

PURSUING THE POLICY OF PEACE

CZAR'S LETTER TO FRENCH PRESIDENT

That Japan Will Not Gain Any Territory in Korea—Commerce Suspended.

Oct. 29.—Though the Czar's letter to President Loubet, brought by Ambassador, has not yet been made public, the Echo of Paris to-day gives summary of its contents, which it is correct. The Czar refers with respect to his own visit to Paris and to the visit of President Loubet to St. Petersburg, "Russia," continues the letter will firmly pursue the policy of peace which it has previously announced and affirmed by its initiatives in the bringing about of the Hague conference. He hopes to remain in alliance with France, and to co-operate with France in the peaceful task of bringing about a happy settlement of questions in both the Near East and the Far East. The letter concludes with a promise of the Czar's confidence in President Loubet.

Korean Question. Oct. 29.—The uncertainty of the situation in the Far East, according to the Echo of Paris, is seriously affecting commerce. Trade between Chefoo and Kiaochow is suspended. The correspondence from a trustworthy source here will not gain an inch of ground in Korea through raising the question of the Russo-Japanese settlement. It is possible that the occupation of Masampo, will cut off communication between the Trans-Baikal troops from the Trans-Baikal troops. There have been orders to the Liao peninsula, and have been styled by East Siberia. A Japanese consular agent at Masampo is creating a commotion at Fusan, which is regarded as a Japanese stronghold.

Recaptured by Russians. Oct. 29.—An official dispatch from Mukden, Manchuria, says: "The Russian troops entered the city of Mukden yesterday and recaptured the city. This action was in consequence of the weakness displayed by the Japanese troops, who do not seem to have been able to hold the city under the conditions prevailing here. The Japanese are evacuating the city relative to the erection of Russian posts in the Korean peninsula. It is expected that only a rampart has been the protection of the Russian posts against the Chinese. The Japanese are also withdrawing from Korea and are also withdrawing from the Russian demonstrations in the north as stated to be less frequent."

ERIOUSLY INJURED.

Victim of an Accident at Nelson's on Tuesday.

Result of an accident which occurred at Simon Leiser's establishment Tuesday morning a young man named Ogden, who was employed in the place, lies in a serious condition at St. Joseph's hospital. With employees he was piling sacks of the ground floor, when the pile struck him on the back, throwing the top of a barrel which fell near him.

Time it was not thought that he was seriously injured, but it was discovered that he had been seriously injured, and that it was necessary to have him examined by a doctor. Doctor Duncan was called, and he ordered the removal of the man to his home, North Park street, where a further examination was made by Doctors Duncan, Davis, and Hall. It was found that the man was badly injured, and that he was taken to St. Joseph's hospital where he was operated on without the time this paper went to press. It is stated that the man is recovering, although Dr. Duncan is doing as well as could be under the circumstances. The man is about twenty years of age.

Man who has charge during summer of work carried on by the Lumber Company, arrived in Victoria last night. Accompanying him were Messrs. Martin Beck, McInnes, F. Hubbard, Stanley Joseph, W. N. Hines, M. H. P. Taylor and J. G. Taylor. They arrived at the Dominion hotel.

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PROTEST AGAINST POOLEY'S RETURN

FIRST STEPS WERE TAKEN THIS MORNING

Mr. Houston Declares His Intention of Quitting the Province—General Political News.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A petition against the return of C. E. Pooley for Esquimalt electoral district was filed this morning in the Supreme court. The petition, made by A. E. Wainwright and in the hands of Langley & Martin, who appear for the petitioner. The grounds urged against Mr. Pooley's return are those usually connected with such a petition, both personal and by agents, and intimidation of voters, are included in the list of alleged violations of the Provincial Elections Act.

The preliminary steps have been taken, the question of when the case will come up for trial remains to be decided by the court.

Another Protest. The Esquimalt protest is not the only one which will go into court. The Kootenay Mail of Kaslo says:

"J. M. Keir's supporters have decided to protest the election of Thomas Taylor for Revelstoke riding, on grounds of alleged bribery and corruption. Mr. Keir's committee has obtained a large amount of evidence, and J. D. Swanson, solicitor of Kamloops, has been retained to act for the petitioners. The petition will be filed and protest served on Mr. Taylor in a few days, though it is likely that with the formation of the law it will be some weeks before the case will come on for trial."

It is highly probable that Kamloops election may also be protested. Sufficient to unseat F. J. Pulton, the Conservative member elect, is said to be available to be used in evidence at an election trial. A petition will likely be filed unless the seat is otherwise opened.

Leaving the Province. John Houston, in his indignation at the way he was used in connection with his aspiration for a seat in the cabinet, has written a pamphlet on his way from the capital to his home in Nelson many interesting features in connection with his treatment, and his consequent determination to resign from the cabinet. In Vancouver he described his treatment as "the dirtiest deal that ever a white man got in the province of British Columbia."

