened the proceedings with a speech of welcome, in which he outlined the subjects for discussion, such as preferential trade between the colonies and Great Britain, and among the colonies themselves, a project providing for a permanent council, imperial defense schemes, and immigration, with minor questions, like penny postage and naturalization laws.

The Premier earnestly expressed the hope that the deliberations would

Each of the colonial premiers made a brief reply, after which the conterees discussed the procedure and adjourned. Meetings will be held three times a week, and they are expected to last

at least a month.

Shied at the Tariff.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman's speech today was largely composed of peneralities. He only touched lightly on the subject of tariff preferences which to the colonial representatives is the most important matter to come before the conference, and one on which they hope an agreement will be reached satisfactory to all parties concerned

Sir Wilfrid in London.

London, April 14.-When Sir Wilfrid tralia. Laurier and Sir Frederick Borden ar-Laurier and Sir Frederick Borden ar-Sir Wilfrid will go to Paris and Rome. Lord Strathcona, Mr. John M. three months. Mrs. Prendergast, Mlle. Gauthier and Sir William Baillie-Hameph Ward of New Zealand and Premier imperial consultation.

Deakin and Sir William Lyne of Aus-

ternoon they were met on the platform He expects to be away from Canada

liton, chief clerk of the colonial of issue lies between severance or part-under arrest on the charge of mur- by any other country. Sir Wilfrid motored to the col- nership. At the present rate of colon-dering her, conflicts with apparent The reduction is based onial office and had a half-hour's in- ial development the colonies must facts in many instances. service in the Westminster perial machinery. The Times looks for Roman Catholic Cathedral, and after- the most fruitful progress from the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and afterwards motored around London for an present conference on the question of the premises on the premise present conference on the question of the premises on the premise present conference on the question of the premises on the premise present conference on the question of the premises on the premise present conference on the question of the premises on the premise present conference on the question of the premise present conference on the question of the premise present conference on the question of the premise premise present conference on the question of the premise premise present conference on the question of the premise pr hour or two, accompanied by Sir Jos- regularizing it as the nucleus of full Friday, and it was probably as a re-

\$300,000 BOOST MEXICO REELING

Oval-Shaped Seismic Shock Lasts Assessment Jumps Over Quarter Many Minutes But Does Little Damage.

BIG 'QUAKE SETS

Mexico City, April 15.-Mexico was shaken by a great earthquake last formed The Advertiser today that the lence, to search for which was, of the official record of the increase in assessment in No. 1 ward course, one of the main objects of the meterological bureau gave the dura- this year will be fully \$300,000. tion of the shock as lasting four min- This statement is very gratifying. utes. The movement was from east to west in an oval shape.

Towns May Have Suffered. The observer declared that the center over last year's figures.

of the shock was probably to the souththat region may have suffered. Late what may be regarded as a pretty Dewing was dead before the fire reports from the various police state general increase in all assessments of reached her. Whether this theory will adjust themselves satisfactorily. It is the ward, and especially the ward, and especially the assession followed in the ward in the ward in the wa and no one injured.

thrown from his seat by the force of show a considerable increase. animals he was driving was killed. Telegraph communication as far south as Oaxaca and San Juan Bautu-

tia is established, but beyond the report that the shock was heavy in that region and along the gulf coast, nothing more was learned. From the city of Vera Cruz south

the shock is reported to have been very severe. At the meteorological bureau It is said the shock was the heaviest experienced here since 1882.

BIGGER PAY, FEWER HOURS

Canada Cotton Company, Hamilton, Voluntarily Makes the Change.

erage increase will be about 10 per day. cent. The working hours are also to be shortened from 60 to 57 a week, which means that the men will not be-

FOR FIRST WARD

Million-\$1,500,000 Increase for Entire City.

