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BANQUE VILLE MARIE CLOSED ITS DOORS

Here's the Story of Another Bank Which Has Just Come to Grief.

TWO WARRANTS ISSUED

One Is for the Arrest of J. J. Herbert, Paying Teller, and Other for F. T. Lemieux, Accountant.

STEAL IS SAID TO REACH $58,000

The Gentlemen Wanted Had Been Gambling in Stocks—Depositors Will Be Paid.

LA BANQUE VILLE MARIE

In consequence of the large defalcation on the part of the paying teller and consequent run on the bank, the directors have decided, in the interests of all concerned, to suspend payment. Meanwhile Mr. U. Garaud has been placed in charge to audit and report.

Montreal, July 25.—(Special.)—The above tells the tale of another bank that has come to grief. A warrant is out for the arrest of J. J. Herbert, aged 27, paying teller of the Ville Marie, and F. G. Lemieux, 35 years old, chief accountant of the same institution. Herbert has probably left the city, but Lemieux was in Montreal this morning.

Defalcation Said to Be $58,000.

It is charged that the defalcation reaches $58,000, and that the two men appropriated the notes of the bank. It is held that while the gold and securities were checked off and counted nightly, the same rule was not applied to the notes and consequently these employes, conspiring together, were enabled to help themselves unchecked, and were also able to hide their operations.

It Was a Sure Thing.

Cases are recalled where a similar course has been pursued in other banks for a period covering two years before detection ensued.

"Conspiracy," Says Mr. Weir.

Mr. Weir stated that nothing short of connivance between the chief accountant, Lemieux, and Herbert, the paying teller, could have managed to rob the bank in the manner it had been done. The president said that at different times, when he was absent from the city, he had entrusted the keys of the inner vault to these two men, and he was of the opinion that they had openly conspired to rob the institution.

Says Everybody Will Be Paid.

When the defalcation became known, Mr. William Weir, who is president and general manager, and who has the sympathy of all, decided to take advantage of the law and close the doors, although Mr. Weir says that everybody will be paid in full.

Finances of the Bank.

The capital stock of the Ville Marie on May 31, the end of the bank year, was $479,620, circulation $211,865, savings deposits $1,256,357, deposits on demand $227,-268, discounts $1,573,333, of which only $57,000 was overdue, real estate $52,870, bank premises $66,503, and other assets $201,044, much of the latter being stock owned by the bank. The net profits of the year were $37,000.

The bank had 19 branches and did a good deal of business in the rural districts of the province. There were three offices in Montreal and these branches: Berthierville, Lachute, Lachine, Avonmore, Ont., Nicolet, Ste. Therese, St. Laurent, L'Epiphanie, Laprairie, Marieville, Longueuil and Napierville.

Gambling in Stocks.

It appears that both Lemieux and Herbert had been speculating in stocks and had lost heavily of late.

LEMIEUX IN THE TOILS.

Arrested by Detective McCaskill as He Was About to Enter His House Last Night.

Montreal, July 25.—(Special.)—Lemieux put in an appearance at his house to-night, and was arrested by Detective McCaskill and brought to the city.

Herbert is still at large.

Mr. U. Garaud, a private banker, has taken charge of the bank, and will make a report to the directors. It is announced to-night that the bank will square up with the clearing house to-morrow and begin to redeem the notes.

HE WILL GET HIS MONEY.

Mr. Bourassa, M.P., Need Not Fret About His $3000, According to President Weir.

Ottawa, July 25.—(Special.)—The suspension of the Bank Ville Marie does not attract much attention here, as there is no branch in Ottawa and few if any shareholders. A good deal of sympathy, however, is felt with Mr. Bourassa, the very popular representative of Labelle, who sold some property on Friday last for $3000 and deposited it in the Bank Ville Marie. Mr. Bourassa's friends are hopeful that the showing of the bank will be a good one and that he will not sustain any heavy loss.

Riots Over Austrian Taxes.

London, July 26.—The Vienna correspondent of The Daily Telegraph reports the existence of a serious state of affairs resulting from riotous agitations against the new taxes, and says that conflicts occurred between the police and the people in Vienna, Gratz and other towns.

To Be Married Thursday.

