

REBELS AND LOYAL TROOPS CLASH

FIGHT REPORTED IN PROGRESS AT NANKING

Revolutionary Leaders Predict Fall of Capital Within Two Weeks

Shanghai, Nov. 8.—Fighting at Nanking began at 9 o'clock this morning. The Manchus are strongly entrenched on Purple Hill, which commands the city, and unless they grow disheartened and voluntarily surrender their position, it is believed to be impregnable.

The customs money from this district is now deposited in the Hankow-Shanghai bank to the credit of the inspector-general. Business is absolutely at a standstill. Foreign bank notes are not accepted; all transactions between foreigners and Chinese must be in cash.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary condition the city presents normal, almost holiday appearance. Outside the settlement every Chinaman wears a white band on his arm. Even the school boys and naval and military cadets are thus decorated.

The consuls are faced by the difficulty of whom to recognize in their official business. The government officials have disappeared. The consuls have no instructions regarding the revolutionists.

Situation at Peking. Peking, Nov. 8, 3:50 p. m.—The situation in the capital was practically unaltered to-night. No overt revolutionary movement is yet visible.

The emperor, the dowager empress and others of the court, according to the foreign boards, still on account of the palace and do not intend to depart.

Rumors of Disorder. Tien Tsin, China, Nov. 8.—It is rumored persistently that grave disorders broke out at Peking last night, that parts of the suburbs were burned and that some massacres took place.

Train Service Suspended. London, Nov. 8.—The Peking correspondent of the Times, making note of the absence of any anti-foreign feeling, says to-day that, on the contrary, it is certain that an immense majority of Pekingese would welcome the policing of the whole city by foreign troops, if such policing were possible.

At Foo Chow, the Manchu garrison fearing an attack, has requested permission to take refuge in the British consulate.

A dispatch to the Times from Hongkong says trains to Canton have stopped running, by the viceroys' orders, for fear of pillage. Now the railway guards have been withdrawn.

Predict Fall of Capital. San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 8.—The prediction that Peking will fall within two weeks is made by the revolutionary leaders here. An uprising has been planned, they declare, but on account of the difficulty of getting ammunition to the disaffected imperialists within the walls, the outbreak was delayed.

Weapons are being secretly distributed and leaders within the walls are awaiting the signal to seize the city.

According to late advices received by the rebels Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who is expected to organize the new government, is now hurrying to China from England.

Dispatches received by the Chinese papers here to-day contain no details of a battle in Nanking, but no details are given.

A cablegram to the Chinese Free Press says the imperial troops in the Kiang Su province, of which Nanking is the capital, are deserting to the rebels.

ELECTION PROTEST. Preliminary Exception is Filed in Soulanges Case.

Montreal, Nov. 8.—Athanas David, of Elliott & David, appeared before Mr. Justice Laurendeau in the Practice Court yesterday afternoon on behalf of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and filed a preliminary exception in the contestation of the election of the ex-premier in Soulanges. The merits of the charges brought by Benjamin Ether, the plaintiff, were not read in the exception filed, which in general declared that the charges were vague and pointed out that the plaintiff had not complied with all the formalities demanded by law in entering the contestation proceedings. Mr. Ether will have a chance to reply to the exception, after which the case will be argued on its merits.

The charges against Sir Wilfrid Laurier are in general that the electors were corrupted by the distribution of free meals, refreshments, etc., that Sir Wilfrid or his agents received money from certain companies for the furtherance of their interests, that Sir Wilfrid or his agents caused impersonation, and that Sir Wilfrid and his agents were guilty of circulating untrue reports about the Conservative candidate, Dr. Lortie.

FIRE IN CARGO. Havana, Cuba, Nov. 8.—The French liner steamer Louisa, which sailed from New Orleans on November 4 for Havre, put in here yesterday with a fire in her cargo of cotton. The vessel apparently is not seriously damaged.

NELSON HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN. Nelson, Nov. 8.—Citizens responded nobly to an appeal for funds for a new \$75,000 hospital building in the first day's campaign, over \$12,000 being subscribed when the lists closed last night. The province is giving half of the total sum required and the city is putting up \$15,000. The campaign will be brought to a whirlwind finish to-morrow.

COMMISSION ON BETTER TERMS

PROBABLE ACTION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Hon. R. McBride Says Cabinet Will Now Discuss Provincial Questions

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—Premier McBride left Ottawa at 3 o'clock to-day for Montreal, where he will meet to-morrow Sir T. G. Shaughnessy.

"Yesterday we laid what is broadly our entire case for British Columbia before Premier Borden," said Mr. McBride. "We asked him for no expression of opinion regarding any of the big questions involved, and he gave none."