Assessment Commissioner Grant in-

It means that London's assessment for the four wards will this year show an increase of not less than \$1,500,000

ward, and it is feared that towns in business plants, additions, etc., though he says, did not snow a single blister, sion at the counter include that up this a short time ago Osback says that Thaw is fond of Lawyer Peathat region may have suffered to be proof that Mrs. when the recommendation of No. 1 points, however, the law is not being had been a boarder at their house. He body, and that he will be retained reports from the various police sta- general increase in all assessments of reached her. Whether this theory will

MAY PROROGUE THURSDAY

Legislature Expects to Wind Up Session Some Time This Week.

lature will get through this week.

LOSES A HAND.

Stratford, Ont., April 15. - T. J. gin work until 7 o'clock, instead of Cloney, who runs a painting and and in his ability to clear himself of paper-hanging business here, was pro- the awful charge hanging over him. These changes are being made vol- ceeding on the early train for Toronto untarily on the part of the company, this morning, when, as he was passing there not having been any general de- from one coach to another, his hat mand for increased wages or shorter blew off. In attempting to recover it Welland Canal opened this morning at cords the temperatures at 8 o'clock this

SEVEN NEW CARDINALS

Pope Pius Holds a Secret Consistory

Rome, April 15. - Pope Pius X. held a secret consistory today in the Vati-

Mgr. Cavallari, patriarch of Venice. Mgr. Rinaldini, papal nuncio to

Mgr. Lorenselli, ex-papal nuncio a Mgr. Lualdi, archbishop of Palermo

Mgr. Mercier, archbishop of Mali-Mgr. Maffid, archbishop of Pisa.

Mgr. Aguirre Y Garcia, bishop of Burges, Spain. The ceremony took place in the hall which takes its name from the consist-

gorgeousness and impressive pomp.

BREAD WAS LIGHT WEIGHT

Inspector McCallum Holds Up Eight Wagons-Gets Fifty Loaves.

on a number of local bakers this morn-tions, the articles in question are uning, with the result that he has now about 50 loaves of bread in his office which were seized for light weight. Some loaves which were labeled 11/2 pounds, weighed only 1 pound 6 ounces. able. This state of affairs is unfavor-fered was not sufficient.

Very many of the loaves were found to bear no labels at all.

In all eight bakers' wagons were ex-

DEWING DEATH STILL A MYSTERY

Crown Thinks She May Have Been Dead Before Body Was Burned.

Stratford, April 14.—The authorities here are not finding the case of Mrs. ed, and certain administrative regula-Harriet Dewing, the unfortunate wo- tions will be laid down by the British man who was believed at first to have postoffice. This special reduction will been accidentally burned to death, an place Great Britain in the future in easy one to unravel. The story told at least as favorable a postal position The Times, referring to "the conspic- by Leopold F. Koeller at whose house towards Canada in regard to the uously important conference," says the the tragedy occurred, and who is now articles in question as that occupied which is a gusher, but they say that be-

Axe Not Important.

however, intimated that a meat axe, agreement. which was found in the house, and on which there was a fragment of flesh and some blood stains, had no connection with the tragedy. From som remarks which he dropped it might also be inferred that he and his colleagues had found no marks of viopost-mortem. If this turns out to be so it will render the elucidation of the Tonight May See Lively Discusmystery exceedingly difficult.

Body Showed No Blisters.

Coroner Devlin evidently leans strongly to the murder theory, or, at least, he disbelieves the story that the This increase represents mainly new woman was burned to death. The body, business plants, additions, etc., though he says, did not show a single blister, sion at the council meeting tonight, work to rest on Sundays. At certain that up till a short time ago Osback says that Thaw is fond of Lawyer Peaments of those properties which have the doctor attaches great importance chise in London, comes up for considfrontages on Dundas and Richmond to it, and will in all probability make eration. Not a station of the fire department received a call. One freak of the ward, which make pointed a call. One freak of the ward, which make pointed out that Ald. Gillean, supplement, and it was pointed out that not only the ministers, but the beating.

Streets, in the business district.

