

WILL KEEP PACE WITH GERMAN NAVY

Britain's Navy Must Always Overtop the Kaiser's.

Sir Edward Grey's Important Pronouncement on Naval Policy.

He Fears that Growth of Armaments Must Eventually Break Down Civilization.

London, March 13.—Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, leading the House of Commons tonight in Premier Asquith's absence, made an important pronouncement on the government's naval policy.

Reginald McKenna, first lord of the Admiralty, in defence of his estimates against attacks from certain quarters, explained that in 1914 Great Britain would have thirty, and Germany 21, Dreadnoughts, not, he said, an unreasonable margin.

Secretary Grey, affirming Mr. McKenna's statements, emphasized the cordiality of Great Britain's foreign relations and his earnest desire that nothing should disturb these friendly relations especially with Germany.

When he referred to the possibility of the adoption of President Taft's proposal he was listened to with intense silence. He said, the two greatest nations should make it clear that in no circumstances were they going to war again, the effect of their example on the world must be beneficial consequences.

ARMIES AS WORLD'S POLICE. In conclusion the secretary said: "The general adoption of such a system might leave some armies and navies still in existence, but they would remain, not in rivalry, but as the world's police."

THE VOICE OF THE COUNTRY AGAINST IT

Dufferin, Charlotte County, Board Of Trade Passes Vigorous Resolution In Opposition To Reciprocity.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, March 13.—The parish of Dufferin, in which is located one of the best of the prospective winter ports of Canada, has an energetic Board of Trade, which held a largely attended meeting Saturday evening, and passed unanimously the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Trade of the Parish of Dufferin, particularly desiring to endorse the position of those, both Liberal and Conservative, who, believing the country's welfare to be greater than party, are opposing the proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States.

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HAMILTON COUNCIL MAKES ITSELF HEARD

City Council Of Hamilton, Ont., Passes Resolution Of Protest Against The Reciprocity Proposals.

Hamilton, Ont., March 13.—After a particularly warm session, the city council tonight passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city council of Hamilton, Ontario, in protest against the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States, and in support of the policy which has been so beneficial to this city, should not be interfered with or disturbed, as it would seriously affect the manufacturing interests in which millions of dollars have been invested, and which have been the chief cause of the progress and advancement of the city and county.

SAY TAFT IS TOO PREVIOUS

A Republican Club In Boston Declares Against Reciprocity Agreement With Canada As Altogether Uncalled For.

Boston, March 13.—Resolutions deploring Mr. Taft's activity in promoting the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada were adopted unanimously today by the executive committee of the Home Market Club, one of the leading high tariff Republican organizations of the country. The resolutions are in part as follows:

Resolved, That the statement by President Taft in his Atlanta speech of March 10, that he instructed his commissioners to offer Canada full free trade, but that the Canadians declined the offer because there is a protective country, affords an additional reason why the agreement should not be ratified by our Congress. It explains the partiality of the agreement towards Canada, and confesses to the fact that the United States is also a protective country.

MONCTON ASKS FOR NEW BRIDGE

Council Will Memorialize Government For Assistance To Build \$18,000 Bridge At Sunny Brae—Other News.

Moncton, Mar. 13.—Mrs. David Dinan, of Chatham, died in the hospital here this evening. She had undergone an operation.

The city council tonight decided to oppose the bill before the legislature for the appropriation of the parish of Moncton stipendiary on account of a clause seeming to give the county council power to make regulations with regard to the city lockup for parish prisoners.

JUDGE REFUSES TO DISMISS MURKIN

Some Counts In Indictment Quashed, But Enough Remain To Give Fakir Five Years Term.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 13.—The government rested its case shortly before the recess after further testimony regarding the Boot Black Trust phase of the charges against George H. Munroe, formerly of Montreal, was presented. Judge Hough denied a motion for the dismissal of the indictment as a whole.

MEXICAN TROUBLE GROWING

Uprising Has Now Spread To Two New States

Mexican Government Preparing To Summarily Punish All Persons Guilty Of Acts Of Violence.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 13.—The uprising in Mexico has spread to the states of Coahuila and Morelos, according to advices received today by the revolutionary agents here. The uprising in Morelos is of formidable proportions the despatches set forth. Telegraphic communications with both states is almost destroyed and details are lacking.

Mexico City, Mex., Mar. 13.—Action on the government's measure invoking the clause of the constitution which provides for the suspension of personal guarantees where deemed expedient under extraordinary conditions has been deferred until Wednesday. The bill will be read before the special committee to which it was referred tomorrow, after which it will be sent to the permanent committee of congress for passage.

WESBITT MAY BE IN CHINA

Missing Director Of Farmers' Bank Believed To Be Practising Medicine In A Chinese Coast City.

Toronto, March 13.—The police in their chase for Beattie Nesbitt are circulating China. The latest rumor has it that the fugitive ex-president of the Farmers' Bank is practicing medicine in one of the coast cities of the Celestial Empire.

ELECTROCUTED BY LIVE WIRE

A French Canadian Telephone Lineman Met Instant Death At Belleville Yesterday Afternoon.