Cettinjie, Montenegro, July 25.—The Duchess of Jutta has arrived here. Crown Prince Danilo met her at Antivari. The Prince and Duchess were received with ovations and rejoicing. Their marriage will occupy next Thursday afternoon.

Dockmen's Strike at Antwerp.

Antwerp, July 25.—The strike of dockmen is spreading to-day, the painters working on the vessels of the trans-Atlantique and Red Star lines struck.

DAN M'GILLICUDDY'S GUFF.

The Senate Reading Room S SENATE PO

The Commodore ... Make Out That He Printed the Ballots for West Huron

AND USED TWO KINDS OF PAPER

But That Does Not Explain Why the 14 Crooked Ones Do Not Fit the Stubs.

Ottawa, July 25.—(Special.)—Commodore Dan McGillicuddy struck town yesterday, professedly on business connected with his dredging contract, but from what took place in the Senate this afternoon it looks as if the Commodore had sailed into port for the purpose of posting Hon. David Mills with respect to the printing of the ballots in West Huron. In the Senate this afternoon a bill relating to the franchise in Prince Edward Island was under discussion, and the Minister of Justice took the rather extraordinary course of lugging in the West Huron case, in order to make the statement that Mr. McGillicuddy had informed him that he (McGillicuddy) had printed the ballots in the office of The Goderich Signal, and had used two kinds of paper. Therefore, argued Mr. Mills, the election was a perfectly fair and honest one. This is not quite so apparent to anyone who has compared the 14 ballots marked in ink for Holmes, found in the ballot box of poll No. 4, Colborne, with the unused ballots returned in the same box, and noticed that they are printed on thinner paper, of a different color, and that they will not fit the stubs from which they are supposed to have been torn. Dan may have printed two kinds of ballots—probably he did; at all events he says he did—but that does not account for the discrepancy between the 14 alleged to which Mr. Cummings tore the ballots he handed to the electors, who swear they marked them for McLean.

IS THE BICYCLE TRUST ALIVE?

A Rumor at St. Catharines That the Cox Syndicate is Buying Up Factories.

St. Catharines, July 25.—The Journal tonight says: A well-defined rumor is current on the streets and comes, it is alleged, from an authoritative source, that the Welland Vale bicycle business has been sold out by Mr. Chaplin to a syndicate of Toronto men, with Senator Cox at the head.

The rumor even goes so far as to state that the price paid by the syndicate is $250,000 and that the manufacture of bicycles in this city is to be discontinued in a very short time.

If this is true it will be a serious loss to the businessmen of the city and many young men will be thrown out of employment unless Mr. Chaplin decides to use the present works for the manufacture of some other goods.

It is stated that included in the deal which the syndicate is alleged to have carried through is the purchase of the interests of the Canadian Dunlop Tire Company, the bicycle business of the Massey-Harris Works of Toronto, and the business of the Goold Bicycle Company, manufacturers of the Red Bird.

Of course no definite information can be gathered in this city, but the legal firm of Beatty, Blackstock & Co., of Toronto, are said to be largely interested in the deal.

MONTREAL HAS THE MONEY.

R. Wilson Smith Buys Four Per Cent Bonds of Manitoba to the Extent of $200,000.

Montreal, July 25.—(Special.)—Another big bond deal has just taken place in Montreal, which is fast becoming one of the money centres of the continent. It appears that Mr. R. Wilson Smith has purchased Manitoba four per cents. to the amount of $200,000, payable in 30 years, and it is said that the price paid was in the vicinity of 111.

UNCLE SAM BUYS GUNS.

English Firm Will Supply Six-Inch Guns for the American Navy.

London, July 25.—At the launching of the British battleship Vengeance at Barrow-in-Furness to-day, Lieut. Dawson announced that Vickers Sons and Maxim, limited, had received an order from the United States for a number of 6-inch guns, which were to be adopted for use by the American navy.

CHARGED WITH ARSON

George Orrange and Rufus Milner Are Now Under Arrest at Chatham.

Chatham, Ont., July 25.—George Orrange, and Rufus Milner, two young men, are held by the police with a charge of arson hanging over them. On Sunday a fire was discovered in the billiard room of Ed. Taylor, King-street. This place adjoins Orrange's barber shop, and the appearances were those of incendiarism. The result of the police investigations was the arrest of the two men mentioned. Orrange came here some months ago from Bothwell. They will be given a hearing on Thursday.

