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FREE TRADE M.P.'S
TO VISIT CANADARainbow Sails in August, Niobe
in September

ASK FOR TENDERS

For the Construction of Four Bristol
and Six Destroyers—
Standard Oil Co. of Canada to
Sink 14 More WellsTimes Special Cable
London, July 22.—Fourteen boys sent
to Canada on July 22nd.A body of free-trade members of parliament
will spend the holidays in Canada,
under the leadership of J. A. Simon.The Canadian teachers visited Windsor
inspected the castle, were entertained at
lunch by the mayor and afterwards visited
the castle.D. O. Malin, secretary to Lord Selkirk,
arrived in Canada for Canada as private
secretary to Earl Grey.In the Privy Council, Dominion of
Canada vs. Ontario Railroad Power Company,
and Attorney General of British Columbia
vs. the King (and cross appeal) at the con-
clusion of arguments for appellants, their
lordships did not call upon counsel for
the other side, and said they would con-
sider judgment.Admiral Kingmill returns in a fort-
night. The admiralty has agreed to make
the alterations in the Niobe suggested by
Canada. She will not sail until September.The Rainbow sails the first week in
August. The admiralty has agreed to
lend skilled instructional staff officers for
the safe conduct of the ship. Kingmill
states that inquiries are now being made
among firms on the admiralty list for ten-
ders for the construction of four Bristol
and six destroyers.G. MacDonald, presiding at a meeting of
the Standard Oil Company of Canada, said
it was proposed to construct fourteen
more wells before the end of the year.
They would also sink deeply with object
of finding the Trenton limestone forma-
tion, which produced the gushing wells
in the United States.Anent the fiscal debate the Times says
it is not Canada, but events which Can-
ada cannot control, that are now pro-
claiming "Refuse to reciprocate, and what
preference has been given you will be
whittled away by the inevitable admission
of other countries to the same privilege."The object lesson, says the Times, is com-
plete. "What is Asquith's reply? May
be an abstract generalization from a Col-
umbian text-book, ridiculed by all the world
outside these islands, and accompanied by
an illiberal sneer."Passengers on the Virginia include Sir
C. H. Taschereau, Hon. Wm. Elphinstone,
Lady Wm., and Morris, Stead,
Russell and Latimer, members of the Bri-
tish team. Passengers on the Royal George
include Mrs. and Miss Fleming, of Tor-
onto.The Zingari team beat the Gentlemen
of Sussex by one inning and 33 runs.
In the C. P. R. match at Toronto, the
C. P. R. is granted special leave to appeal
in both the viaduct and Yonge Street
bridge cases.HOTEL BURNED;
GUESTS ESCAPEDHouquim, Wash., July 22.—The Ho-
quim hotel was destroyed by fire to-
day and only a change of the wind
saved the business section of the town
from what seemed certain destruction.
All guests of the hotel, about a dozen in
number, were obliged to escape by the
back windows. Charles G. Rogers and C. K.
Wing, the hotel cook, were badly hurt by
jumping, and were also seriously burned.
Two men are missing. Besides these, it
is reported that William Burton, local
secretary of the Eagle was burned in the
building, but this is uncertain.

The damage will exceed \$100,000.

BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED

Former Employees of Farmers
Bank Arrested at Lindsay, Ont.
on Charge of ConspiracyLindsay, Ont., July 22.—(Special)—W. R.
Traverse, General Manager of the Farmers
Bank, accompanied by Harry De-
wart, K. C., arrived here yesterday from
Toronto, and as a result of an interview
with the crown attorney, A. B. McGill,
former manager of the Farmers Bank,
here, J. Fleury, who was clerk in same
bank and J. L. Coulter, until recently
manager of the Farmers Bank at Nestle-
ton, were arrested on a charge of conspiracy
to injure the financial position of the
Farmers Bank.The three men gave bail, Mr. McGill, in
the sum of \$2,000, and Messrs. Fleury and
Coulter in \$500 each to appear on the 28th
inst. Mr. McGill, now manager of the
Home Bank here, and the other two are
clerks in the same institution, and it is
alleged they caused deposits in the Farm-
ers Bank to transfer deposits to the ex-
tent of some \$50,000 to the Home Bank and
as result almost caused a run on the Farm-
ers Bank.

FIFTEEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Johannesburg, Transvaal, July 22.—Fif-
teen natives are dead here and 70 natives
and 13 white miners injured as the result
of explosion yesterday in the Simmer East
Deep mine.THE
WEATHERModerate to
fresh southerly
west winds, show-
ery. Saturday,
southerly, and
west winds, warm
and mostly fair,
with a few local
showers.ENGINEERS
ARE BUSY ON
THE ST. JOHNEstimating Possible Storage
Facilities of Drainage Area—
Commissioners Met at Van
Buren—A. P. Barnhill HomeThe sessions of the International St.
John River commission which have been
held at Van Buren in connection with the
investigation of the river closed Wednesday
afternoon after the commissioners com-
pleted a long consultation with the com-
mittee of the board of engineers, Harry S.
Ferguson of Millinocket and S. J. Chap-
man of Ottawa, regarding the work that is
being done by the field engineers on the
St. John towards collecting data on which
the commission bases its report to the
government of the United States and Canada.Under the direction of N. H. Ranney
of Millinocket, N. Y., who is in charge of
the work in the field considerable of the
engineering work on the river and its
tributaries has already been done, and the
remainder is to be finished as early as
possible.The engineers are taking measurements of
all the available storage basins in the
present capacity, and estimating their
possible capacity, together with locating
dam sites on each. Through their figures
they will be able to report to the com-
mission what percentage of increase in
the flow of the St. John can be gained
by conservation of the waters of the river
and its tributaries by artificial means, and
whether or not it is a feasible plan.While nothing was given out by the
commissioners it is understood that the
work of the engineers as far as they have
gone has been most gratifying, and that
the river has shown facilities for increased
storage, which if developed will eliminate
trouble from low water on the St. John to
a great extent, and prevent the repetition
of another Van Buren war, which was
really the means of the session of the pre-
sent commission. It is understood that the
basins are to be developed at least on
that part of the river which has been
covered by the engineers, an there is no
reason to believe that any other system
will not afford as good facilities.The commissioners are going to continue
the work they have begun, and it is prob-
able that some time before the engineers have
all the data that they need in order to
submit a report to the commission.A. P. Barnhill, K. C., chairman of the
commission, returned home last evening
from the St. John. He said he had been
fixed upon for the next session.

The Engineer's Report

The session Wednesday afternoon at
which the consultation with the board of
consulting engineers took place was car-
ried on at this meeting the engineers,
Messrs. Ferguson and Chapman, made a
report to the commissioners which em-
bodied the formal report of the engineer
in charge of the field work, Mr. Ranney
to them.

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PASTOR HAD TO SKIP OUT

Rev. Warren McLeod, Formerly
of Norton Hastly Farms near
Woodstock, Ont.Woodstock, Ont., July 22.—About two
years ago, Rev. Warren H. McLeod came
from Chicago to settle the pastorate of
the First Baptist Church here, which has
the largest congregation in the city.Sunday the reverend gentleman did not
appear, and instead of the church being
filled with his flock, he has left Woodstock.
His departure was a hasty one, and came as a
result of an interview the church council
had with him. He was charged with undue
intimacy with some young ladies of the
church. Mr. McLeod is a married man
with one child. He was a clever pastor,
drawing \$1,800 salary.DIAMOND FOUND,
TWO INCHES LONGNew York, July 22.—A report has reached
Maiden Lane from Johannesburg, South
Africa, of the finding of another large dia-
mond in the Premier Mine. The gem is
said to weigh more than 300 carats, and
is described as a pure white stone, abso-
lutely flawless and measuring two inches
long by about three-fourths of an inch
thick. It tapers in breadth from one and
one-fourth inches to three-fourths of an
inch at the smallest end, and is valued at
\$150,000. The Premier mine became
world-famous in January, 1905, when the
Cullinan Diamond was discovered there.This gem, the largest ever found, weigh-
ing 3,032 carats in the rough. It was cut
into smaller stones and presented to King
Edward VII by the Transvaal government.
The latest large diamond to be taken
from the Premier mine probably will
rank also among the world's famous gems.

