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RETIRES FROM LEADERSHIP

Balfour Announces to His Constituents That He Will No Longer be at Head of

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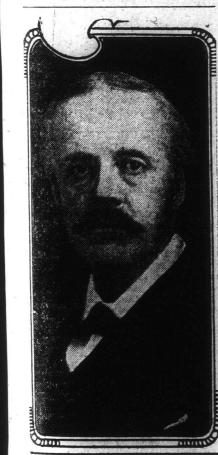
LONDON, Nov. 8 .- The Unionist arty is to swap horses while crossng the home rule stream.

Arthur J. Balfour at an emergency seeling of the City of London Conervative Association this afternoon mounced his retirement from the adership of the opposition. Impairhealth, increasing age and the deability that the leadership pas o younger hands were the reasons gave in a speech marked by much

But no one doubts that the increas g attacks against him by the amitious younger Conservatives, partilarly the tariff reformers, were the incipal factors.

While a number of influential nionists and would-be leaders, notbly Austen Chamberlain and F. E. Smith have been demanding his reirement from the leadership, few beieved that Mr. Balfour would drop the helm at such an important stage the party's fortunes. Lord Lansowne, opposition leader in the house of lords, denied reports that he also would withdraw.

Mr. Balfour will remain in the house of commons, although he would be elevated to the peerage if he so desired. While he, as ex-plemier, was recognized as the leader of the whole arty, the leadership will now be diled, his successor probably being the Right. Hon. Walter Hume Long, who



ARTHUR J. BALFOUR

resents the Strand, and Lord sdowne. lvanced tariff reformers favor en Chamberlain, while Sir Ed-Henry Carson, Dublin univerand F. E. Smith, Walton divisof Liverpool, are mentioned. Disfaction with Mr. Balfour as leading has been growing among the if reformers, who criticized his arent lack of convictions on that This feeling gained great imwhen he advised the house of

ds to swallow the veto bill. QUIET AT FERNIE

No Demonstration Yesterday—Suffering Likely to be Caused by Shortage

PERNIE, B. C., Nov. 8.—Everything sed off quietly today, as no men reried for work at the mines except who are authorized by the union ork. A smaller crowd than usual ngregated at the depot upon the arof the mine train eek this afternoon, and they soon persed without the necessity of any play of force. The general impresis that the trouble will soon be icably settled. In the meantime, ing to the shortage of coal and the ally cold weather, there is liketo be much suffering.

ALLEGED FRAUD

Sellers of Stock in Magazine Company Charged 1Wth Wrongful Use

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 .- Frank Orrf, resident of the Columbia Sterling Publishing company, publishers of the Hampton and Columbia magazines, and J. F. B. Atkin, a lawyer connected with the company, were arrested today by post office inspectors charged with using the mails to defraud investors in selling stock in the publishing company They were held in \$15,000 bail each. The alleged swindle will aggregate

pany's capital stock of \$4,000,000, according to Assistant District Attorney Brown. The complaints against the men are similar, accusing them of having in duced various persons to send money for stock by falsely representing that dition and had a large surplus out of

about \$2,000,000, or about half the com-

Orrf, who was unable to furnish bail at the time, was remanded to the Tombs.

which it would yield a dividend in the

Earlier Than Intended

LONDON, Nov. 9 .- The Conservativ norning papers say that failing health was the sole reason for Mr. Balfour's retirement. Evidently the announce ment of Mr. Balfour's retirement came earlier than was originally planned, because in a letter excusing himself from attendance at a political function tonight he refers to circumstances which made it necessary to anticipate the date of his resignation. He does not, however, explain what these circumstances

CEMENT WORKS FOR-SAANICH

Powerful British Syndicate Secures Property Near Tod Inlet for Erection of Large Plant *

Illustrative at once of the tremendous development of this section of Western Canada and the faith of British capitalists in this province is the announcement that a powerful syndicate of British capitalists has made arrangements for the erection of a large cement works on Saanich Arm directly opposite the he Vancouver Portland pany are located.

The enterprise, which obviously promises much for the upbuilding of the southern portion of Vancouver Island, has been in process of initiation for upwards of a year and has now reached the stage when definite plans have been formulated towards its consummation.

Properties aggregating about one hundred acres in area are said to have been acquired, the principal vendors being the Musgrave estate and Elford Bros. From the former 80 acres were obtained and from Messrs. Elford not only a considerable section of land but the Malahat lime kiln plant and property at Mill Bay. The company will possess about a mile and a half of waterfrontage and thus will have excellent shipping facilitles.