BOTH HANDS JAMMED.

Painful Accident to John Jones at the Welland Vale Works.

St. Catharines, July 25.—This morning a painful accident befell John Jones, at the Welland Vale Works. He was engaged in the ax factory taking dies out of a machine. These dies weigh about 75 pounds and both hands were required to draw them out. While engaged in this duty a large weight of about 600 pounds fell from above, causing the dies to fall upon his hands, frightfully jamming them.

Neighboring workmen extricated him from his uncomfortable position and drove to the office of Dr. McCoy, where his wounds were attended to. The accident was a terrible one, but might easily have resulted in the total loss of both hands.

Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

Preparing for the Trial.

Great preparations are being made at Rennes for the Dreyfus trial, but none too great. The eyes of the world are upon that Breton town just as keenly as the eyes of Canada are upon those exquisite handkerchief-scarfs that Quinn is displaying in his window to-day.

Try our famous 20c meals at Raus' Restaurant, 198 1-2 Yonge. Open all night. 63

French Battleship Launched.

Brest, July 25.—The battleship Suffren was launched here to-day. She is the largest ship in the French navy, being of 12,500 tons displacement.

SHOCKINGLY SUDDEN CALL

Ex-Ald. Blong Passed Away Early This Morning While Sitting in His Chair.

A MOST PROMINENT EAST ENDER

The Deceased Represented Ward 1 for One Term—Foremost in All Progressive Movements.

The inevitable came to ex-Ald. Edward Blong early this morning with shocking suddenness. Yesterday he was in good health, complaining in nowise, and after supper took his accustomed walk-out. He returned to his home at 881 East Queen-street at 9, and said to the members of his family that as he felt slightly weary, he would sit up with them and rest.

Suddenly Seized.

He chatted merrily with them all, till shortly after midnight, when he was attacked with acute pains in the region of the heart. The family was alarmed and at once sent for Dr. G. S. Cleland. Before the doctor could arrive, Mr. Blong expired, sitting in his chair, with his family all about him, unable to ward off the grim foe.

One of the Best Known.

The deceased was one of the best known residents of the east end, where he had lived for over half a century. He helped to a great extent to build up that part of the city. He was born in the County of Armagh, Ireland, 60 years ago, and came to Toronto when 6 years of age with his parents. The family settled on a piece of land 21 acres in extent, where the present homestead now stands.

Was a Large Exporter.

Mr. Blong at an early age engaged in the cattle export trade and was a large shipper. He also conducted an establishment for the feeding of cattle at Gooderham & Worts' byres, a business in which he was engaged up till the time of his death.

In religion he was a Presbyterian and attended Queen-street East Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of Orient Lodge, A.F.&A.M., and the Royal Arcanum.

Five years ago he was the choice of the people for alderman for Ward 1, and occupied that seat for one term. There was no movement in the east end which had for its object the betterment of the people, that Mr. Blong was not connected with, and he was generally the presiding officer at all meetings held by the east end clubs and associations.

He was a large real estate owner, and during the past few years erected 50 new buildings.

The Family Bereft.

Besides a widow he leaves 9 children. They are Messrs James H., fancy goods dealer, Toronto; Edward V., jeweler, Philadelphia; George, jeweler, Little Current; Mrs. Cleland, wife of Dr. Cleland, and five unmarried daughters at home. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

DON'T WANT RECIPROCITY.

This French Paper Says the Deal With the United States Means Ruin.

Paris, July 25.—The Republique Française, referring to the reciprocity between France and the United States, signed at Washington yesterday, says:

"Washington despatches announce the consummation of the Franco-American treaty. An enormous blunder, against which we endeavored to put the Government on its guard, has been consummated and MM. Millerand and Delcasse have betrayed French industry and agriculture to the United States in these two branches of our national production. Ruins will be heaped on ruins.

"True, the treaty has not been ratified and we affirm that it will not be without discussion. Industrial and agricultural associations on every side are, indeed, becoming agitated and manifold protests are being made, and when the Chamber reassembles the Government will find itself face to face with an Opposition formidably equipped with arguments and which will energetically lay bare the fatal consequences of the convention which so cruelly betrays French interests."