Belleville, Ont., March 13.—Henri Valee, a French-Canadian telephone lineman, was electrocuted this afternoon by touching a live wire of the Montreal and Quebec line. He fell dead across an arm of the pole where his body remained until the power was shut off. He was 27 years old and was from Montgomery county, Quebec, where he was to have been married next week. An inquest will be held.

MANY ARRESTS MADE IN ANTI-CLERICAL RIOTS

Disappearance Of A Young Girl From Parochial School Leads To Serious Fighting At Sao Paulo.

Rio Janeiro, March 13.—Anti-clerical riots occurred at Sao Paulo yesterday. The military and police attacked the mob which fought back and during the encounter a number of persons were killed and others injured. One hundred and fifty arrests were made. All of the churches in Sao Paulo have been placed under military guard.

MR. OLIVER ON LACK OF SYSTEM

He Made a Statement Yesterday Showing Great Influx—Lorneville Wharf Extension—Questions On Reciprocity.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., March 13.—At the opening of the House, Mr. Monk moved an amendment to a motion to go into committee of supply demanding the prompt beginning of the Georgian Bay canal. After the afternoon had been consumed in speeches on the subject by Mr. Monk, Gerald White, Mr. Arthur, E. B. Devlin, and Mr. Pugsley, Sir Wilfrid Laurier took the point of order that it was out of order, as a private member cannot move for the expenditure of money. The point of order was sustained and the debate dropped.

Mr. Oliver then made a statement on immigration. During the nine months ending 31st December last, 253,326 immigrants entered Canada. The comparisons are: British, 98,995, as against 59,790 in the whole year of 1909. United States, 97,702, as against 79,818 in 1909. Continental Europe, 56,628, as against 45,828 in 1909-10. The total immigration in 1910-11 will exceed 300,000.

The character of this year's immigration, he said, is higher than ever before. He went into a long description of the methods pursued by the department which was followed by a general discussion.

The Lorneville Wharf Extension. Dr. Daniel was told that tenders were asked for the building of an extension of the wharf at Lorneville, St. John County, on October 25, 1910. No tender has been accepted as information is being procured with a view to reducing the size and cost of the work. The minister denies that it is considered that the necessity for the work no longer exists.

Mr. Thornton got answers to two interesting questions on reciprocity. "Under reciprocity would Canadian vessels be allowed to carry Canadian grown grain from Duluth to Buffalo, or from one American port to another?"

PROHIBITION FOR QUEBEC

John H. Roberts Of Dominion Alliance Declares That Prohibition Is Rapidly Becoming Dry.

Montreal, Mar. 13.—That the Province of Quebec having already 69 per cent of its communities dry, was well on its way to prohibition, was declared by Secretary Roberts at the afternoon meeting of the Dominion Alliance at St. John's, Quebec, presiding.

The statistics given by Secretary Roberts showed that of the communities in the province 69 per cent were dry and 31 per cent had a license. The number of communities without a license was 661 compared with 295 with a license.

Alderman Carter welcomed the delegates to the 32nd annual convention of the Quebec branch of the Dominion Alliance. It had been an important year in the alliance's history, and he inhaled the delegation to Quebec last April, which had been the most influential delegation in the history of the alliance, and had been received with sympathy by the provincial government.

As regards results they were glad to say that on May 1 next there would be a general early closing movement throughout the province, except in Montreal and Quebec. The bars would close at 7 p. m. on Saturdays and 10 p. m. the remainder of the week. They had secured something for Montreal, however, in legislation providing that saloons should not open in the morning until 7 a. m., whereas at present they could open at 5 a. m. The city council had passed a motion approving of this legislation. They would close at 11 p. m. each night.

LACK OF SYSTEM SHOWN ON N. C.

FREDERICTON TURNED DOWN "REFORM" MEN

"Good Government" Ticket Swept From Power In Yesterday's Election—Result Was Expected.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 13.—The expected happened in the civic elections here today, the so-called Good Government Association's ticket being swept from power. The entire Citizens' ticket, were elected, the vote which they received being one of the largest in the history of the city.

The complete turnover today means the repudiation by the citizens of the reform element who predominated during the past year at City Hall, and some significant changes are expected to follow.

Ald. J. Hugh Calder led the poll in today's election with 751 votes out of 1178 polled on a list of 1344 names. It was expected that the Good Government ticket would carry the Court House poll by a substantial margin, but the showing made at the City Hall poll was the most remarkable, the Citizens' ticket holding their opponents even there, and in some cases taking a larger vote than the Good Government Association candidates.