It is said that the plant which the company is to install will have a daily capacity of 2,000 barrels. That the market for cement produced in this province is constantly growing is shown by the fact that during the past season there have been imported, in order to meet the requirements, no less that 300,-.000 barrels, hence it is clear that the new company will start business with an assurance of a ready market for the output.

For some weeks past a party of surveyors has been employed by the company getting ready the site for the erection of buildings for the new plant, the machinery for which is now due on some of the Blue Funnel liners from the Old Country. Large deposits of the raw material necessary for the manufacture of the cement are said to exist on the site which the company has acquired. With the opening within a comparatively short period of the line to the Saanich Peninsula, now under construction by the B. C. Electric Railway company, the cement works operating on the Arm will have exceptionally fine transportation facilities, and a thriving community is expected to be built up in that sec tion of the Island.

In this connection it is interesting to recall that at the time the Vancouver Portland Cement-works were started at Tod Inlet some seven years ago, pessimists were wont to predict that the company would find it unprofitable to oper-

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EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 8.-Stuck more firmly than ever in the heavy sand a Mastodon, about 15 miles west of here, where Aviator Robert G. Fowler was forced to descend last Sunday, the aeroplane in which he is attempting to cross the continent from west to east, successfully resists all efforts to dislodge it, despite two days of hard work on the part of Fowler and his mechanics. Tomorrow a lumber roadway 200 feet long will be built in front of the machine, and it is hoped that Fowler will be able to get the necessary "run" to enable him to take to the air.

General in Command at Lanchau Preparing to Move to Capital With His Troops-Natives Alarmed

EXILED SCHOLAR ALSO RETURNING

Revolutionary Attempt to Capture Nanking is Partially Checked-Bankers Averse to Making Loan

PEKING, Nov. 8.-Two men are on the way to Peking whose coming is anxiously awaited. One of the men is Liang Chi Chao, the noted exile who is considered the most influential Chinaman of letters. He is believed to be returning here from Japan to take an active part in the work of re-

The other is General Chang Shac Tsen, commander of the Lanchau troops, who forced from the administration promises of a constitutiona government. General Chang has refused the appointment as imperial en voy to conciliate the people of the north on the ground that his troops desire to remain under his command, and he is on his way to the capital at the summons of the government probably for the purpose of a broad discussion of the situation with the administration.

There is no question of the seriousness of events in Peking. The foreign residents for the present are amply protected, but thousands of natives are terror stricken and fear the approach of Chang Shao Tsen, who may not come alone. In the national as-sembly today members asked what measures had been taken for the protection of the people of Peking against General Chang, and the question also was raised as to whether he was coming at the head of his troops. No member of the government was present to reply, but the president of the assembly answered that Chang was accompanied by his soldiers and that the palace had evidently ordered him here becuse he stands for the best site on Tod Inlet where the works of that they can now hope for-consti-(Continued on Page 2.)

mmense Fields of Anthracite Found Near Head Waters of Skeena and Naas Rivers-**Quality Good**

PROJECT RAILWAY TO NASOGA GULF

VANCOUVER, Nov. 8 .- The announcement of the discovery of anthracite coal fields so immense that the output will only be governed by the lemand, with coal of a quality second to none on the American continent, and equal to the Welsh product, is made by Mr. R. C. Campbell-Johnston, mining engineer, who has returned to Vancouver after having spent five months exploring the country at the head waters of the Skeena, Stikine and Naas rivers.

The company which Mr. Campbell-Johnston represents has a charter to construct a raibway from the coal area the Nasoga gulf, near the mouth of the Naas river, and will likely start surveying the line next spring. It is estimated that the coal can then be shipped from the mines to the Nasoga gulf for \$2.50 a ton. From there the company will ship it to all parts of the Pacific coast and across the Pacific

to China and Japan. It is said that the coal deposits will be easily worked because of the synclinal formation of the district, which results in many outcroppings. Analysis of the coal shows about 84 per cent. of fixed carbon, without 6 to 8 per cent.

Mr. Campbell-Johnston confidently believes that owing to the splendid quality of the anthracite, its ease of access by mining, and the fact that the seams are unbroken by volcanic rock, these coal beds will completely outdo those of Alaska, which are badly im-

paired by volcanic rock.