ICE IN THE DIANA'S WAY.

This May Seriously Impede the Progress of the Peary Relief Expedition North.

St. John's, Nfld., July 25.—The mail steamer Labrador, Captain Dawes, from the Labrador coast, arrived here to-night. She reports an immense body of ice along the northern part of that coast, which will probably seriously impede the northern progress of the Peary relief steamer Diana, which started on Friday last. It is expected here that the unfavorable ice conditions will prevent the steamer from reaching a far northern latitude.

FORTY MINERS ARE BROKE.

And the U. S. Government Will Bring Them Home—Off the Edmonton Trail.

Washington, July 25.—The Cabinet to-day considered an appeal from Fort Wrangel, Alaska for help for 40 destitute miners, arriving there over the Edmonton trail. The Government advices reported that over 100 more cases were to follow, and while there is no specific application that will cover the case, the result of the discussion was that means will be provided by the Government to get them to their homes.

Interesting Contrasts at Dineens'.

While the selling departments at Dineens' are busied with the hot weather demand for cool hats, the fur-garment manufacturing department in the top flat of Dineens' building is in full operation on the new seal and Persian lamb styles which will be worn next winter, and the fur show rooms on the second floor are full of interest to visitors intent on seeing what fashion decrees for the coming fur season. A few steps from the display of the new styles in ladies' fall hats at Dineens' bring the visitor face to face with the newest creations in winter fur wear.

Four hours' solid enjoyment at the Kilties' Moonlight Friday night next.

Couple of Changes Made.

The Hague, July 25.—At the plenary sitting of the Peace Conference this afternoon in deference to Sir Julian Pauncefote, head of the British delegation, and in order to secure unanimity, the Danish delegates consented that the reference to the landing of the cables be struck out of the list, contained in article 55 of the convention on the laws of war.

Turkhan Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, made formal adherence to the arbitration convention on condition that Turkey's recourse thereto be purely optional. It is understood that about half the powers included in those forming the Dreibund, will sign the arbitration convention immediately.

ALASKA DISPUTE LOOKING BRIGHTER

It is Now Believed That It is Trending Towards a Settlement.

PROSPECTS OF A MEETING

Of the Joint High Commission in the Late Fall are Now Talked About at Washington.

LONDON MAIL BACKS CANADA

This Country Cannot Be Sacrificed and This Must Be Clearly Understood.

London, July 25.—Despite disquieting reports, it is believed at the British Foreign Office that the Alaskan boundary dispute is trending towards settlement. The United States Ambassador to-day forwarded to Washington important detailed despatches, embodying Canada's position with reference to the Lynn Canal strip. Sir Julian Pauncefote's return, it is expected, will advance matters, owing to his knowledge of both the American and the Canadian positions.

LOOKING BETTER NOW.

The U. S. Proposal to Give Canada a Port of Entry in the Dominion.

Washington, July 25.—At to-day's Cabinet meeting the main topic discussed was the Alaskan boundary line dispute. Secretary Hay explained the status of the direct negotiations now in progress between himself and Mr. Tower, the British Charge d'Affaires, and said that he was not without hope that this vexed problem would be solved by direct negotiation. Great Britain now seems willing to consider the proposal of the United States to give Canada the privilege of a port of entry in the Dominion, while retaining absolute sovereignty over the Lynn Canal, and it is around this sort of a proposition that the hope of a settlement now hovers. The speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper came up incidentally, but no serious attention was given them. Settlement by direct negotiation would be the easiest as well as the most satisfactory method of disposing of this troublesome question, and such a settlement, from the facts developed at to-day's Cabinet meeting, is regarded as by no means out of the realm of probability.

AND STILL BETTER.

The Joint High Commission, It is Now Said, Will Meet Late in the Fall.

Washington, July 25.—The acuteness of the Alaskan boundary situation has been so much relieved as a result of the conference yesterday between Secretary Hay and the British Charge, Mr. Tower, that those who have taken the most active part in the negotiations feel that they can leave the city for a summer vacation. Mr. Hay will go within a few days, and Mr. Tower leaves to-morrow night for Newport.

May Meet Late in the Fall.