The total vote was as follows: Wellington Ward. W. S. Hooper, 668; B. A. Guthrie, 652; Moses Mitchell, 523; R. T. Baird, 456. St. Anne Ward. A. B. Kitchen, 681; Ed. Moore, 662; J. J. Weddall, 485; A. H. Vanwart, 480. Carleton Ward. T. S. Wilkinson, 677; C. A. Burchill, 626; Jos. Walker, 508; H. E. Harrison, 495. Queens Ward. H. C. Jewett, 686; W. E. Farrell, 653; W. J. Osborne, 537. Kings Ward. Hugh Calder, 751; Thos. C. Allen, 579; W. G. Clark, 496. Lively Proceedings. Following the declaration proceedings the candidates made speeches. The Citizens' ticket members gave the speeches. They had arranged that a fund had been sent here from St. John liquor dealers to assist in their election. At one stage the proceedings became so lively that the police arrested one member of the crowd only to have the mob take him away from them again when en route to the police station.

MENINGITIS CASES ON INCOMING STEAMERS

Two Vessels Have Been Quarantined At Port Of New York During Last Thirty-six Hours.

New York, March 13.—For the second time within thirty-six hours, a trans-Atlantic steamer was held up at quarantine tonight because of several cases of spinal meningitis, some of which had proved fatal.

The ship detained tonight is the Austrian steamer Martha Washington, which arrived from Trieste, Patras, Palermo and Algiers, late today with one of her stowage passengers dead, and four others seriously ill of meningitis. Four others are dangerously ill with pneumonia.

The Greek steamer Patras which was held up yesterday because of the death of six and the illness of four others from meningitis, was released today, after the bodies had been removed and the sick transferred to the quarantine hospital.

PRISONER ESCAPED FROM HOULTON JAIL

Man Charged With Larceny Beat The Turnkey, Evaded The Sheriff And Started For The New Brunswick Border.

Houlton, Maine, March 13.—Overpowering Turnkey Henry D. Smart, with a blow over the head from an iron bar, and evading Sheriff Elmer Bryson, a bound-over prisoner named Johnson escaped from the county jail here late today and started for the Canadian line, about four miles away. Johnson was awaiting the action of the grand jury at the April term of court on the charge of larceny. Sheriff Bryson started in pursuit.

Damaging Evidence at Wreck Enquiry in Newcastle.

Branch Train Permitted to Arrive Ahead of Scheduled Time.

Maritime Conductor Swears Semaphore was not Visible at the Time of the Wreck.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, March 13.—A surprising lack of system on the Indianstown-Newcastle suburban, and ignorance of many of the official railway rules was revealed today at the inquest into the death of Harvey McDougall, the victim of Thursday's accident on the Intercolonial system at Derby Junction.

The enquiry brought a vindication of the Maritime conductor and crew and showed that a much more serious accident was miraculously averted through Driver O'Shaughnessy's attention to duty. He stuck to his post and succeeded in getting the train almost under control when the collision occurred.

Morning Session. The inquest was resumed at 10 o'clock in the morning. Coroner M. S. Benson presided, and Clerk of the Peace T. W. Butler conducted the direct examination. A. Davidson appeared on behalf of the family of the deceased.

Evidence was given by John W. McDougall, Andrew Foy, Dr. Nicholson and Jas. W. Spencer. The latter was braggart on the suburban train and his evidence was the most important. He testified to opening the main line switch and also raising the semaphore. He failed to close the main line switch when the engine had completed its shunting. He had raised the semaphore by the lever. He did not see whether it had raised the semaphore. They had arrived at Derby Junction about twenty-five minutes before the express, and the suburban was shunting on the main line. He was due to arrive at the Junction. The accident occurred before they were due to arrive at the Junction. The semaphore was not in the cutting near the track, but had been installed on the bank.

Afternoon Session. At the afternoon session of the inquiry, evidence was given by Frank R. Debo, of Sussex, Canadian Express messenger; Alex. Dickie, of Moncton, conductor; and Edward L. Watts, conductor on the Maritime.

Mr. Debo said that the driver had the Maritime engine under control, he (witness) had alighted from the train before the collision. Conductor Watts also told of the brakes. He said that he had not had any orders to the trainmen to get on the main line. They had intended to secure his orders in ample time. He was in the van at the time of the collision and did not know the suburban engine was on the main line until after the collision.

The semaphore could not be seen from the station and when the train of the Peace Branch placed sections before him, the witness said he was aware that when the semaphore was obscured the train should be flagged with a red flag and torpedoes. This was not done.

Entire Lack of System. The Whooper had arrived about 10.10 o'clock, while she was not due until 10.40. Trains were not allowed to arrive before the scheduled time, but that sort of thing had been going on for some time, arriving any time from 10.10 to 10.30. There was considerable shunting to do at the Junction. The brakeman, freeman or driver had absolutely no instructions from him.

There was another accident to the Whooper today, considerable delay being occasioned. On Sunday the freight was derailed three miles west of the station. Cars of lumber left the track and blocked the track. It took about six hours to clear the blockades.

LONDON CITY TO SEND A SCULPTURED TABLET

Halifax, Mar. 13.—The Halifax Canada Club were informed by cable today from the Guildhall, that the Corporation of London would this week send to Halifax a sculptured tablet for the Halifax memorial tower in commemoration of the establishment of representative government in Nova Scotia, one hundred and fifty-three years ago. Edinburgh has also signified its intention to send a suitable tablet, the design having been agreed upon. The Corporation of Dublin are expected to take similar action.