"We simply placed before him our data and our arguments on better terms, Oriental immigration and the other big questions, and he discussed them with us in all aspects. The next move will be their discussion by the federal cabinet. In all points our hearing was most satisfactory, and I am convinced will result in great good for British Columbia. I am leaving to-day for Montreal, but many important matters are left to be dealt with by Messrs. Bower and Ross. I think I may, through the Times, assure the people of British Columbia that in the conferences that have already occurred matters have very materially advanced."

No less busy than his chief in the affairs of official conference is the busy Mr. Bower. In two days British Columbia's attorney-general has developed a hotel corridor attitude that was once characteristic of Joe Martin. Backed heavily on his heels, with his hands under the flaps of his coat tails, there he swings as on a pivot, interviewing one important personage after another. Bower declares that the only joke of their arrival is on the first minister. They two were in the Hotel Russell elevator when the attorney-general says he overheard one of the Ottawans remark to a fellow townsman:

"Yes, that venerable-looking gentleman with the gray locks is Premier McBride, of British Columbia. Looks like Sir Wilfrid, doesn't he? And I suppose that young fellow with him is his son."

Of course Mr. Bower regards this as fine humor, but up to date he has had not the nerve to repeat it in Mr. McBride's presence.

Mr. Bower early yesterday gave an interview to an Ottawa paper in which he recalled the promises made several years ago by Mr. Borden that a commission ought to be appointed to investigate the question of better terms for British Columbia. This interview was not published until this morning, and the fact that in the meantime had occurred the interview between Canada's premier and the western delegate to the conference at Ottawa, is noted.

It is announced as the settlement. True, it may be and probably will be the method by which the federal government will deal with the matter, but the premier, neither yesterday nor to-day, made any declaration to that end. It is probable that in the event of a commission being named the imperial colonial office will be asked to appoint one delegate. But that is merely conjecture, for this feature of the matter has not been given more than passing consideration yet.

ONTARIO CANDIDATES. Toronto, Nov. 8.—Forty-one Liberals, seventy-one Conservatives and seven Labor candidates are now in the field for the provincial elections.

Arnprior, Ont., Nov. 8.—But one name was before South Renfrew Conservative convention, and it was that of the present member, T. W. McGary, K. C. In short order he was re-nominated by the delegates present.

INDIANS DEMAND PAYMENT FOR GOLD. Canadian Northern Agents Secure Ruling From Ottawa—Difficulty Solved

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—T. G. Holt, representative of the Canadian Northern Railway in British Columbia, scored a signal triumph to-day over the Indians of Lytton. The new grade runs through a number of reserves along the Fraser canyon below and above Lytton and during recent weeks a special agent of the company has disbursed \$25,000 to the natives. In reality the land is probably not worth one hundredth part of that amount, but the railway must run through it and so is compelled to settle. Land any remaining in the gravel there, but that all this belonged to the crown. No further difficulty is expected in settling with the Indians.



THE GREAT PROVINCIAL GRAB GAME. PREMIER BORDEN—Settle it among yourselves, gentlemen.

MANHOOD SUFFRAGE MAY RAISE STORM

MEASURE WILL BE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED

It is Feared Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment May Be Blocked

London, Nov. 8.—The prime minister's unexpected announcement relative to manhood suffrage in the House of Commons yesterday has caused a great sensation on both sides of the house, and it appears likely to meet with much criticism, if not open opposition from the Liberals, as well as the Conservatives.

It was understood that the next session would be devoted exclusively to Home Rule and Welsh disestablishment, and the friends of these two measures feel that the introduction of another bill for which there is bound to be great contention, will clog the legislative machine and jeopardize all three.

The Conservatives will oppose the measure on the grounds that it ought to be accompanied by a "redistribution of seats."

The bill and its passage will be further complicated by the question of woman suffrage. The present intention of the women's party is to oppose it actively.

Manhood suffrage means one vote for every adult male, with the exception of aliens, the insane and other persons usually disqualified by law. Under the present system, men maintaining several residences have the right to vote in each place.

A deputation composed of ninety members of parliament memorialized Premier Asquith last evening in favor of adult suffrage for both sexes. Arthur Henderson, M. P. for Durham, pointed out that only 7,944,855 persons were enfranchised out of 45,000,000.

The prime minister said that the government was pledged to manhood suffrage, and would introduce a bill to that effect, but it would not include the bill, however, he said, would be in such a form that the house could extend it to include women if the house so pleased.