One of the effects of renewing direct negotiations in Washington is to establish that the Anglo-American Commission cannot reassemble in Quebec on Aug. 2. That date is only a week off, and as yet Great Britain has not named a commissioner to take the place of the late Lord Herschell. The purpose now is to secure some mode of settling the boundary question, and then clear the way for a meeting of the commission late in the fall.

Apparently With Good Will.

The strong language used by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper has not found expression in the official negotiations, which are proceeding with every outward evidence of good-will.

CANADA WANTS JUSTICE.

"And an Open Port or Two is Not Justice," Says The London Daily Mail.

London, July 26.—The Daily Mail this morning, in a rather strong editorial on the Alaskan boundary dispute, contends that the interpretation of the treaty is preeminently a matter for arbitration. "Yet," says The Daily Mail, "the United States declines to arbitrate, simply because the political pressure from the Pacific states is so strong that the President fears his re-election might be endangered if he took the just course. We would not be misunderstood. Canada asks no concessions, but only for what she considers her own by right, and she is so confident of her case that she is ready to go before any international tribunal. Reciprocal concessions are talked of, but why should Canada pay a high price for what seems to be her own?

Why?

"Whenever the United States has proposed arbitration of any dispute, England has invariably acceded. Why should the United States to hang back unless they feel that their case is weak? The United States have the reputation of being hard bargainers. That is all very well and we have often made concessions to them simply because we did not desire to quarrel over trifles, but here the vital interests of Canada are concerned, and it must be clearly understood that we cannot sacrifice Canada. We want justice, and an open port or two is not justice."

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In the Dog Days.

With the dog days now imminent, a quiet and pleasant spot like the Queen's Royal, Niagara-on-the-Lake, away from the heat and dust of the city, but convenient of access, and connected with the New York Stock Exchange by special wire, furnishing the markets every day, is the ideal resting place for the man of business, whose affairs do not allow him to go to far afield. There is every form of summer recreation obtainable at old Niagara. Golf, with a ladies' handicap every Saturday, tennis, bowling, boating, bathing, fishing, all have their charms.

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Military Tattoo, 8.15 p.m.
County Orange Lodge, 8 p.m.
At Munro Park, 3.15 and 8.15 p.m.
Board of Control at new City Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Smoke Manhattan cigar, 10c. Try it

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed $1.00. 202 and 204 King W

SAM BLAKE FOR PREMIER

A Story Sent to Winnipeg From the Capital That Mr. Hardy is to Go on the Bench.

AT PRESENT THINGS PRECARIOUS

More Speculation as to Whether There Will Be a Federal Election This Fall.

Winnipeg, Man., July 25.—(Special.)—An Ottawa despatch says: "There is much talk of a general election coming on this fall, although it seems to be confined to the Tory papers and Tory members. It is hinted, however, in some quarters, that Mr. Tarte favors early dissolution. It is difficult to see what the Government could gain by an election this year, as good times are sure to continue a year or more, and this is a strong cry on which to go to the country.

"The action of Senate in throwing out Redistribution bill is mentioned as one cry, but it would be a weak and ineffective one, as it only affects certain parts in Ontario. There seems no strong popular feeling against the Senate, although the sentiment of the country is believed to be in favor of its abolition, which is not proposed by the Government.

"There is said to be a movement on foot to place Mr. Hardy on the bench and try to get Sam Blake for the Premiership of Ontario.

"It is hinted that the Government as at present constituted is in a rather precarious condition.

QUICK'S CASH WENT QUICK.

Detectives Burrows and Black Arrest Wm. Murphy and Charge Him With Theft.

Right in the midst of a general good time Fred Quick was robbed of $150, so he told Detective Burrows last night. Quick and his brother came up from Bowmanville yesterday morning and, after making several acquaintances down town, the party started out for a drive.

When Quick was called upon to pay the cab hire, he found his wad gone. He left his friends and went to Police Headquarters.

There he told who his companions were and Detectives Burrows and Black went out to hunt them up. The two officers ran across one of the men and placed him under arrest.

The prisoner is William Murphy of 4 Church-street. Five $10 bills were found in his possession and Quick says they are the same denomination as the money he missed.

MORE GOLD FROM THE YUKON.

Another Million Reaches San Francisco—Only One Survivor of Seventeen Persons.