After fifteen years of hard and faithful service for the Conservative party in the province he was indignantly at the way he had been used. The Vancouver World reports him as saying on his arrival in the Terminal City: "You can say for me that I will not be a member of the McBride government. No, nor of any other government. You can tell them in the world that John Houston is going to quit the cabinet, and that he is going to close up business there, and that he is going to leave British Columbia for good and for all."

"And you are sure going to leave British Columbia?" "I am." "Then if you are going to leave British Columbia, the Honorable Dick is safe; you cannot vote him out of office. Nelson, and that he is going to close up business there, and that he is going to leave British Columbia for good and for all."

"Hold on! I haven't mentioned any specific date for my departure yet, have I?"

Not Seeking Office. His Honorable left Victoria last evening for his home at Vernon. His visit to the capital he says was purely one of private business. He came down to see someone. This accomplished he left as soon as possible for the Okanagan front. Mr. Ellison, it is understood, is not seeking office. He believes in leaving the Premier absolutely independent in the matter of making a choice. Any transacting which the Premier would may experience in selecting his cabinet is not in any way due to Mr. Ellison. It is safe to say that the Premier wishes he could say the same of all his supporters. The position of affairs would in consequence be very much simplified for him.

The most unhappy man in British Columbia politics at the present time is Premier McBride and John Houston. The latter has received his turn down, and has seen his hopes blasted. He only awaits the opportunity to gain his revenge. The Premier is a chapter or two farther back, but it is safe to say he sees his downfall approaching with increasing rapidity.

Premier McBride's situation is indeed an unenviable one. Returned to power with a majority which, under the most favorable circumstances, would be barely sufficient to carry him through a session, he finds himself beset on every side by aspirants for office. Coupled with this is the infinite delight with which a party of the Conservative party view every difficulty which the Premier is forced to encounter and satisfaction with the diverse results.

Probable Ministers. In filling the vacancies in the cabinet an announcement is expected at any time. With the defeat of John Houston other members are putting forth their claims. The position of affairs would in consequence be very much simplified for him.

The Times correspondent at Nelson telegraphs: "The story told by John Houston since his return differs but slightly from the reports current at the time. Mr. Houston says that up till Wednesday last Premier McBride gave him to understand that he was to have a portfolio. On that day Mr. Houston had an interview with the Premier of

such a nature as to give him the idea that the whole affair, including his appointment to a position in the cabinet, was out and that there only remained the formal announcement and the swearing in. In fact Mr. Houston says he was given to believe that Premier McBride had the writ for the by-election in his pocket, and that he was to be sworn in the following day. To Mr. Houston's surprise the following day witnessed an entire revolution in the manner of the Premier towards him. Mr. Houston refused admission to the Premier's office. On Thursday he again saw Premier McBride, and this time, according to his story, he was informed by the Premier that his name had been sent to the Lieutenant-Governor as a member of the cabinet, and that the Lieutenant-Governor had refused him as one of his ministers."

"It's All Bosh." A special to the Times from Vancouver says: "When asked regarding John Houston's story that Sir Henri Joly had turned him down, Hon. R. G. Tatlow said 'It's all bosh.'"

(From Wednesday's Daily.) John Houston seems destined to play a most important part in the politics of this province in consequence of his failure to receive a portfolio than he would had he been given office.

Upon the question of the "turn down" of the member for Nelson the Premier has still nothing to say. In spite of the statements of Mr. Houston that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor refused to receive him as an adviser, Mr. McBride will not speak on the subject.

The statement of the affairs appearing in this morning's Colonist, the organ of the government, was brought to the attention of the Premier. The statement is as follows:

"We are desirous of giving the facts of which we are in possession. Mr. Houston was recommended to the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Henri Joly, for a portfolio, by Mr. Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia. Sir Henri Joly refused to accept Mr. Houston as an adviser, and has based his refusal upon an incident which transpired in the legislature. We forbear to comment upon the situation to-day, because it raises a question of extreme gravity. But we may say this, that an adviser of the Lieutenant-Governor is not responsible for action taken by the crown against his advice in a matter affecting the personality of the cabinet. A prerogative which the crown is not responsible for action taken by the crown against his advice in a matter affecting the personality of the cabinet. A prerogative which the crown is not responsible for action taken by the crown against his advice in a matter affecting the personality of the cabinet."

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In the meantime the first minister has forgotten all about the vacancies which were filled up before the House meets, in less than a month from now.