It is understood that Ald. Gillean, with his aid, giving Osback a severe that not only the ministers, but the beating.

Supplement, and it was pointed out that not only the ministers, but the beating.

School teachers condemn it as being the pointed out that not only the ministers, but the beating was not Mr. Osback's But the beating was not Mr. Osback's bounded by Dundas street, Wellington conflicting accounts of the affair to move an amendment that the city acearthquake was recorded. A driver of street, and the river, will show per- some of his acquaintances, and the cept no cash bonus from the company, as a supplement owing to its a week ago the two prisoners stole \$5 a circus wagon, who was taking para- haps a decrease, but South London, coroner intimated that some of these but that the latter shall reduce 'phone phernalia to a railroad depot, was which also forms part of No. 1, will persons would be on hand as wit- rates to subscribers to the extent of thrown from his seat by the force of the shock. He was uninjured, beyond slight bruises. but every one of the shock but every shock nesses when the proper time came. One \$4,000 per annum. slight bruises, but every one of the to make way for factories, stores, etc., ing undressed the night before her ers, it is seen that the reduction on objectionable publication discontinued. and thus the population figures are death. If she did, it seems singular each 'phone would not amount to Rev. J. A. Macdonald, of the Globe, Row" and drink beer to keep cool this that she should have put on her much more than \$1 50 per annum. the lantern. A quantity of women's bonus from the Bell Company, it will Dr. Merchant dealt with "The Relaapparel was found hanging over the mean that some items of estimates tion of Expression to Impression in he appeared on a charge of being with every movable thing swept from taken her clothes off the night before

Toronto, April 15.—Opinions vary at Mrs. Dewing was a year or two of a dual 'phone system. But four or Merchant's address. the Parliament buildings as to when over 50, while Koeller is somewhere five of the city fathers may be depend- The president of the alliance, Rev. prorogation may be expected. Both about 30. The former was a widow, ed upon to cast their votes in favor of Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, was in dealers in junk, paid for licenses, and der sail. Passengers arriving here from sides hope the business of the Legis- and has a son living in Winnipeg. telephone competition. Koeller says he had known her only "There is much remaining on the or- from March 30, when he engaged her der paper that promises to be contento act as his housekeeper during his tious," said Mr. G. P. Graham. "The wife's absence. Koeller is a machinbusiness of the session may conclude ist, and works in the Grand Trunk by Wednesday night, but I cannot say Railway shops. While not wealthy, Hamilton, April 15. — This morning Hon. Mr. Hanna said he hoped businotices were posted in the large mills ness would conclude on Tuesday night. has a reputation for drinking considing the mills ness would conclude on Tuesday night. fying the employes that wages would It is not improbable that the order erable. After his arrest, when arbe increased on April 29. While the paper will be cleared by Wednesday raigned before Police Magistrate amounts of the increases vary, the av- and prorogation take place on Thurs- O'Loane, his demeanor was perfectly cool and collected, and, if nervousness Calgary .. is a mark of guilt, he certainly did not Winnipeg

WELLAND CANAL OPENS. Port Dalhousie, Ont., April 15. - The

LETS IN ENGLISH READING MATTER

range for Cheapea Rate on Periodicals.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 15 .-- Hon. R. Lemieux postmaster-general, made the follow ing announcement in the House today: ter-general, Mr. Sidney Buxton, and ory and was performed with the usual the Postmaster-General of Canada, and will be put into force on May 1, 1907. At present the rate on British newspapers, magazines and trade journals

postal union convention, viz., 1/2 pence the latter's terms, it is said, have alper 2 ounces, which is roughly equiva- ways been too high. lent to 4 pence, or 8 cents, per pound. Inspector McCallum swooped down At this rate and under existing condicate \$3,500 for six acres of land near able to obtain a footing in Canada, a well guaranteed to show a flow of with the consequence that the volume at least 300,000 gallons per day. of newspapers, magazines, etc., circulated in Canada is very inconsider-

Other loaves labeled to weigh a pound able to the growth of close sympathy and a quarter, weighed only 1 pound and common sentiment between Canada and the mother country and at ada, His Majesty's Postmaster-General gallons of water per day.

