

CANAL TOLLS—Charges to Govern Panama Route Specified in Expert's Report.

FIXES TRAFFIC RATES FOREIGN SHIPS MUST PAY THROUGH PANAMA CANAL

Charge of \$1.20 Per Ton of Carrying Capacity to be Made

Forty Per Cent. Reduction will be Made on Vessels in Ballast—American Coastwise Shipping May Use Big Ditch Free Despite British Protest—Intention is to Make Terms Same as Those Applying on Suez.

Washington, Nov. 13.—President Taft tonight issued a proclamation fixing the rates that the foreign shipping of the world shall pay for passage through the Panama Canal. The proclamation, made under authority of the Canal Act passed by congress in August, establishes a merchant vessel rate of \$1.20 per net ton of actual carrying capacity, with a reduction of forty per cent. on ships in ballast.

The provisions of the proclamation are as follows:

- 1.—On merchant vessels carrying passengers or cargo, \$1.20 per net ton each 100 cubic feet of actual carrying capacity.
- 2.—On vessels in ballast without passengers or cargo, forty per cent less than the rate of tolls for vessels with passengers or cargo.
- 3.—Upon naval vessels, other than transports, collers, hospital ships and supply ships, fifty cents per displacement ton.
- 4.—Upon army and navy transports, collers, hospital ships and supply ships, \$1.20 per net ton, the vessels to be measured by the same rules as are employed in determining the net tonnage of merchant vessels.

The secretary of war will prepare and prescribe the such rules for the measurement of vessels and such regulations as may be necessary and proper to carry this proclamation into full force and effect."

The Protested Clause.

American coastwise shipping was exempted from toll payment by congress. It was this provision that not that Great Britain diplomatically protested, but no reference to the incident was made in the president's proclamation. American naval vessels are exempted without specific mention either in the act of congress or the proclamation, because the authority believes it unnecessary to explain the uselessness of payment from its navy department pocket to the one belonging to the treasury department. The rates named in the proclamation are practically the same as those which will be in force at the Suez canal next year. The president based his declaration of rates upon the report and investigation of Prof. Emory Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania, an expert designated by executive order for the task.

The report has been awaited with interest by shipping interests throughout the world. According to Prof. Johnson's report to the president, also made public tonight, the Panama canal should be upon a self-sustaining basis in twenty years. It should compete successfully with the Suez canal, with South America west coast ports and with New Zealand, but cannot be expected to compete successfully for Europe's trade in the far east.

Taking the estimates of the canal commission for expenses of operation and maintenance of the canal and the improvements held to be necessary at the end of a decade, Prof. Johnson declared that the rate per net ton can be reduced at the end of ten years to \$1. Even with this rate, the canal probably will correspond closely with the rate that may then be enforced through the Suez canal. The United States will obtain, enough revenue from foreign vessels to pay all fixed charges, provide a sinking fund and make a profit of about 60 per cent. a decade in tonnage could be looked for, and that this will make the canal self-supporting in 20 years.

The report covers all phases of canal tolls questions.

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ONE DROWNED—Steamer Turns Turtle on Ontario Stream and Three Only are Rescued

ONE DROWNED IN THE MADONNA

Disaster to Mayflower Near Barry's Point—Little Paddle Wheeler Capsizes after Springing Leak—Three Rescued from Island, Believed to be the Sole Survivors.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—Nine lives are believed to have been lost on the Madonna River last night soon after seven o'clock when the old wheel steamer Mayflower, a small fifty foot boat, capsized and sank three miles out of Barry's Bay after springing a leak.

Of the twelve people aboard, ten of whom were passengers and two members of the crew, three passengers, namely, Gordon Peeverly, J. S. Inlach and J. M. Harper, all of Ottawa and commercial travellers, are alive to tell the story of the terrible disaster.

They were found late tonight by a search party who rowed out from Barry's Bay on an island, about three miles down the river, in a very exhausted condition. They were immediately taken to a nearby farmhouse and there they are receiving the best medical care and attention every possible care and attention.

The dead body of Captain E. J. Parichler, of Combermere, skipper of the ill-fated boat, was picked up by the search party near the shore where the steamer is supposed to have sunk. His body had a life preserver on.

The body of Patrick O'Brien of Combermere, a passenger, was also found on the island, where he died of exhaustion and exposure to the cold after being thrown ashore by the surging waters, with little life left in his body.

From the brief story of the disaster that could be obtained at midnight from the three survivors they say soon after she left Barry's Bay, her hold rapidly filled with water and those on board quickly realized that death was imminent. There was hardly a moment to decide on how their lives could be saved.

A howling wind was sweeping down over the river, which is nearly a mile wide at the point where the boat sprang a leak and the water was lashing the sides of the ill-fated boat with a vengeance. All around was black.