Upon the assumption, in the fact of the McBride government, that His Honor Houston, in consequence of his resignation, the Premier has been placed in a position which would tax the resources of a much more astute politician. It is pointed out that the Premier's position is a most delicate one, and that he is in a position to reveal the inner history of the episode, the statement of which would be a most serious blow to the Premier himself, and must therefore represent his view of the question."

The Times correspondent at Nelson writes: "Mr. Justice Irving this morning granted an order ordering the Provincial Secretary to return the ballot boxes to Nelson for recount. The recount has been adjourned till Monday next, and will be held then if the ballot boxes arrive in time."

(From Thursday's Daily.) All doubts respecting the refusal of a portfolio to John Houston, of Nelson, has now been removed by the publication of the correspondence dealing with the matter. Last evening too late for publication in the Times, a communication was received from Premier McBride, accompanying which were copies of the correspondence between the Premier and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and John Houston.

The following is the communication and accompanying letters: "Sir—With regard to the position of the member-elect for Nelson city, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has placed in my hands a copy of the correspondence exchanged between Mr. Houston and himself, and I shall be glad to give the same immediate publication, inclusive of this letter."

Very respectfully, RICHARD MCBRIDE, Premier's Office, Victoria, 28th Oct., 1903. (Copy)

The Drifard Hotel, Victoria, B. C. Oct. 23rd, 1903. Sir—Premier McBride has just informed me that he submitted my name to you this morning for a member of the executive council, and that you objected to me becoming a member of his government.

If it is not asking too much, I would like to know if I have been told the truth. If it is the truth, then the people of the little city of Nelson have been slapped in the face, and I will be compelled to leave British Columbia, for if I am unworthy to administer a department of the provincial government, I am equally unworthy of sitting as a member of the legislature. The people of Nelson have honored me three times by electing me Mayor, and twice by electing me to the legislature, but I am ashamed to-day to hold my head up in the street. My address is Nelson, B. C. Respectfully, (Sgd.) JOHN HOUSTON, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Victoria. (Copy)

(Copy) At Government House, Victoria, B. C., Oct. 24th, 1903. John Houston, Esq., M. P., Nelson, B.C.: Sir—I have received your letter of yesterday, inquiring if it is true that I have objected to your becoming a member of the Honorable Mr. McBride's government. It is true, and I am sorry that the most drastic measures for disciplining the member for Nelson, (The incident in question belongs to the

stormy scenes of two sessions ago. Mr. Houston had the floor, and was called to order, and told to sit down by Mr. Speaker Pooley. This the member for Nelson refused to do, and defied the Speaker to do his worst. The Speaker repeated his order, and declared that if it were not obeyed he would be obliged to invoke the rules of the House and expel the recalcitrant legislator. Still Mr. Houston stood defiant, and forlorn at the lower end of the government benches, and invited in vigorous fashion the denizens of the highest functions of the House. Mr. Pooley, incensed almost beyond expression, solicited the aid of the government in protecting the dignity of the chair. But just at that time, Mr. Houston held the fate of the ministry in the hollow of his hand, and although ex-Attorney-General Eberts wringed uneasily in his chair under the taunts of the opposition and the appeal of the Speaker, and although he made several false starts in the direction of enforcing the rules, his discretion always overruled his valor. After Mr. Pooley had declared several times that he did not propose to sit there and be insulted, and after Mr. Houston had demonstrated conclusively that he would have to do so, the offending legislator seized his hat and strode Hamlet like from the chamber. Strangely enough Mr. Pooley's vindication remained for another and higher official than he then ministers.

Houstonians Take Action. A special dispatch from the Times correspondent at Nelson says: "A meeting of the Conservatives' campaign committee was held last night to consider the recent developments in the political situation at the coast, and particularly the statement received by John Houston at the hands of the Premier and the Lieutenant-Governor, and what action the Conservative party in Nelson should take in the matter. When the meeting was called to order Wm. Irvine, the chairman, explained the object for which it had been called, and then Mr. Houston shortly addressed the committee, after which the following resolutions were unanimously passed: "Resolved, that we have the fullest confidence in John Houston, the member for Nelson City, and we give him a free hand to act as he deems best, believing he has been most unfairly treated by the Lieutenant-Governor, and that Premier McBride is culpable for allowing the Lieutenant-Governor to usurp his (McBride's) constitutional rights."

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(From Thursday's Daily.) Provincial Secretary Goodeve has placed his resignation in the hands of Premier McBride.

This course was taken this forenoon, but up to the hour of going to press action had not been taken upon it. The motives which actuated Mr. Goodeve in retaining office ever since his defeat on October 3rd, and resigning at the present time of course are not known. It is a fair presumption that the position in which the government has been placed during the last few days have had an effect in determining Mr. Goodeve's present step.