Cannibalism in Hayti

Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, July 21.—
The disappearance of Dominican children
near the Haitian frontier has been ex-
plained by the horrible confession of a
Haitian woman that she had murdered
them, eating four. This African cult is
still prevalent in Hayti. Christianity ap-
pears there to be a failure. The Domini-
can press demands severe measures to pre-
vent Haytian immigration and thus pre-
vent the higher civilization of this repub-
lic.

FOUGHT A DAWG

Aurora, Ill., July 22.—Dawg Goodman,
of Chicago, and George Leash, of Cal-
ifornia, fought six fast rounds to a draw
last night. The biggest crowd that ever at-
tended a fight in Aurora witnessed the go-
ing fully 500 from Chicago being at the ring-
side.BRITISH GOVERNMENT
SUPPORTS
STRENGTH AGAINST
IMPERIAL PREFERENCEPremier Asquith in Reply to Hon. Mr.
Balfour Says Government Could Not
Consent to a Tax on Food or Raw
Materials—Comments of the British
Press for and Against the MeasureTimes Special Cable
London, July 22.—In the house of com-
mons yesterday, Hon. Mr. Balfour took
the last opportunity before the next im-
perial conference to raise the question of
imperial preference.He urged that the result of the conference
should be a decision in favor of the
diminution in the preferential advan-
tages to Britain. It was quite certain
that the great dominion which had entered
upon this course of independent fiscal
negotiations could not, in the force of cir-
cumstances, stop where they were. The
process was just beginning. They must
go on continuing, he made a strong
appeal that the policy of preference
should become the policy of all British
statesmen instead of the policy of only
one party.Mr. Asquith said the position of the
government had not changed since 1907.
When it came to practical, concrete work-
ing out of the policy of preference it re-
mained an academic free trader and
dropping abstract principles, pointed to
a single country whose tariff policy had
proved injurious to development.Every industrial nation in the world,
great or small, except ourselves, has
suffered the same fate. The severe and
driving abstract principles, pointed to
a single country whose tariff policy had
proved injurious to development.The Liverpool Post says that even if this
country were ready to set up a preferential
system to please the colonies neither
Balfour nor any other fiscal reformer has
yet explained how it is to be done, what
colonial products he would tax, and which
he would allow to come in free, and what
the extent of the import duties on raw
materials. Mr. Asquith's questions on
these matters remain unanswered.The London Globe says that the steps
of the outer empire are the most impor-
tant of the whole of the empire. He de-
clares that the danger of isolation, and will
not adopt that attitude unless driven to it
by the hopeless proclivities of their British
colleagues.The Standard says that recent and ab-
solute satisfaction with his own, marked
Mr. Asquith's speech. "But if he reads
over that speech in cold blood, we suggest
in many feel some quills, and thank heav-
en he did not feel them before."The Pall Mall Gazette says it must make
careful reading for the dominions who
will shortly find themselves invited to an
other imperial conference to learn what
the party in power in England adheres to
absolutely rigidly to a free trade doctrine.The Westminster Gazette heads lead-
ing article "A reply from Winnipeg," and
says: "The best comment on yesterday's
debate in the commons is, we are inclin-
ed to think, a telegram from Winnipeg