> have agreed to the following: counces remaining at a half penny. The present limit of weight of five pounds for a packet will be maintain-

ration of the very special and peculiar would want to sink position, geographical and otherwise Coroner J. A. Devlin made a ther- occupied by Canada, and is granted sult of his discoveries that Koeller dertakes to carry free of ocean transit was ordered under arrest on the after- charges, all British newspapers, maganoon of that day. At the same time crown Attorney G. G. McPherson, K.C., United Kingdom to Canada by vessels instructed Drs. J. A. Robertson, D. B. under contract with the Canadian Gov-Fraser and Gemmell to hold an ernment, thus relieving the British autopsy on the woman. This they postoffice of the cost of such transit lid, but their discoveries, if they have charges on the articles in question. This made any, will remain secret until arrangement will remain in force for Tuesday evening, when the inquest a period of four years, unless previouswill be resumed. One of the doctors, ly modified, or concluded by mutual

'PHONE PROBLEM BEFORE COUNCIL

sion As To Renewal of Franchise.

committee, that the Bell Company be

lothes on getting up without lighting If the city does not accept the \$4,000 men's movement of today. oot of the bed in which she slept, will have to be pared, or else the rate Character Development." The address drunk this morning. which would indicate that she had rate will be put upone-fifth of a mill. was full of interest, one clergyman and put on another dress on aris- jority of the aldermen will vote for had been unprofitable, the members so the court decided to put him out of hundred puncheons of molasses, and the Bell franchise, fearing the effects would be well repaid after hearing Dr. the reach of temptation for five let it run into the hold, so that it could

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW-MILDER. FORECASTS.

Today-Fresh variable winds; fair and

with occasional rain. TEMPERATURES. Stations 8 a.m. Min.

Cloudy

Snow display any. His wife, too, expresses Port Arthur .. the utmost confidence in his innocence Parry Sound ... Toronto ... Fair Montreal Quebec Father Point. Cloudy The first column in the above table re-

Water Board and Syndicate THAW RID OF ALL Fail to Reach Agreement

a secret consistory today in the Vatican and Sensational Story of How Syndicate Will Not Guarantee Flow From Well.

ing met the gentlemen who are behind them. The effort failed.

For several days the commissioners have been trying to come to an agreegoing to Canada is that fixed by the ment with the McGregor people, but

> the Base Line, upon which was to be The syndicate backed water on this

A Counter Proposal.

the same time prejudicial to the mu- proposal. It was to the effect that if tual trade and material interests of the city does not buy the lands, the commission has power to expropriate any both countries. With a common desire syndicate should be given a contract of providing and encouraging, in re- to supply the city with water on the gard to these matters, freer and more following terms: \$3,000 for the first mutually profitable intercourse be- year, and \$2,000 for the next year, the mail on the water question. tween the United Kingdom and Can-syndicate to furnish at least 500,000

and the Postmaster-General of Canada | Messrs. Fodgson and others attempted to compare these figures with the The postage from the United King- sum asked by Mr. Silas W. Titus, of he says he will do, other than, of course, dom to Canada on registered news- New York, but, of course, there was no the \$50,000 or \$100,000 he will spend in Lonpapers and on bona fide magazines comparison, as Titus was ready to don on the pumping plant, the commission and trade journals (published at regu- supply all machinery, etc., at his own will submit his proposal to the people in Jar intervals of not more than one a expense, whereas the McGregor synmonth) is to be reduced to a rate of dicate was to furnish nothing but the a penny per pound on each package, water, and the city would have to the charges on packets not exceeding the charges of the pumping water expert, who was here some time ago plant, and all other necessary expend- and made a report for the commissioners,

> Neither side could reach the other's terms, so that an adjournment was made without anything being done. Chary on This Point.