San Francisco, Cal., July 25.—The steamer Bertha arrived to-day from St. Michael with 97 passengers and about $1,000,000 in gold. The largest amount owned by one person was $75,000.

Details of the loss of the Bens expedition are told by passengers. Out of a party of 17 persons who left Port Townsend, June 16, 1898, for Kotzebue Sound to prospect for gold, only one survived, and that is Mrs. H. W. Bens of Clay City, Ky. For 12 weeks she watched over her sick husband with no one to aid her, and when he died she was left alone in the wilderness. After walking 9 miles she found a cabin in which three fishermen were wintering. She became sick of scurvy, was tenderly cared for and finally reached St. Michael's and took passage for San Francisco on the Bertha.

WHAT VEXMERINE SAID.

Claimed He Was Asked to Give Up His Money.

Charles Vexmerine, a Frenchman, who has been stopping at 218 East King-street, was indignant last night when he met Policeman Charles Bell. He said a stranger had met him on the street and had tried to make him give up his money by holding a stout stick over his head and threatening to strike him. He also said the man had struck him with his fist.

Vexmerine and the constable walked back a short distance and the former pointed out Martin Burns of 174 Victoria-street as his assailant. Burns was placed under arrest and Vexmerine was also locked up on a charge of being drunk.

The General Officer Commanding.

An incident of the late camps.—The general officer commanding, surrounded by a glittering staff galloped towards the two brigades massed in quarter column. Clear as a bugle call rang out the words: "The division will come to attention." The brigadiers repeated the command, and in a moment every soldier of the thousands was standing rigid as a rock, but simply sweltering in the terrible heat, with throats parched by the dust.

Then the General spoke, his wonderful voice reaching every man in the ranks.

"Officers, non-commissioned officers and men, it gives me very great pleasure to note your extreme steadiness on parade. Do not for a moment think I forget this terrific heat, and your praiseworthy exertions of this afternoon. I appreciate it so much that I give you a little bit of advice—the advice of an old soldier. When you are dismissed let each man, as far as possible, drink a bottle of radnor, empress of table waters, for I shall," and, with these words, the General wheeled his horse and galloped to his quarters. Telephone number, eight-three-five-four.

Don't forget 48th Highlanders' Moonlight on Chippewa Friday, 28th.

Will Be a Big Demonstration.

Much interest is being evinced in the new departure of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Ward 1. Arrangements have been made for a picnic and demonstration in Riverdale Park on Monday evening next. Amongst the speakers announced are Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, W. F. Maclean, Dr. Pyne, John Ross Robertson, Thomas Crawford, and other members of Parliament and of the Ontario Legislature.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants Bank of Commerce Building. George Edwards, F. C. A., A. Hart-Smith, C. A. 136

To Our Readers.

Subscribers leaving the city for the summer months can have The World mailed to any address at regular city rates. The World is now delivered by our own carrier boys at the Island and Kew Beach; 25 cents per month. tf

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MR. STEAD GIVES HIS VIEWS

On the Work of the Peace Conference Which Has Just Concluded at The Hague.

RESULT IS NOT YET UNDERSTOOD

Court of Arbitration Shows Vast Progress in the Evolution of Human Society.

The Hague, July 25.—William T. Stead made the following statement in reference to the work of the Peace Conference:

"The conference achieved a great success—much greater than the delegates anticipated—and the result was achieved largely by the amour propre of capable men from all parts of the world, determined to accomplish something worth their assembling together.

"The result surprised all of them, and the magnitude of the gains is imperfectly understood, even by the conference.

It is a Great Step.

"The establishment of a permanent court of arbitration on the American principle of revision, plus the French declaration of the duty of neutrals to recommend disputing powers to resort to the arbitration court rather than to war, represents vast progress in the evolution of human society. The recognition of the duty to represent to disputants the desirability of resorting to the arbitration court entails no obligation on the Americans inconsistent with their traditional policy. This is made absolutely clear by the declaration signed by the American delegation, read in full at the conference to-day, and entered on the records.

Relations Friendly.

"The relations between the Americans and other delegates, notably the English, German and Russian, has been extremely friendly. The Englishmen and Americans acted throughout almost like a joint delegation. This was due to no arrangement or direction, but solely because both nations found common ground of defense, common interests, civilization and humanity.

