

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE OVER

SIR ROBERT BOND'S VIGOROUS PROTEST

Says Newfoundland is Neglected For the Sake of American Interests.

London, May 14.—The Imperial conference wound up to-day, and if the attending colonial premiers spoke their feelings to the public as they did to their acquaintances they would call it a failure.

Coming with high hopes of a preferential trade scheme and elaborate programmes for imperialistic legislation they have succeeded in pressing upon the government only a few minor projects.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, supported the government at every stage of the opposition to preferential trade, and as a result he has been unpopular with his colleagues.

Alfred Deakin, the premier of Australia, lost no chance of proclaiming the Japanese menace to Australia a vital problem.

Sir Robert Bond, premier of Newfoundland contrary to expectations, succeeded in getting the Newfoundland fisheries question before the conference to-day. Sir Robert moved a resolution to the effect that if the home government failed to support the colonies in carrying out local statutes, but suspended or abrogated them at the instance of the government, this act would constitute a serious infringement of autonomous rights.

He urged that the assent of the crown should be given to the act of 1906, that the colony should not be fettered by any modus vivendi in carrying out laws approved by it, and the home government should proceed to defend the rights of American citizens under the treaty of 1813 which he declared Newfoundland did not want to limit in any way.

Sir Robert pleaded earnestly with the Earl of Elgin, secretary of state for the colonies, that if the fishing industry, we lose everything. Unless you do something for us, something to enable us to retain the means of subsistence, we starve.

Upon the Earl of Elgin replying to the effect that the government was unable to do worse, the premier of Newfoundland said that he exclaimed: "This is a gross humiliation and neglect which you would not dare to offer to a colony powerful enough to effect its own government. It is most unjust, and I repeat again that you are deliberately neglecting us for the sake of American interests."

Then, gathering up his papers, Sir Robert quit the room without uttering another word.

The premier, were in agreement with the spirit of the resolution and in full sympathy with the case as presented.

ROYAL SOCIETY MEETING.

Ottawa, May 15.—The Royal Society met here yesterday. Dr. Saunders presiding. There were about sixty present. The report of the council recommended that the number of fellows of the different sections be increased from thirty to forty.

STRIKE LEADERS CLAIM A VICTORY

Longshoremen at Jersey City Granted Increase in Wages—New York Situation.

New York, May 15.—Both the representatives of the trans-Atlantic steamship companies and the striking longshoremen maintain their firm attitude today so that the great dock strike seems no nearer a settlement than it did a week ago.

The steamship men declare they are moving freight and ships that must be speedily handled with the aid of the non-union men they have secured, and that the longshoremen will soon be tired of the strike and return to work.

The strikers on the other hand say there is no wavering in their ranks, but that the men are more determined than ever, and that they will not return to work until they secure the increase in wages they have demanded. All attempts at arbitration have so far proved unavailable.

The strikers say they have secured an important victory in Jersey City. The Italian line which docks there has taken back 250 men at the advanced rates demanded in order to discharge two large ships loaded with perishable fruit. The leaders claim that this is an indication that the companies are weakening, and they are jubilant over the developments.

A tour of the steamship piers early to-day showed that there was no relief in the freight congestion.

SPANISH NEW PARLIAMENT.

King Alfonso Refers to the Meeting With King Edward.

Madrid, May 14.—King Alfonso, who was accompanied by Queen Dowager Maria Christina, opened the new parliament yesterday.

The King read a message from the throne promising the aid of the state administration, including centralization, and urged the immediate necessity for the reconstruction of the navy. He referred to the meeting with King Edward, by which the ties uniting Spain and Great Britain were strengthened. The message announced in happy terms the birth of the heir-apparent.

King Alfonso has received the approval of the sovereigns of Great Britain, Germany, Austria and Portugal of the name of the new Prince when his name was registered.

CALIFORNIA RAILWAY WRECK.

Bodies of Victims Are Being Taken East on Special Train.