It is said by the commission that the McGregor people are a little chary about guaranteeing the flow of water on the Mc-Gregor farm. They point to the well now fore they would give a guarantee as to lons. consid- the flow for, say a period of years, they about the same, Mr. Moore cannot account quest was refused. Delmas, an artesian wel

The water commissioners this morn-, present well is only dug, and is about 20 But the syndicate apparently does not the McGregor syndicate plan to supply like the idea of putting its money into an the city with water from lands in artesian well, unless the city is willing to Westminster, near the Base Line, and at terms laid down by the McGregor

> And, of course, the city wants a guarantee before it will make terms with the syndicate.

then it would be a waste of money for the city main.

Will Not Lease Farm.

The city has also made a proposal to lease the McGregor farm, but the owners, t is understood, have refused the offer It is said that Engineer Moore is satis fied that there is a flow of water on the proposal. The amount of money of- land sufficient to warrant the expense, the commission may feel called upon to expropriate the McGregor farm, or such portion of it as is needed for water pur-The syndicate then made a counter poses, and have the price fixed by arbitration. Under the waterworks act of 1875 the land it may require within a distance of twelve miles of London. The commissoiners are having the print-

ing done to take a vote of the people by Vote on Titus Proposal.

It was stated today that despite the fact that Mr. Titus has refused to give the city

has read in the local papers some criticisms of his report, credited to the Titus people, and it is said Mr. Maury is very warm. He attacks Titus in a six-page will be made public shortly

Engineer Moore stated today that he is ery much puzzled at the registrations of the amount of water used the past week. are no longer in charge of my One day 3,200,000 gallons would be used; the next day this would fall to 3,400,000 galfor the fluctuation

THRASHING LED IS WITH FREIGHT TO DOUBLE CHARGE

Where the New Lord's Day Act Jew Didn't Mind Theft of \$5, But Is Not Being Observed—The Colored Supplement.

against the supplement, owing to its

the chair, and the attendance was the were allowed to go. largest for some time.

KEEPING UP TRADITION.

Madrid, April 15. - The relics of Our Lady de la Santa Clara, the patroness of the town of Tortosa, have been transferred to the palace chapel here in accordance with the old tradition that they shall be under the same roof where the queen is delivered.

KILLED BY RADIAL.

in Burlington, was almost instantly was recently captured and beaten at killed last night by being struck by a Devasso. radial car near Burlington. Holmes, who was under the influence of liquor, was lying beside the track. The step hours, and are the more appreciated on he fell, and the cars passed over his that account. The company employs left hand. He was taken to the hospithe than the steamer Robert Wallace, followed the minimum temperatures during the the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock. The first boat to lock up was morning, and the second column records the distribution to the distribution to the distribution to the minimum temperatures at the distribution to the distr

He Objected to Being Beaten Up.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, D. D., of Toron- As a result of a fight which took to, president of the Dominion Lord's place among some of the Jewish resi-Day Alliance, was in the city this dents of South street yesterday, Woich for Thaw, and will be in active charge morning and attended the monthly Sasmiscie, and Tonie Jumos, Polish of the case hereafter. He was appointmeeting of the London Ministerial Alli- Jews, are being held by the police on ed to that position a couple of weeks ance, held in the Y. M. C. A. at 11 a charge of assault and theft, laid ago, he says, succeeding Clifford W. o'clock. Mr. Shearer gave a very vig- against them by Jack Osback, also a Hartridge. Thaw appointed O'Reilly

only difficulty in connection with the for a day.

Just how the row occurred cannot and tried to frame a hypothetical quesnew act is caused by the freight trans- yet be learned, but from the account tion which the judge ruled out. portation. He said that in many parts given of the affair, in broken English, Mr. O'Reilly is authority for the of the country the steam railways are by Osback, it appears that the two

But the beating was not Mr. Osback's influence on the young mind of the from him, and that he at first was country. Dr. Merchant, of the Normal going to let the matter drop, but has Canadian Schooner Weathers Great

DELBREIL'S SON RELEASED.

lowed her liberty for one week.