Steamship Afire. LIVERPOOL, Nov. 8 .- A dangerous ire broke out yesterday on the Norfolk & North American Steamship company's steamship North Point, which arrived here November 1 with a cargo of cotton from Savannah,

INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY

Boad from Montreal to New York May be Completed Next Year—En-gineers to Bold Conference

MONTREAL, Nov. 8 .- The construction of an international highway from Montreal to New York is an assured fact. It may be completed next year, and if not it will be finished the year following. Gabriel Henry, of Quebec, head of the roads branch of the provincial department of agriculture, goes to Rochester, N. Y., next week to meet the road engineers of that state, who have charge of the road building in that part of the international highway running through New York state. An t standing will be arrived at with regard to the character of the road in ques-tion, and the Montreal end of the highway will be made to correspond in every respect to the American side,

Shipyards Expand.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8 .- The Unon Iron works, one of the largest shipbuilding companies on the Pacific Coast, let contracts today for \$100,000 improvements in the local yards.

Por Beceiving Stolen Goods

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 8 .- Barney Stevens, a wealthy pawnbroker, was arrested here tonight on a warrant is-Wash., police department, charging him with receiving stolen goods. Stevens was taken before a justice of the peace and upon entering a plea of not guilty, was released on \$10,000 bond. Stevens' arrest follows the alleged confession of Harry Barr in Spokane, accusing him of receiving goods stolen there and in other western cities. Chief of Police Griffin said tonight that the police here had recovered some of the missing property.

Four Hundred Thousand Suffer for Want of Food in Consequence of Fire-Two Thirds of City Destroyed

HANKOW, Nov. 5 via Wu Hu, Nov. 8.-More than two-thirds of the city of Hankow has been destroyed by fire. The lowest estimate of the loss is \$50,-000,000. Four hundred thousand are destitute. Hundreds of half-burned bodies, many of them those of women and children, lie among the ruins The custom house, the post office and the American missions have been spared. The city has been looted, the lage, although imperialist officers tried to check the work. They put to death a number of soldiers. Refugees were deprived of their loot on entering the British concessions, carloads of valuable furs, silks and jewellery being seized. It is suggested that the Red Cross receive the proceeds.

On Friday afternoon the consuls appealed to the imperialists to cease burning the town. A proclamation, issued immediactly, declared that the rebels were responsible for the fires. The following day new fires started in various quarters. The David Hill memorial school for the blind, connected with the Weslevan mission. has been looted, while in contrast, all the mission property in Wu Chang, which is held by the insurgents, has been protected.

On November 3 there was considerable gunnery practice, beginning before daylight. The imperialist battery behind Hankow moved to the southwest in belated fulfillment of the promise to shift the lines of fire mously rejected the application of from the concessions. This battery and another stationed on the plains engaged in a heavy duel with those on Han Yang hill. The Wu Chang fort used powder occassionally in the defence of Han Yang.

Riflemen on opposite sides of the

and there has been similar fighting

today, but steadily decreasing in volume. There is much open revolutionary talk among the imperialists. A thousand revolutionary soldiers from Hunan reached Wu Hu yesterday. At I-chang and other river ports republicans are collecting the custom receipts. Consular reports from I-chang say refugees from Chung King, in Sxechuen province, are bound thither. Secret societies, it is reported, are gaining control in Szechuen. The mobs of Kiu Kang are violent. The revolutionaries commandeered a British tug which was proceeding up river with two lighters of coal, which it was suspected was destined for Admiral Sah's fleet. A British gunboat made a demand for the captured boats, which were afterwards restored to the revolutionists. Two thousand trained soldiers have arrived from the Ho Yang district in Kiang Si. A night

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TORONTO, Nov. 8 .- Richard L. Freenan ran up a board bill of \$50 in two days at a local hotel, and when the police were summoned by the landlord Freeman was recognized as the man wanted for theft of \$40,000 of clients' money while a stockbroker in Boston, He returned to Boston to stand his trial. ber cargo.

FROM TALIANS

Minister of Foreign Affairs States Through Ambassador at Washington That No Atrocities were Committed

TURKEY'S APPEAL TO UNITED STATES

Report of Recapture of Derna By Turks and Arabs is Also Discredited — Victories for Italian Troops

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 .- Misconstruction of the appeal made by Turkey to the American government for intervention at Tripoli resulted in the issuing of a statement today by Youssouf Zia Pasha, the Turkish ambassador, declaring that Turkey had wish that the United States should act as mediator to end the Turko-Italian war.