San Francisco, May 15.—The special train containing the bodies of 28 of the Shriners and others killed in the Southern Pacific wreck last Saturday reached the Oakland pier at 1 o'clock this morning. After a change of engines it immediately left for Buffalo and Pennsylvania points over the Southern & Union Pacific, St. Paul, Wabash & Pennsylvania lines. It will run on a special time and reach Buffalo at noon on Sunday, where a committee from the Reading Shriners will meet the funeral party. The train consists of a baggage car containing the 28 bodies, a composite car, a diner and one Pullman. The train left Santa Barbara with 19 bodies and took on nine more on reaching San Luis Obispo.

PLUNGED INTO RUNNING FLOOD

YOUNG MAN ENDS HIS LIFE IN RIVER

Companions Believe He Was Hypnotized By the Rushing Waters Beneath Him.

Vancouver, May 15.—Probably hypnotized by the rushing waters beneath him Nick Stewart, aged 24, deliberately dived to his death on Monday in the Cheakamus river, 50 miles up the coast from Vancouver.

He was crossing the stream on a log carrying a saw when all at once he pitched into the water, and then jumped into the swift running flood.

His companions on shore declare it was not accidental, but ascribing his death to the "lure of the washing water." The man was feeling in perfect health and spirits, and his companions do not believe he had the slightest intention of committing suicide.

A QUEER FISH.

Whose Genus Cannot Be Discovered Is Brought to Victoria.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Among the first catch of salmon which arrived in the city yesterday from the traps of the B. C. Canning Company was a queer fish, inasmuch as the devotees of pisciculture in Victoria cannot give it a local habitation or a name.

It is about five feet in length, of a svelte-like appearance, with a head shaped like that of a bear. But its most striking feature is its eyes. These are upwards of two inches in diameter, and even in death have a peculiar glaring tendency. The irises are abnormally enlarged and, surrounding the snout, protrude from either side in an aggressive fashion.

Great interest has been aroused by this arrival in the city, although he comes in the guise of death. He is being visited by scores of local fishermen, and there is a spirit of envy abroad in the fishing community against the fortunate trap which had the temerity to catch this freak, while it might have been captured by some local enthusiast who would then have had one more fishing yarn to add to his stock.

TRAVELING REVIVALIST WHIPPED SON SO SEVERELY THAT HE MAY NOT RECOVER.

Chicago, May 15.—A dispatch from Athens, Ga., says: "Because he whipped his twelve-year-old son for playing baseball on Sunday, J. B. Harboll, a traveling revivalist, was yesterday sentenced to six months on the rock pile by Mayor Doreal. Physician stated that the boy was lashed until his flesh was cut so badly that he may not recover. Harboll said it was a deadly sin to play baseball on Sunday, and he had ordered his son not to play the game. The latter disregarded him and was then caught playing on one of the teams."

UNITED RAILROADS AGAINST HENEY

Report That Officers and Employees Will Not Give Evidence Before Grand Jury.

San Francisco, May 15.—The United Railroads are resorting to desperate plans to block Prosecutor Heney in his work of exposing graft in this city. It is stated that officers and employees intend to refuse to testify when called before the grand jury.

Prosecutor Heney says he will ask that they be punished for contempt and wishes he could have the lawyers who have been advising them punished.

After two months the jury to hear the charges against Abe Ruef has been completed.

NO LONGER DETAINED.

After being detained for eighteen days at William Head quarantine station, the Japanese passengers from the Blue Funer liner were released yesterday, and brought to port by the O. P. R. steamer R. P. Rithel. In all there were 19 of them including 92 passengers, 4 Japanese cooks and 7 stowaways, who had been discovered on the vessel. The Orient crew of the vessel remains immured at the quarantine station and will be picked up by the Holt liner when she is outward bound. The Oana is scheduled to sail for Liverpool to-morrow.

NEW BAPTIST PASTOR IS HERE

HE ARRIVED IN THE CITY LAST EVENING

Rev. Christopher Burnett Will Enter Upon Duties on Sunday--Farewell in Winnipeg.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Rev. Christopher Burnett, who has recently been appointed pastor of the new Baptist congregation of this city, arrived in Victoria last evening. Mrs. Burnett and family will reach the city in a few days.

Mr. Burnett to whom reference has been made in these columns, comes highly recommended as an eloquent preacher and an indefatigable worker in the church's interests.