Melilla, Morocco, April 15. - A dis natch received here says that the re bellious leader, Roghi, has released the Hamilton, Ont., April 15. - John son of Gen. Delbrell, governor of the

NEW JAP WARSHIP

Kure, April 15.-The battleship Aki of the car caught him and threw him was launched here today in the pres- isters for the west, who were sent out around under the wheels. Both of his ence of a representative of the Japan- from England by the Society for the legs and one arm were cut off. He ese Emperor and Vice-Admiral Sir Propagation of the Gospel, at the rewas trought to the city hospital, where Arthur William Moore, commander-in- quest of the Lord Bishop of Saskatch

SAVE O'REILLY

Delmas Was Discharged.

SEEK RELEASE THROUGH BAIL

New Counsel Expects To Be Success full in His Appeal to the Court

New York, April 15 .- Interest in the case of Harry K. Thaw now center If the quantity of water is not there, about the probable changes he will come from the lawyers themselves that changes have been made and that

thers will follow. Delphin M. Delmas, who led the fight at the recent trip' has, it is stated, In this connection, a story of the remarkable proceeding of Thaw, at a here today. The story recites when the trial was resumed after the report of the lunacy commission Mr. mental condition when the murder we Thaw which read: "You are no longer

in charge of my case."

Did Thaw Discharge Delmas? Delmas, surprised, secured court's permission to confer with his type-written supplementary report, which what it says. You are not going to

As the weather conditions were permission to withdraw, but his rethe case and Thaw having told him that he (Thaw) was the leading counsel in his own case, Mr. Delmas asked im what he wished done.

"I want you to take Dr. Hamilton off he stand and begin to sum up before

the jury," was the reply. Delmas attempted to reason with Thaw, but he was immovable, and thereupon announced that the defendant rested his case, and Dr. Hamilton

was excused without testifying. All Go But O'Reilly.

Daniel O'Reilly makes the announceorous address on the observance of the first day of the week, stating that the Love this morning, and were remanded the day Mr. Hartridge started to cross

There is likely to be a lively discus
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There is likely to be a lively discus
allowing the men employed in yardbeen keeping a boarding-house, and the five lawyers re-engaged, but he lived up to, but Mr. Shearer thought left without paying his board. Yesthat in time conditions at these places terday he went to the Sasmiskie-Jumos Delmas and Gleason, according to Mr. Considerable discussion followed in smiskie took the money, and thanked O'Reilly will move within a week to connection with the Saturday colored Osback, by calling his partner, and, have Thaw released on bail, and he

BADLY BATTERED BARK

Gale With Aid of Molasses.

hang over the bar rails of "Whisky by the terrible storm that has been gave an interesting address on the layposition of handy man in the labor de-schooner Fanny, Capt. Halfiard, from Timothy has been given several her beam end for 20 hours, and the her decks. The vessel was almost on Present indications are that a ma- saying that if the meetings for a year chances to go to work, but to no avail, crew had to smash in the heads of a be dumped out to allow the ship to N. Rottenburg and H. Foreman, two lift enough to the head to get her un-Newfoundland tell of the terrible suf-Sarah Ferguson, who was charged fering in the interior of that province. with having committed an assault Traffic was absolutely blocked by the upon Charlotte Burtch, was again al- storm, and when the railways finally get to running again it is feared many Two first-time drunks were allowed tales of loss of life will be brought

THE RUSH TO THE WEST

Montral, April 14. - Twelve special trains, carrying nearly 5,000 immi-Holmes, an Englishman, who resided Spanish fortress of Alhucemas, who grants, left this city today. This is the largest number that ever left the city in one day, and the officials were almost frantic in their efforts to look after the crowds.

Among them were forty young min-