"The call which the embassy made on the Washington government on November 4 was to request the state department to intervene in order to bring about cessation of atrocities committed by the enemy against women, children and the defenseless population of Tripoli," said the am-

"This appeal did not imply in any form whatever, a request for mediation, as has been reported in some

Further official denials from the Italian government on the rumored atrocities by Italian troops in Tripoli were given out during the day through Italian embassy. Three cablegrams from the minister of foreign affairs were made public by Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, the Italian ambassador. The first of these said: "I beg your excellency to deny in the most absolute and emphatic form the alleged Italian cruelties. The Arabs are the ones who are guilty of atrocities against our soldiers.'

Another official dispatch denies the statements heretofore made that General Caneva had used the troops to shoot all Arabs suspected of having borne arms against the Italians.

It was stated that many of the Arabs actually found with arms in their pos

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Application for New Trial for Defendant is Unanimously Rejected by Court at Van-

GROUNDS ARE HELD INSUFFICIENT

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 8 .- The court of appeal this afternoon unani-Stuart Henderson, K. C., for a retrial in the Victoria case of Rex vs. Day. Day was convicted in the first place for receiving goods stolen from the admiralty stores at Esquimalt. There had been some delays in com-Han river fought all day Saturday, ing to trial, and on the day of the trial Day's counsel asked that he might be allowed to re-elect and take trial by jury, but the court held that Day had plenty of time, the court and witnesses were ready and the trial must proceed.

That there had been no proper elecion was one point raised by the appellant. Another point was that the goods having been taken from the naval stores the case did not come within the jurisdiction of the civil courts.

Mr. Justice Galliher said that he considered argument on that point a waste of time and the other members of the court agreed with him. Chief Justice Macdonald said that leave to appeal should be refused. In Greenwood vs. Bancroft, a Victoria case arising out of the lease of

stores on Government street, the court

eserved judgment, Will Take Coal.

ist gunboat which was seeking to pass SAN' FRANCISCO, Nov. 8 .- The British steamer Strathearn, which has just arrived at Portland with coal from Newcastle, Australia, has been chartered by the American Trading company to load a return cargo of lumber on the Columbia river and at Tacoma It is reported, however, that she will probably bring down a cargo of coal from Comox before taking on her lum

CUTS OFF WATER

Southern Pacific Bailway Company Gives Notice to Its Striking Em-ployes at Gila, Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz., Nov. 8 .- That the Southern Pacific Railway Company had otified its striking employees at Gils that their supply of water, which has been furnished for many years by the company, would be cut off, was confirmed tonight by Superintendent J. H. Dyer of this city. He said he had no apolo-gies to offer.

"The men in Gila have been working night and day against the company," said Mr. Dyer, "and they have let the water run from the hydrants, wasting much water wantonly that the company needs in its engine boilers."

A. A. Worsley, of Tucson, an attorney, instructed the men at Gile today to make a money tender to the company for the use of the water. It is likely that this plan will be followed, but what the outcome will be is not known, as no one could be found who would speak for the company in the matter.

Dramatic Prison Scene

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 8 .- Dra matic in the extreme was a scene en acted in the yard of the city jail this evening, when, as Captain of Police Pennish stood with his revolver levelled at a target, a voice wailed pleadingly: "Shoot me, in the name of God, shoot me." From behind the barred door peered the wrinkled face of an aged woman, the personification of misery and suffering. The woman was Mrs. Mary Patton aged 70 years, who with her son, Louis Patton, had been arrested for drunkenness. Tearing from her throat her tattered dressing sack, Mrs. Patton cried "End my misery with a bullet, shoot me." Pennish laid down his revolver

PASSED AWAY

and turned away as did other police of-

ficers who were present.

Mr. Joseph Peirson, for Many Years a Well-known Figure About Victoria, Found Dead in Office Building

Mr. Joseph Peirson, for a number of years prominently connected with the Navy League, of this city, as its secretary, and a well known and respected business man of Victoria, was found dead in one of the general apartments on the second floor of the Reynolds block at the corner of Yates and Douglas street late yesterday afternoon about 5.45 o'clock, where apparently he had been lying for fully

24 hours. Mr. Peirson was last seen on Tuesday afternoon and enquiry at his office in the building yesterday by two of his friends who reported that he had not returned to his home at 38 Lewis street on the night previous, resulted in the finding of his body. An inquest will be held, but it is believed that the aged gentleman, who had reached his 74th year, died of heart failure. Rigor mortis had set in when the body was found. Dr. K. J. O'Neill, the deceased's phy-

sician, with offices in the same building, who had been treating him for his heart and asthma, found the body. On Tuesday-the day Mr. Peirson disappeared-the doctor had been conversing with him and that time he was in good health. Twice during yesterday Dr. O'Neill had tried the door of the general apartment and each time had found that a heavy weight held it from opening. He paid no attention to this. It was shortly before the time mentioned that the two friends of the deceased called at his office and Dr. O'Neill at once remembered his visits to the general apartment. The locating of the deceased resulted, the physician finding the dead man lying up against the door preventing the latter from being opened.