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TO INTRODUCE HIGHWAYS AT THIS SESSION

Measure Squashed by Senate to Come Up for Consideration Again—Railway Subsidy Plans Laid.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—It is believed to be the intention of the government to reintroduce early in the coming session the Canada Highways Improvement Act, one of their important legislative measures slaughtered by the Liberal majority in the Senate in the dying hours of the last session.

This bill was introduced by Hon. Frank Cochrane in January, to carry out the promise made to the electors in the general election campaign. The Conservative good roads policy had everywhere won the enthusiastic approval of the electors. Mr. Cochrane's bill was put through the Commons where the Liberal members responsible to the people could not put their hostility into effect, in the Senate the Liberal majority lined up to block the bill. They insisted upon amendments to the measure and thus succeeded in preventing the bill from becoming law.

That was done in the knowledge that subsidies to the provinces amounting to \$1,000,000 appropriated on a basis of population would not be spent unless the bill passed.

The bill provided that the Dominion government might make a grant to any province in any year for the construction of new highways or the improvement of existing highways, the moneys to be voted by Parliament.

Terms of Grant.

The work was to be done in each case under agreement between the Dominion and the provinces. It was also provided that the Dominion government might undertake the building or improvement of highways first obtaining provincial sanction.

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UNIONISTS PUTTING UP HARD FIGHT

Determined to Block Home Rule at all Costs—Adopt Extreme Measures to Prevent Passage of Bill.

London, Nov. 13.—The House of Commons the popular house of the Mother of Parliaments, was the scene tonight of a riot over Premier Asquith's proposal to rescind the action of Monday, when the Unionists carried by a majority of 23 the Premier's amendment, defeating the most important financial feature of the home rule bill.

The Unionists refused to permit the debate and the Speaker was forced to adjourn the session on account of the disorder. This is an extremely rare occurrence and the situation is considered a critical one.

The Unionists almost unanimously threaten that they will continue to make business in the House impossible unless the prime minister accepts the amendment and drops the home rule bill. They declare that his action is unprecedented and will be obstructed by unprecedented measures. Their object is to force the government to resign.

Reminiscence of Gladstone's Time

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The report that the Serbians have taken the Durazzo is not confirmed and no news has been received from other points. Serious internecine and the government has taken strong action in arresting the Young Turk traitors.

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ON RUSSIAN ADVICE, PORTE ASKED BULGARIANS FOR ARMISTICE—CONFUSION PREVAILS AT THE FRONT.

London, Nov. 13.—The Porte on the advice of Russia has instructed the Turkish commander in chief, to apply to the Bulgarian commander for an eight days' armistice with a view to opening direct negotiations for peace.

The decision seems to show that Turkey has little hope of being able to hold the Thessalonia lines against the Bulgarian advance. There is no news yet as to how the Bulgarian commander met the Turkish request.

The situation at the front, judging from the nature of the news allowed to filter from either side, is confusion. Clearly there has been heavy fighting on Nov. 12. Constantinople reported numerous wounded were arriving from the front, and the almost invariably not being named, however, that now the Porte has reported the capture of positions by the Bulgarians in the Thessalonia lines.

The same correspondent now says that the main attack on Thessalonia has been delayed two days by rain.

The powers at last have arrived at an agreement with respect to mediation. It is assumed, however, that negotiations have opened negotiations with Bulgaria, European intervention will not be needed in the event of a Russian attack. The diplomatic situation is easier, but the French premier, M. Poincaré, in an important speech delivered in Paris tonight did not speak too hopefully, and proof that all danger is not past is seen in the ominous reports from Austria and Russia of unusual troop movements and mobilization in Russia's western provinces.

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PROBE TWO WRECKS

Minister of Marine and Fisheries Orders Thorough Enquiry Into Stranding of Royal George and Bellona.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has ordered a complete and thorough inquiry into the wrecks of the Royal George, Bellona and the collier Gladstone. The inquiry into the Bellona will commence at Quebec tomorrow followed by an inquiry into the wreck of the Royal George and Gladstone.

The minister has retained the services of counsel and Captain Lindsey wreck commissioner, will be assisted by Commander Miles and Captain Nash of Montreal in the inquiry. Commander Miles in addition to his experience as a naval officer has had merchant experience as well and the advantage of knowing the St. Lawrence route locally in his capacity as an officer of the Hydrographic Survey.

Captain Nash of Montreal is an officer of experience, having sat on many cases in the past. Gu. Stewart, K.C., Quebec, has been appointed counsel to represent the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

HAVE BRITISH ARMY RESERVISTS BEEN ORDERED TO RETURN?

Gen. Cotton Says those Farthest Away Would Be Notified First—Toronto Yet Without Advice.