headed 'A Gigantic delegation of west-
ern farmers, or escape from economic
consequences by pleading imperial res-
ponses he is under gross delusion."The Empire says that the severe and
driving abstract principles, pointed to
a single country whose tariff policy had
proved injurious to development.The Morning Post says the French-Can-
adian treaty has been the severest blow
to preferential prospects in the future.
In discussing the fiscal relations of Ger-
many and Canada Mr. Asquith carefully
avoided the slightest reference to the real
cause of that dispute. The London Leader
says it is an odd coincidence that west-
ern Canadian farmers were protesting
against the evils of protection on the very
day Balfour was preaching its advantages
in England.CIRCUMSTANTIAL
EVIDENCE WAS AWAY
WRONG IN THIS CASEMan Confesses to the Murder of
Five Children for Which
Father Was Adjudged Guilty
and Died in PrisonTours, France, July 22.—A rag picker,
named Joseph, has confessed to the as-
sassination, April 21, 1907, of five chil-
dren of a farmer named Briere, in the vic-
inity of Chartres. The father of the chil-
dren was found guilty of the murders, and
sentenced to life imprisonment. He died
in prison.The trial of Briere attracted the atten-
tion of the whole of France. Four of his
daughters, aged respectively 11, 13, 5 and
4, and his son, aged 7 years, were found
in bed one morning, stabbed and beaten
to death. The farmer was arrested, and
charged by the police with the crime. Ac-
cording to a theory advanced by the police,
he moved to a motive for the crime, Briere
owned a small farm near Chartres which
he had inherited from his father. He was
wealthy. Circumstantial evidence led to the
conviction, that the farmer, considering
his family an encumbrance, murdered his
five children in order to carry out his
wishes. Briere stoutly maintained his in-
nocence throughout the trial and declared
that two tramps entered the house during
his absence and killed the children. He
declared that he returned while the mur-
ders were being committed, and that he
opinion of the guilt of the prisoner, while
the spectators yelled with fury: "Kill
him; kill him!"A pathetic incident of the trial occur-
red when Briere's surviving daughter, who
the police declared, only escaped the fate
of the other children by not responding
to Briere's invitation to go to see him,
went on the witness stand, sobbing pro-
fessing that her father was innocent and
begged the court to restore him to her.AMHERST CONTRIBUTES
ANOTHER \$500 TO THE
CAMPBELLTON FUNDTheir Cash Donation Now Amounts
to \$1,000, in Addition to Sup-
plies—Baptist Church Sends
Help—Miss Trean DeadAmherst, July 21.—At a citizens' meet-
ing held here, a further sum of \$500 was
voted for the Campbellton sufferers. This
makes a cash contribution of \$1,000 for
Amherst besides large quantities of cloth-
ing, furniture and kitchen utensils. Mayor
Curry desires great credit for the prompt-
ness with which he looked after the mat-
ter.The Baptist church here also sent for-
ward a generous contribution to Rev. Mr.
Schuman pastor of the church there, and
food and clothing to the needy of his con-
gregation.R. B. Trean received word of the death
at Oxford of his sister Miss Hannah B.
Trean, after a lengthy illness. The re-
mains will be brought to Amherst for in-
terment.Miss Letitia L. Lawson, daughter of B.
J. Lawson, leaves today for Calgary (Alta.)
to be absent a year, visiting her sister,
Mrs. S. G. Baird. Mrs. P. A. Latta leaves
by the same train for Vancouver to join
her husband, who has settled there.