The late Mr. Peirson leaves no relatives in this country as far as could be learned last evening, but he emigrated to this city about 16 or 17 years ago from Australia. It is believed that he had relatives there and also in Yorkshire, his native land. Though not in public life to any extent, the deceased had a wide circle of friends formed through his energetic and untiring efforts in support of the Navy League and also as of the local Yorkshire member society. He was most punctual in his appointments and as an auditor his work was efficiently exacting. On many occasions he conducted auditing for some of the leading municipalities of the province and was also at one time engaged by the local by Judge Lacombe, of the U. S. circuit government.

For many years, in fact during his residence in Victoria Mr. Peirson conducted a notary, insurance and auditing business. He had lived in the James Bay district for some

The late Mr. Peirson held considerable local property and was interested in mining holdings at Sheep Creek in the Nelson district.

The remains are being held for funeral arrangements at the B. C. Undertaking Parlors.

QUEBEC, Nov. 8.—The transfer of the headquarters of the Union Bank of Canada from this city to Winnipeg will be considered at the coming annual general meeting of the institution.

TAKEN AGAIN

Question of Making Reliable Count of Population Already Under Consideration by New Government

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO VISIT B. C.

New Minister of Marine Also Contemplates Trip to Coast -Minister of Railways is Elected

OTTAWA, Nov. 8.—There is now every probability that the census of June last will have to be taken over again. It is understood here that the question has already been informally considered by the members of the government, and there is a very strong likelihood that a new count will be taken in 1912. A decision will be finally reached when it is shown beyond question that the census machinery broke down in June and that the returns now in the hands of the chief commissioner are so hopelessly unreliable as to be useless. thorough investigation will be made on the return of Hon. Martin Burrell to Ottawa. The new census will likely be taken on the English system. In order to have such a recount it will be necessary to pass a special legis-lation and a vote for the money.

The British Columbia ministers continued negotiations with the federal ministers today respecting the set-tlement of provincial troubles. They look for a satisfactory settlement. Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, was elected by acclamation in

Nipissing today. Hugh J. Kelly, partner of Hon J J Foy, attorney-general of Ontario, has been appointed judge of the Ontario high court to succeed Hon. Justice Mc-

Matten, deceased.

At a meeting of the North Oxford Liberal executive Mr. Mackay, the sitting member for the Ontario legislature resigned at the request of the Ontario Reform Association to provide a seat for

Leader Rowell. The Duke of Connaught stated definitely to Premier McBride that he would visit British Columbia next year. Arrangements are already der way for the trip to be made early

next summer. Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of ma ine and fisheries, will pay the Pacific Coast province a visit next summer.

probably in the fishing season. Preparations for the session are progressing rapidly. On Wednesday next the members will be sworn in and elect the speaker, and on Thursday the formal opening will take place.

Dropped Dead. TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 8.-Mrs. Wile liam Bains called at the Western hose nital to visit her son who recently had both legs cut off by a train. Just as she reached the bedside the wor man dropped dead,

Banking Act

MONTREAL, Nov. 8 .- A meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association Will be held here tomorrow. It is understood that the committee will be named to confer with the new minister of finance. Hon. W. T. White, in connection with the proposed amendments to the banking act. One of the questions which will receive particular attention is that of extending the time in which the bank note circulation may be increased by 15 er cent. of the paid up capital.

TOBACCO COMPANY

Proposed Plan of Beorganization is Ace cepted, With Some Modifications By Circuit Court

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 .- The litigation which the federal government began four and a half years ago to break up the American Tobacco company as a monopoly in restraint of trade approached the stage of completion today by judicial acceptance, with a few modifications, of the much discussed plan which the tobacco company itself drew up for dissolution of the combine in accordance with a mandate of the United States sulieme court.

The decision of approval was filed court shortly after stock market hours this afternoon, and supplementary opinions were filed by Judge Coxe and Judge Noyes, concurring generally with Judge Lacombe. No one of the judges regard the plan as perfect, but ail declared the idea was beyond attainment, and that as a practical, substantial compliance with the law the plan, as slightly modified, appeared the best attainable. Each judge asserted his belief that the plan is honest and that there is no question

of the good faith of its authors. Judge Ward, the fourth member of the court, who attended some of the conferences and sat with his .ssociates at the opening hearing, filed no