Capture of Property at Sea.

"The only point on which the English delegates failed to support the Americans was the resolution forbidding the capture of private property at sea. To this the English representatives were not opposed, but the British Cabinet being divided, the delegates had no instructions regarding the matter, and abstained from taking action.

The Right to Blackball.

"After the arbitration convention is signed, it will probably open to the adhesion of all other powers not represented at the conference, on condition that no original signatory convention objects. This right to blackball any power wishing to join the convention was insisted upon by Italy, in order to prevent the adhesion of the Pope, and by England on account of the Transvaal. It is hoped that all the South American States will come in.

"It is the unanimous opinion of all the delegates that the conference begins a new epoch, and that the good seed now sown will bear a rich harvest hereafter."

THE G.T.R. TRACKMEN ON TOP.

Management Gives Fifteen Hundred Men an Increase of Ten Cents Per Day.

Montreal, July 25.—(Special.)—The Grand Trunk Company have given 1500 trackmen on their main lines an increase of 10 cents per day.

The order is to take effect to-morrow morning.

MR. JAFFRAY AFTER BUSINESS.

Appears Now at Vancouver, B.C., in the Role of Drummer for Coal.

Vancouver, July 25.—Robert Jaffray, president of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, is here to await the arrival of the new admiral on the Pacific station, who will arrive on H.M.S. Warspite. Mr. Jaffray hopes to induce the admiralty to take Crow's Nest coal in the place of Welsh fuel for warships.

LIGHTNING STRIKES A STEAMER.

Fireman Was Shocked Almost to Death and Pilot Prostrated.

Jamestown, N.Y., July 25.—A heavy electric storm passed over this neighborhood this evening. While the steamboat City of Buffalo was in the middle of Lake Chautauqua lightning struck her flagstaff and shivered it. Eugene Manross, the fireman, was so severely shocked that for a time it was feared he would die. Pilot Robert Coffield was also prostrated, while others on board felt the shock. The steamer was brought here in safety by the other members of the crew.

Tattoo—visitors—Dinner and tea provided for large numbers Wednesday and Thursday at the Coffee Houses, 78 King East—28 Queen West.

Dropped Dead at Ridgetown.

Ridgetown, July 25.—James Grant, Clerk of the Division Court, Ridgetown, dropped dead at half-past 8 o'clock this morning. The immediate cause of his death was apoplexy.

Tea served from 4 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, at the Coffee Houses, to accommodate visitors to the Tattoo—78 King East—28 Queen West.

G. T. R. Earnings Increase.

Montreal, July 25.—(Special.)—The Grand Trunk Railway system earnings, from July 15 to 21, 1899, are $491,133; 1898, $419,991; increase, $71,142.

Tickets at Kent Brothers' for Stenographers' Moonlight to-night.

DEATHS.

BLONG—On July 26, at his late residence, 881 Queen-street east, Toronto, Edward Blong.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

DUFF—On Monday, July 24, of heart failure, at his late residence, 228 Cottingham-street, Alex. R. Duff of Osgoode Hall.

Funeral at 3 p.m. on Wednesday to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

HEINTZMAN—At his residence, corner Annette and Law-streets, Toronto Junction, Mr. Theodore Heintzman, in his 83rd year.

Funeral Thursday, 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

HARPER—At the residence, 57 Dunn-avenue, Frederick Charles Maran, youngest son of Edward and Elizabeth Harper, aged 11 years and 5 months.

Funeral Thursday afternoon at 2.30.

MADDEN—At his late residence, 68 Wellington-avenue, on Tuesday, July 25, Ambrose Madden, late of Concord, Ont.

Funeral notice later.

McLEAN—Alfred McLean, second son of D. C. and Emma McLean.

Funeral from his father's residence, 469 Bathurst-street, on Wednesday, 26th, at 3 p.m.

SIR WILFRID CALLS OFF THE GRABBERS

There Will Be No Extra Pay for Members During This Parliament.

IT MIGHT CAUSE TROUBLE

The Only People Who Will Get More Are the Two "Controllers"—To Be $7,000 Each.

ROW IN CAUCUS OVER SUBSIDIES

No Conclusion Was Reached on Mr. Flint's Prohibition Resolution at the Meeting.