The Provincial Secretary, it is understood, will leave for home on Saturday night, upon which day his resignation will likely be formally announced. It is stated on good authority that his place will be at once filled and a bye-election take place without delay.

as well as to yourself, in your responsible position. There was no intention on my part to insult either your constituents or yourself, as, to judge by your letter, you appear to think I considered that I had a duty to perform. I may add, a painful duty, and I performed it. I am, your obedient servant, HENRI G. JOLY de LOTBINIERE.

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DETAILS OF LOSS OF SEALING BOAT

UMBRINA RETURNS FROM BEHRING SEA

Reports Men Safe Who Were Missing From Zillah May—Capt. McIntyre's Statement.

With flag half-masted, the schooner Umbrina, Capt. J. Haan, returned to port on Thursday, bringing particulars of the sad misfortune which happened to three of her men in Behring sea on the 25th of last month. In W. McIntyre's advice, received by the Jessie, only the name of one of the trio drowned could be given. Now it is learned that Linggren, the mate, had with him in the boat when he started out on his fatal search for seals. A. G. G. and Ernest Otterman, two young men between the ages of twenty and twenty-five.

The circumstances surrounding the disappearance of these men are thus related by Capt. Haan: "At 8 o'clock on the morning of the 25th a fresh westerly wind was blowing. The weather was clear and fine. All the canoes and boats went out. They were out a short time when the wind moderated. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the wind freshened. By this time, however, all the canoes and boats were aboard except Lindgren's. At 8 o'clock that evening there was still no sign of the missing boat. We hoisted a flare light on our mast head. This was kept burning brightly until midnight without result. Next morning at daylight the schooner cruised about the vicinity. An ear and the step of the mast was found, but we could find no boat or men. They were undoubtedly drowned, their boat being capsized in a squall."

Captain Haan says the men reported missing from the schooner Zillah May are not drowned. They were out a day from their schooner when the Diana came along and picked them up. The Diana took them to English Bay, where she was met by the Umbrina. The latter in leaving for Victoria passed the Zillah May heading into that port, so that the following day the missing men would be placed aboard their own schooner.

The Umbrina made a catch of 821 skins, the Diana had 331 skins, and the Ida Etta 480 odd. The Sadie Turpel, another of the Behring sealers, was returned from the north this morning. She had a catch of 261 skins. There are still nine more of the sealing schooners fleet to return from Behring sea. The Umbrina left English bay on the 9th inst.

A special from Dawson says steamers and cargoes valued at more than \$2,000,000 remain in exposed positions to the perils of the Yukon ice and frost with little prospect of getting to places of safety for the winter. All the steamers bound up the Yukon for White Horse reached their destination after strenuous bouts with the ice floes.

Lower river steamships Rock Island and Susie plowed their way laboriously into Dawson against a stream well filled with running ice and the voyagers got down as among the most stubbornly contested in the story of northern navigation. Both boats are scarred from contact with the ice floes and were damaged to a great extent. The Rock Island was stranded and struggling over the bars and shallows in long delays over the treacherous Yukon flats.

The Susie was pattered with a long plank covering an ugly hole caused by hitting rocks. Both vessels arrived with less than one-fifth of the original cargo, which was left at different points in order to lighten the weight and complete the trip over the shallow waters.

The largest part of the vessels on the upper river are unable to make their destination on account of the ice. The Colmanian, a craft built in the upper part of this port, is on a bar near Indian river, and there is no chance to get her off this fall. She has a full cargo of perishables. The Canadian, Zealandian, Bailey and Victorian are between Selkirk and Stewart, with a very small chance of reaching Dawson. The Tyrrell and Light are near Selkirk. The Grims, of which Capt. Wallace Lang seems disposed to make a very early start, is the only one making progress down.

The Dawson, Selkirk, White Horse and Thistle on Monday were nearly at White Horse with several hundred people. They have been ten days going to the Jones and Hayward have arrived at Dawson with three scows, after battling ten days with the ice floes.

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was out thirty-six hours before he was found. He was somewhat under the influence of liquor when he started out on the tundra, and probably laid down on the snow.

AORANGI ARRIVES. After about a two-month break in the Canadian-Australian service the R. M. S. Aorangi arrived from the land of the Southern Cross at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The ship left Sydney a day late owing to the regular schedule date for sailing being show day in the New South Wales capital.

In his report of the voyage Purser Bellamy says the Aorangi sailed on October 6th, and experienced a moderate sea with clear weather up the Australian coast, and she anchored at Brisbane on October 8th. She resumed her voyage the same evening and cleared the Walpole Island on the 11th. She sighted Mount Washington on the morning of October 12th, and arrived at Suva the next morning, having met with little strong variable winds with high beam sea and fine weather. She left again at noon and cleared the Fiji group next morning, and the Horn Islands on the 14th of October. She called at Haifa Island