Plans for Peace Celebration

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 22.—A meeting
of the organizing committee of the Hun-
dred Years of Peace Association was held
yesterday afternoon at the Clifton Hotel,
with a full attendance of members, at
which a draft constitution was presented
and adopted.It is proposed to have a large executive
committee of representative men from each of
the twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven,
twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-
one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four,
thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-
eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-
two, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-
six, forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty,
fifty-one, fifty-two, fifty-three, fifty-four,
fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-seven, fifty-eight,
fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-
three, sixty-four, sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-
seven, sixty-eight, sixty-nine, seventy, seventy-
one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four,
seventy-five, seventy-six, seventy-seven, sev-
enty-eight, seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one,
eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-
five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, eighty-eight,
eighty-nine, ninety, ninety-one, ninety-two,
ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-
six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine,
one hundred.

American Federation of Labor

St. Louis, Mo., July 22.—The date for the
annual convention of American Federation
of Labor has been announced as Monday,
Nov. 15.FREIGHT TRAINS
MOVING TODAYAUSTRALIA
APPROVES
OF CHANGESAustralian Parliament Votes
Unanimously for Modification
of the King's Declaration—
Strong Speeches MadeTimes Special Cable
Melbourne, Australia, July 21.—After a
long and powerful debate the house of
representatives unanimously adopted Mr.
Mahan's address to the king, with the
suggested modifications of the king's
declaration, with an
additional sentence suggested by Sir J.
Quick, approving of Premier Asquith's
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Shipped on Vt. Central

MORE MEN AT WORK

Expect to Move Freight Out of
Chicago Over Grand Trunk Lines
Early Next Week—Two Hundred
Special Officers EngagedBoston, July 22.—Complaints from many
points in New England, led the Central
Vermont officials to redouble their efforts
in moving perishable freight over the rail-
road and today several freight trains have
been tied up by the conductors and train-
men's strikes, were started. Although the
appearance of strike breakers was the
signal for outbreaks of violence in several
places in Vermont yesterday and last
night, none of the men were sent out to-
day, more of them taking charge of the
extra freight trains that the company put
in operation.

Both Holding Firm

Montreal, July 22.—(Special)—There
is practically no change in the situation here,
both sides holding firm, and neither ap-
pears anxious for arbitration. The men
on one hand claim they are perfectly satis-
fied with the way things are going, while
on the other hand the company seem-
ingly pleased with their progress and
say they are moving some freight. They
replies received from both parties by the
minister of labor at Ottawa in reply to
his letter yesterday, regarding a board
of arbitration to settle the dispute were
very evasive, and Mr. King has wired
both parties for a more definite answer.Riot at Belleville
Montreal, July 22.—(Special)—Reports
from Belleville tell of a riot there last
night on the arrival of the local train, and
as a result two men are lying in the
hospital. They are John McManus, acting
as conductor, and M. Donovan acting as
brakeman.Both after leaving their train were at-
tacked by a mob of about one hundred,
who had been lying in wait, and the men
were terribly beaten in the struggle which
followed. No arrests were made.Another man who was employed in
loading a coal car was attacked by the mob,
and thrown over a fence. There is no evi-
dence that any striking trainmen were
concerned in these outrages, sympathizers
alone being blamed.At Stratford business is being affected
and all classes are becoming alarmed.
Traffic over Grand Trunk lines is decreas-
ing, no freight moving, no disorder, Vice-
President Barry, of the trainmen's associa-
tion, who spoke yesterday regarding the
proposal of the minister of labor to arbitrate,
said: "We are not going to cross the
Detroit River to take the places of
strikers."Sarnia reports all quiet. Freight still
stopped. Reports from other points are
very similar. Canadian Immigration of-
ficials at Windsor last night turned back
twenty-five strike-breakers for attempting
to cross the Detroit River to take the
places of strikers.Minister's Letter
Ottawa, July 22.—(Special)—Hon.
McKenzie King today sent the following
telegram to President Hays, of the Grand
Trunk and to Vice-President Murdoch,
of Montreal, representing the General
Transit committee."Referring further to my letter of the
20th inst. and the replies received, I would
respectfully point out that neither the
reply from the president of the company,
nor the reply from the representatives of the
general committee of the employees, an-
swers the question it asks and which, in
essence, is a representation of one of the
parties to the present dispute, you will
now be willing to refer the existing dis-
ference to arbitration, provided the board
of arbitrators, mutually acceptable can be
secured and the necessary expenses inci-
dental to such a board met by the govern-
ment."This is a question to which the people
of Canada who at the present are being
more largely affected by the existing dis-
pute than either of the parties, have a
right to expect a definite reply and which,
as a minister responsible to them, I feel
it my duty to ask for their behalf. Will
you kindly give a direct answer to this
question at your earliest convenience, that
the public may be able to judge for itself
of the present position and attitude of the
parties on matters which so vitally affect
its interests? (Signed) W. L. MacKENZIE KING,
Minister of Labor.At Chicago
Chicago, July 22.—Announcement is made
that freight trains will begin moving out
of Chicago over the Grand Trunk lines
early next week. Officers of the company
assert they are in a position at present to
resume freight services, but are in no
hurry to do so until the work of guarding
all property is completed. A force of more
than 200 special officers will be assigned
to guard the Grand Trunk line in being
handled by the other roads. Five hundred
strike breakers have been engaged so far
in Chicago, most of them being sent to
various points along the companies' lines.Strike Breakers Turned Back
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