He will enter upon his duties at once. Until the new church is built, services will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall. Rev. Mr. Burnett will make his initial appearance on Sunday morning and services will be held in the hall morning and evening.

The Winnipeg Telegram, referring to Rev. Mr. Burnett's leave-taking in Winnipeg, says:

The farewell social to Rev. Christopher Burnett of the Baptist Tabernacle on Burrows avenue, which was held Friday evening in the church, was largely attended.

A large representation of the congregation were present to hear their late pastor speak, and to express their regrets which they felt at his departure from their midst, and to wish him Godspeed.

During the evening Mr. Burnett was presented with an illuminated address from the members of the congregation, and a beautifully bound edition of Ederer's "Life and Times of Jesus."

Two volumes and Bruce's Apologetics of Christianity. Defensively.

The plan was, the correspondent says, to approach Tsarke-Self in distinct groups and then execute a sudden and daring attack on the palace. The first group, consisting of 34 men, arrived on the Russian God Friday, and were immediately surrounded by the police. They were all arrested, and the plot to kill Emperor Nicholas had been discovered here, resulting in the arrest of 40 conspirators, including reserve officers and other officials and civilians.

INDIAN ELOPEMENT IN THE KOOTENAY

Brave Ran Squaw With Another Brak's Away—Also Stole a Horse.

John Gingle, a Kootenay Indian, whose wigwam is located on the balmey Tobacco landing before the steamer Armatron on Monday, charged with stealing a cayuse and eloping with the squaw of a local prospector, says the Cranbrook Prospector. The elopement was truly sensational from the fact that Gingle had no cayuse to carry his new bride to the land of the free, hence he added insult to injury by stealing Pauline's horse, a bay gelding, and the sturdy buck left on an unfriendly Friday night, and as soon as the horse was misadventure the disappearance of the pair. Mrs. Fallock noted, the Indian police of the Kootenay started in pursuit. The fugitives had crossed the border into the land of the free, but the Indian sleuths knew no boundary line, no international law, no extradition papers, or mode of procedure necessary to the taking of a criminal in a foreign country. The fugitives wended their way through Montana into Idaho before they rested. The sleuths followed them closely and caught up with them at Sand Point, where they arrested the guilty pair.

When the "big chief" the reserve policeman, caught up with them he exhibited a star, cut from the bottom of an old tomato can, pulled forth an old rusty pair of handcuffs and snapped them on his prisoner. The squaw, who was wearing a large pair of moccasins, when she saw the star, snatched them off he grunted a recognition "who!"

The squad of Indian policemen with their prisoner arrived in Cranbrook on Monday. The Indian police were held charging Gingle with stealing a horse. His answer to the complaint was "Me no know more of international law than his captors. He was remained for a week for the production of more evidence."

CLEMENCEAU'S LABOR POLICY.

Vote of Confidence in French Government Passed in Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, May 15.—The prolonged and heated debate in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday on the interpellations of the government regarding its labor policy, ended in a vote of confidence in the government. The vote was taken after a strenuous attack from the extreme Socialists, led by M. Jaures, and stood 348 to 210.

FIRST SALMON OF THE SEASON

WAS BROUGHT TO VICTORIA YESTERDAY

Many Traps Are Being Laid in Sooke District--Big Runs Expected Next Month.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The first salmon catch of the season arrived in Victoria yesterday. The successful company was the B. C. Cannery, the catch being made at the traps at Otter Point. Some three and a half tons of the fish were taken from the trap, which was the first to be lifted this year.

The fish were spring salmon, and were brought to the harbor and landed at the wharf behind Findley, Durham & Brodie's warehouse. Here they were brought into the shed and were put through the process known as mid-cure. After being thoroughly washed and cut open salt is sprinkled through them, and they were then packed in barrels to be kept in cold storage. The major portion of the catch will be shipped to Germany, where the demand for the commodity is great.

The other companies which operate in the neighborhood of Sooke are also becoming very active. This morning the Capital City Cannery Company commenced to drive the piles for its traps. These will stretch from Sooke to Otter Point and onwards as far as Sheringham Point, and along this line of coast many traps will be placed. Owing to the fine weather the driving of the traps will be a comparatively easy task at present, and they will be ready for the big runs of the fish which are expected next month.