MORE POLICEMEN FOR CROW'S NEST

NUMBER OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES ON DUTY

Mayor Bleasdel of Fernie Sends Request for Additional Men

Fernie, Nov. 8.—Nothing of a startling nature occurred yesterday to disturb the peace. Some thirty special police are now on duty and twenty more are expected to-day. This force is under the direction of Superintendent Campbell of the provincial police, and ex-Sergeant Tucker of the R. N. W. M. P., who arrived from Macleod.

The arrival of the evening train from Coal Creek created no excitement as no miners were aboard. The scales committee is still sitting at Frank, but no definite news as to the results have been received here. Rumors that a settlement has been reached and that a vote will be taken to-day or to-morrow are in circulation but this is unconfirmed.

Appeal From Fernie. Nelson, Nov. 8.—This morning Mayor Bleasdel of Fernie to rush from ten to twenty special constables to the scene of the strike riots. Mayor Bleasdel has decided not to act as Colin Campbell, superintendent of the provincial police, has charge of the situation. Chief Constable Black also received a telegram from Fernie last night, but refused to divulge the contents but rumor says they were from Campbell and ordered the immediate dispatch of a force of special constables.

PROBING CHICAGO POISONING MYSTERY

Large Number of Officials Are Now at Work on Case

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Detectives, lawyers and stenographers to-day will start on a campaign to find out everything possible regarding the pepper box which is alleged to have contained arsenic in the home of Mrs. Louise Vermilya, under arrest on the charge of having murdered Policeman Arthur Bissonette. Detailed statements are to be taken from any persons known to have had meals at the Vermilya home during the last five years. It is said that it has been learned that several persons other than those who have died became sick after eating at Mrs. Vermilya's table, and at least two of these will say that they saw the brown pepper box while dining there.

Archie Bissonette, brother of Arthur, has told of a dinner at the Vermilya flat two weeks before the death of his brother, in which he declares the pepper box was on the table.

STRATHCONA COMPETITION.

Toronto, Nov. 8.—The entries for physical training, military drill and rifle shooting in the contests for the Strathcona awards throughout the Dominion are now all in, and the arrangements for the competitions will soon be announced.

PARLIAMENT WILL MEET NEXT WEEK

MEMBERS TO BE SWORN IN WEDNESDAY

Formal Opening of the House Will Take Place on Thursday

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—With the opening of parliament only seven days away, the precincts of the House of Commons are assuming activity. New members are being read in in the Commons chamber. The ex-speaker's chair goes to Montreal to be the property of Hon. Chas. March, and a new chair is being made in Montreal for Speaker-designate Dr. Sproule.

In order to correct a misapprehension, Dr. Flint, clerk of the Commons, announces that the formal opening will take place on Thursday, the 15th.

On Wednesday, the 15th, members of the House of Commons will gather in that chamber at noon and will be sworn in by Dr. Flint and the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. Each man will sign the roll, and then the new house will be properly constituted to do business. It will meet at 2 o'clock and will wait the summons to the senate chamber, where Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice, in his capacity as deputy-governor, will inform Dr. Flint and the assembled members that it is their duty to return to their chamber and elect a speaker and that they may return next day and His Royal Highness the Governor-General will inform them of the reason for which they have been called together.

It is stated that the cabinet is seriously considering the advisability of placing a substantial sum in the estimates for next year for the commencement of work upon the Georgian Bay canal. Should this be decided on the work will probably be done by a commission, as in the case of the National Transcontinental Railway.

The government will shortly take into consideration the demand of the west for state ownership of the electric elevators at the head of the lakes. The cost of taking over the elevators is variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$14,000,000.

EUROPEANS KILLED BY TRIBESMEN

Natives in Portuguese West Africa Are on the Warpath

London, Nov. 8.—Via frontier.—Serious news is received daily from Angola, the Portuguese possession in Western Africa.

A revolt among the natives is spreading rapidly and the blacks are burning and pillaging everything in their path. Notwithstanding the effort of the government to conceal the situation, it is known to be precarious. In the region of the Caseres and Casal, warlike tribes are torturing and murdering Europeans. There is terror among the settlers, who are abandoning their properties and finding refuge in the towns.

The most crooked river in the world is the Jordan, which meanders two hundred and thirteen miles between two points six miles apart.

CHAMBERLAIN ON TARIFF REFORM

Believes Country is Now Ready for Changes in Fiscal System

London, Nov. 8.—Joseph Chamberlain, writing to the annual meeting of the Tariff Reform League, being held to-day, says: "The tariff reform party never met at a more critical period than the present. Not only has the recent election in Canada thrown strong light on the present situation, but the Lancashire meetings proved that a great change has taken place in this country, which I confidently believe is fully prepared for a great alteration in our fiscal system."