Ottawa, July 25.—(Special.)—The delayed Liberal caucus was held this morning and lasted an hour and a half. The usual statement was given to the press that everything was "harmonious" and "most enthusiastic," but it is a curious circumstance that no reference whatever to the caucus appears in either The Free Press or The Journal.

Little Harmony Prevailed.

From what can be learned it would appear that there was very little harmony about the meeting, for, although Mr. Flint's prohibition resolution was discussed, no conclusion was arrived at and the railway subsidies are reported to have raised such a row that Mr. Prefontaine, M.P., left the caucus because there was no subsidy for the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway, better known as the "South Shore" line, in which he is interested.

That Extra Indemnity.

As to the extra indemnity, that is understood to have been "settled out of court," the story goes that the Premier last night sent for two members who had that matter in hand and advised them not to bring the matter up in caucus, as it would cause trouble and the Government could not possibly grant any extra indemnity during the present Parliament. It was intimated, however, so it is said, that after the next general election if the Liberals are again returned to power, the indemnity will be raised to $1500 and a readjustment of the salaries of Ministers made.

Controllers to Get $7000.

The first step in this direction was taken in the caucus by the announcement that the salaries of the Ministers of Customs and Inland Revenue, which have remained at $5000, the salary paid to them as controllers, would be raised to $7000, the same as paid to other Ministers. This is given effect to-night by a notice of motion by the Minister of Finance, that the salaries of the two Ministers be raised to $7000 from July 1, 1898, thus giving them one year's back pay.

THIRD SMALLPOX PATIENT.

Eight-Year-Old Child of Mrs. Thornton Taken to the Isolation Hospital Yesterday.

Medical Health Officer Dr. Sheard ordered the removal of another of the inmates of the house at 27 Delaney-crescent to the Isolation Hospital yesterday, suffering from smallpox. The patient is the 8-year-old daughter of Mrs. Thornton, who is at present in the hospital with the same dread disease. The child is not very ill. The other patients are doing as well as can be expected.

Travelers' Letters of Credit.

Tourists provided with Circular Letters of Credit, issued by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, are enabled to obtain funds without delay at almost any point on their journey, by means of their own cheques on the Bank of Scotland, London or the Canadian Bank of Commerce, New York, which will be cashed by the bank's correspondents at upwards of 500 points throughout the world. 135

Fine and Warm and ——.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, July 25.—(8 p.m.)—Pressure is comparatively high over the Maritime Provinces and the Northwest Territories, and a little below the average elsewhere. Thunderstorms have been fairly general in the lake region, and scattered showers have occurred in the Northwest Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48—80; Calgary, 50—66; Qu'Appelle, 50—68; Winnipeg, 50—68; Port Arthur, 54—78; Parry Sound, 68—76; Toronto, 64—82; Ottawa, 64—80; Montreal, 64—80; Quebec, 62—82; Halifax, 52—74.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate winds; fine and warm; a few scattered thundershowers.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate winds; generally fine and warm.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fresh southerly to westerly winds; generally fair and warm, with local showers or thunderstorms.

Maritime—Fresh southeasterly to southwesterly winds; cloudy to fair; fog in the Bay of Fundy; showers and local thunderstorms.

Lake Superior—Fine; not much change in temperature; moderate winds.

Manitoba—Moderate to fresh westerly to northwesterly winds; fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

One of the most interesting columns of this paper is the one containing the Oak Hall, Clothiers, announcements. A fresh ad. and illustration appears every day.

Steamship Movements.

July 25.	At	From
Southwark	New York	Antwerp
Ethiopia	New York	Glasgow
Furnessia	Moville	New York
Peruvian	Boston	Glasgow
H. H. Meier	Baltimore	Bremen
Bremen	Bremen	New York
Assyrian	Hamburg	Montreal
Concordia	Glasgow	Montreal
Arcadian	Glasgow	Montreal
Ikbal	Liverpool	Montreal
Highfield	London	Quebec
St. John City	London	St. John
Springwell	London	Quebec
Montrose	Bristol	Montreal

Sailed.	From	To
Main Head	Swansea	Montreal
Torr Head	Barry	Montreal
Monterey	Queenstown	Montreal