J. H. Todd & Son are putting in four traps along the coast this season, and plans were finally fixed for carrying out the deed during Easter.

The B. C. Packers' Association is establishing four traps along the same coast line, and these will also be in operation soon. This year, taken all round, there will not be so many traps established as in previous seasons.

The B. C. Cannery Company will operate, and it is understood that this company will establish a trap on this side of Race Rocks.

The B. C. Cannery Company, which expects not more than three or four to lift a trap this year, is operating over a district which extends from Albert Head to Boulder Point. Mr. Mess, who is interested in this company, stated that he did not think the catches would be very great this year.

The following is an extract from the order in council passed at Ottawa early this month dealing with the fishery regulations of the province:

(1) That section 1 of the fishery regulations of the province of British Columbia, established by order in council 1st May, 1906, be amended by the addition of the following words: "Provided that each bona fide fisherman, who held a salmon fishery license prior to January 1st, 1907, and being a British subject resident along the Fraser river, east of or above, New Westminster, or a resident in the city of New Westminster, shall be entitled to receive a special non-transferable license to fish in the waters of the Fraser river between Mission bridge and New Westminster bridge. Such license shall bear conspicuously across its face the words 'This license valid between Mission bridge and New Westminster bridge.' and such license shall also be valid and may be used below New Westminster bridge. It shall be a condition of any such license that the licensee shall strictly observe the weekly close time and other close time enforced within the limits named, viz., between Mission bridge and New Westminster bridge. The penalty for violation of this section will be the cancellation of the license, and the name of the holder thereof shall be removed from the list of fishermen eligible to receive such special license."

(2) That section 9 of the fishery regulations for the province of British Columbia, established by order-in-council 1st May, 1906, as amended by order-in-council 11th July, 1906, be amended by the addition of the following words: "Provided also that in the years 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911, known as 'open' or 'poor' years, no one shall fish for sockeye salmon east of, or above, New Westminster bridge, Fraser river, with nets of which the meshes are less than 54 inches in extension measurement (and commonly called sockeye nets) from 6 a. m. on Saturday to 6 a. m. on the Monday following, during the following periods, viz., from 1st July to 31st August, both days inclusive."

(3) That section 19 of the fishery regulations for the province of British Columbia, established by order-in-council 1st March 1894, be amended to read as follows: "No license shall be granted to any company, firm or person, unless each member of such company, firm or each fisherman or person is a British subject, and such company, firm or fisherman or person must be the actual owner or owners of the business, nets, boats and fishing gear for which the license are granted, and all salmon caught shall be frozen, canned, salted, cured or smoked in the province of British Columbia before being exported. Provided that salmon fresh or on ice may be shipped for immediate consumption in Canada."

No person shall can salmon imported into the province of British Columbia from any place outside that province, and any raw or fresh salmon so imported for the purpose of being canned in the province of British Columbia shall be liable to seizure and confiscation.

Closing of traps during weekly or other legal close time.

All salmon traps or pound nets shall be closed by a small meshed portland placed across the entrance to the trap and first enclosure of the trap net or pound, such apron shall extend from the surface of the water to the bottom, where the trap is located, and shall be connected to the webbing or piles on either side of the entrance to the trap net or pound, so as to effectually exclude all salmon and prevent their entrance during the legal close times or periods.

DISORDERS IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, May 14.—A minor state of martial law has been proclaimed in Simbirsk province on account of extensive disorders which have broken out there.

APPRECIATIVE WORDS.

J. D. McNiven Is Performing Duties of Fair Wage Officer Very Acceptably.

CHARMED WITH VICTORIA CITY

SIR WILLIAM MULOCK OFFERS SUGGESTIONS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

W. L. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, who has been in the city for a few days past, left this morning for Nanaimo. He will be absent only for the day, returning to Victoria this evening. He will leave to-night for the Mainland.

The deputy minister says that J. D. McNiven, who left this city a few months ago to fill the office of fair wage officer for the Dominion, is proving well adapted for the place. He is giving satisfaction and is proving the right man for the office.