Sir Gilbert Parker, M. P., moved a resolution offering the congratulations of the league to Premier Borden on the overwhelming decisions of the Canadian people to maintain intact their historic national and imperial policy, and also asserting the determination of the league to spare no effort to bring the policy of the United Kingdom into line with that of Canada and the other Overseas Dominions, thus making possible the adoption of the reciprocity throughout the Empire. The resolution carried.

The Duke of Sutherland was re-elected president of the league.

The seat of knowledge is in the head; of wisdom in the heart. We are sure to judge wrong if we do not feel right.—Hazlitt.

RESIGNS LEADERSHIP

STATEMENT MADE IN LONDON TO-DAY

Secretary Says Withdrawal is on Account of His Health

London, Nov. 8.—Mr. H. A. J. Balfour has resigned the leadership of the Unionist party.

Throughout the day there had been rumors in the lobby of the House of Commons that Mr. Balfour had decided to resign from his position as chief of the Unionist party in consequence of the divergence of views regarding the efficacy of his leadership. This afternoon his purpose was definitely and officially confirmed.

That Mr. Balfour resigned for health reasons is the statement by his private secretary.

It is significant that the annual meeting of the Tariff Reform League was made the occasion for the announcement of Mr. Balfour's resignation from the leadership of the Unionist party. It is no secret that the premier has never been in entire accord with the Chamberlain policy and that it has received but his partial support at any time while he held the general election when he forced the Unionist leaders to agree with him in

the announcement that if returned to duty would be imposed on foodstuffs, thus cutting away one of the main planks of the Chamberlain programme, that of preference for Colonial wheat.

Headed by F. E. Smith, the younger son of the party has been fighting for the retirement of Mr. Balfour in favor of Austen Chamberlain and the imminence of another desperate conflict over Home Rule may have had much to do with Mr. Balfour's decision to retire from the turmoil of party strife to the philosophic calm of his library.

On the other hand strong personal loyalty characterizes the attitude of the rank and file of the party to their lovable leader and consummate parliamentarian whose sterling qualities received a remarkable tribute at York two days ago from the Canadian, Bonar Law.

Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour entered parliament at the age of 26; was private secretary to his uncle, Lord Salisbury, 1878-80; acted with the "four" in the 1880-85 parliament and established his reputation as Chief Secretary of Ireland 1887-91. Mr. Balfour assumed the leadership of the Unionist party in the House of Commons in 1892 and succeeded the late Lord Salisbury in the premiership in 1902. He lost his seat at Manchester in 1906 election and now sits for the City of London.

LUNAR RAINBOW

Victorians See Rare But Beautiful Phenomenon

Those who were out last evening about 8 o'clock had the opportunity of seeing that rare but most beautiful natural phenomenon, a lunar rainbow. The moon was about full, shining brightly and overhead, except for an occasional passing wreath of cloud. In the west, however, heavy clouds had gathered and a rain was falling over Sooke.

The rays of the moon falling on the glancing lines of rain formed a rainbow, a ghostly arch of pale light in the western hills. As usual, the phenomenon was a matter of great difficulty to make out the color spectrum, but by close search it was possible to distinguish them. The moon hung in the heavens for some minutes and melted slowly away.

COFFEE CAUSES DEATH

Los Angeles, Nov. 8.—Too much indulgence in coffee caused the death at a local hospital, of Mrs. Sarah Clendenning, wife of a rancher of Clearwater, Cal., according to a certificate filed with the city health department in 1892. Physicians say that Clendenning took no solid food for the thirty days preceding death, having grown to depend almost entirely upon coffee in the coffee. The drug is said to have shattered her nervous system.

B. C. MINISTERS AT THE

HOLD FIRST INTERVIEW WITH PREMIER

Better Terms, On Immigration and Railways Discussed

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Hon. B. C. ministers held their first interview with Premier Borden, to-day with two members of the cabinet.

Commissioner William their first conference with Premier Borden. The latter lasted a couple of hours presided by a number of persons, including the Premier, with individual members of the cabinet.

Mr. McBride will go Thursday to keep an appointment with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, various matters of importance to the province.

The western delegates returned Monday night after a pleasant trip over the Vancouver & St. Paul line. On Saturday evening returned from the Hall in that connection as a result of the election congratulated by the Premier.

An interview was held with the Premier on Monday night. The Premier is interpreted as being just due on the basis of confidence, and the Premier is interpreted as being just due on the basis of confidence, and the Premier is interpreted as being just due on the basis of confidence.

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