Mr. King during his visit to the coast is looking into matters connected with his department before starting for Ottawa again.

CHOOSING JURY PROVES TEDIOUS

FEW PEOPLE PRESENT AT HAYWOOD TRIAL

So Far Citizens of Boise Have Taken Little Interest in the Case.

Boise, Idaho, May 15.—With ten men in the box who have been passed for cause by both the prosecution and defence, the trial of Wm. D. Haywood, secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with the murder of former Governor Frank Steuneger, of Idaho, to-day, enters upon its fourth day. The morning session will be taken up with the qualification of two men necessary before the work of examination preliminary to pre-emptory challenging begins. It is thought probable that the box will be filled during the morning session, but it is not likely that more than two or three of the present occupants will be retained.

Counsel for the defence and prosecution admitted to the Associated Press to-day that the chances for retaining more than three or four of the present occupants of the box will be small, in fact one of the counsel said he expects not more than three of the present occupants of the box will be accepted. Under the rules of practice in the Idaho courts when a seat is vacated for cause or under pre-emptory challenge the seat is filled by a taleman who has not been examined for cause, or he must fully qualify before the next is reached.

The attendance in the court room yesterday was even smaller than that of the preceding day. There was no crowd outside to see jurors or prisoners as they passed from one to the other house. On no day has there been seen in the court room any really prominent merchant or citizen other than the jurymen or witnesses. This condition is explained only by a strong desire to avoid anything that would tend to arouse the public to a discussion of the case before the jury has been selected.

Haywood takes a keen interest in the trial of selecting the jury. He sits within six feet of the chair occupied by juror No. 6 and immediately beside Mr. Richardson, his leading counsel. His youngest daughter sits in the chair to the right and between him and his wife, who every morning and afternoon is wheeled into the court room in an invalid chair. This girl is constant in her attention to her father. If he consults too long with his attorneys she pinches his big fingers or lays her hands on his shoulders. Mrs. Haywood pays close attention to the trial.

WATER POWER IN THE RAILWAY BELT

Dominion Enters Suit in the Exchequer Court Against Holders of Record.

Vancouver, May 15.—A law suit of great importance to Vancouver interests has been commenced in the Canadian Exchequer court, and will be tried some day this summer here by Justice Burbridge.

The Dominion enters suit against Hudson and Burrill, who have large records of water in the Lillooet river from the province, the government alleging that the province has no right to deal with water power within the railway belt, being a district 20 miles wide, all the way from Burrard Inlet to the eastern boundary of the province. The provincial government will probably be made a party to the action. Its position is that the water power was never transferred to the Dominion, that the land only was transferred.

BRIDGE GANG RUN DOWN BY TRAIN

Three Men Killed--Brakeman Lost Life in Collision on Southern Pacific.

Ashtabula, Ohio, May 15.—Last night three men were killed near here by the Lake Shore train No. 10, which struck a hand car on which were riding four members of a railroad bridge gang. One man jumped and was injured. The dead included the foreman, Geo. Wall, of New York.

SHOT BY WOMAN.

Terrorist Who Escaped From Exile Tried to Murder Inspector of Moscow Prison.

Moscow, May 14.—Madame Frankina, who was arrested in the lobby of a opera house here on March 14th, having in her possession an automatic bullet, was yesterday shot by a woman, F. M. Jones, of Sacramento, who was believed to be waiting for General Rheinert, the prefect of police, with the intention of making an attempt to assassinate him, was later recognized as an escaped terrorist who had been exiled to Siberia for making an attempt on the life of General No. 1, chief of the gendarmery, in Kiev. The woman yesterday made an attempt to murder the inspector of the police prison here. While she was being seized by the inspector, Madame Frankina fired at and wounded him with a revolver which had been mysteriously smuggled into her cell.

PLAY PROHIBITED.

Toronto, May 15.—A play called "The Millionaire's Revenge," which was billed at the Majestic Theatre for a week, has been cancelled and withdrawn. The plot was founded on the Thaw murder, trial and the morality department objected to the presentation.

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