Toronto, Nov. 13.—Local military men are inclined to discredit the report from Winnipeg that the British army reservists have been notified to hold themselves in readiness for immediate mobilization. No notification has been received by the reservists here who number between forty and fifty.

General Cotton, however, held that it was possible that notification had been received at Winnipeg as it was the policy of the British war office to notify those most distant first.

Toronto, Nov. 13.—No official cablegram has been received here, was the statement made at military headquarters today in answer to a query whether British reservists here had been ordered to hold themselves to report for duty.

Major Collins, president of the Army and Navy Veterans Association, stated today that there were more than 5,000 British army reservists in Canada and between 2,000 and 3,000 of them in Toronto. He also stated that a cablegram had been received in the city yesterday advising the reservists to be in readiness to muster but he was not at liberty to divulge by whom the cablegram was received.

LITTLE GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Three Year Old Child Victim of Flames—Great Impetus Imparted to the Black Fox Industry.

Special to The Standard.

Charlottetown, P. E. N., Nov. 13.—The three year old daughter of Mrs. Fred Walker of Georgetown, was burned to death yesterday. The mother went out in the forenoon to a neighbor's house, leaving the two children alone. She returned a few minutes later to find the body of one burned to a crisp. She had been lighting pieces of paper at a stove when her three year old child escaped with her hair being burned.

The excitement attending the black fox industry in this province was considerably heightened today by news of the sale of six pairs of foxes from the Charles Dalton Ranching Co. to a Russian nobleman for \$100,000 to be delivered in Russia next September by Mr. Dalton personally.

This year the price offered at \$100,000 per pair and has been steadily advancing. The fact that Russia is to start fox breeding should give great impetus to the industry here.

KING ALFONSO MARKED VICTIM

Spanish Monarch and General Weyer Doomed by Anarchist Plot—King Will Attend Funeral of Canalejas.

Madrid, Nov. 13.—An investigation of the assassination of Premier Canalejas has revealed that King Alfonso and General Weyer, captain general of Catalonia have both been marked for death by anarchists. The king has been warned to take the strictest precautions not to appear in public unless accompanied by a body guard, which will insure absolute safety.

When King Alfonso received this warning, he exclaimed: "My first duty is to my country and my own protection is of less importance."

Expressions of grave concern are heard on every hand because of the announced intention of the king to attend the funeral of Senor Canalejas. It is stated that the Marquis Priety will continue temporarily in office, but the general impression is that General Weyer would soon take his place.

Contrary to custom, King Alfonso will attend Senor Canalejas' funeral as a special mark of honor.

GLADSTONE REFLOATED.

Quebec, Nov. 13.—Sir Gladstone, which was submerged at St. Lawrence Point, near the mouth of the Saguenay, was pulled up by the rocks at seven o'clock this evening by steamers Lord Strathcona and M. E. Hackett. They subsequently left for this port.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RETIREMENT OF AMBASSADOR BRYCE

London, Nov. 13.—The resignation of James Bryce, as British Ambassador to the United States and the appointment of Sir Cecil Spring Rice as his successor are officially announced today. The foreign office in announcing the change says: "Mr. Bryce some time ago intimated his wish to retire but prolonged his stay at Washington at the request of the British government."

TO SECURE BEST CLASS OF WOMEN FOR THIS COUNTRY

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—Attention is being paid by the Department of Immigration to the immigration of women from Great Britain and in connection with the work it is probable a woman's branch will be established in the main office in London. It takes charge of it temporarily, Mrs. H. S. H. of Winnipeg is being sent over. She is well known as a writer in the west under the nom de plume of Molly Glenn.

Efforts will be made to induce women of the best class to come out and also domestic servants.

MORMONS INSTITUTE MISSION CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH ALBERTA

Raymond, Alb., Nov. 13.—Three hundred Mormon missionaries from the Mormon town south of Lethbridge, are set to engage in what will be the greatest mission propaganda ever inaugurated in southern Alberta. The work is to be conducted during the winter months in all the territory south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway which is to be opened.

The mission is under President Brandley, formerly president of the Swiss mission, and he will have as his assistants business men and farmers of the best ability procurable. The plan is one which has recently been adopted in Utah where it was found to be very successful.

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STAFFORD HOUSE PURCHASED.

London, Nov. 13.—The mystery of the purchase of Stafford House has been solved. It is officially announced that the mansion has been bought by Sir William Lever, of Port Sunlight, for presentation to the nation to be used for public purposes not yet decided upon. Stafford House is the finest of London's private mansions and it is understood King George at one time contemplated buying it for the Prince of Wales.

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COLLINS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF KILLING OF GRANT APPLEBY

Pembroke, Ont., Nov. 13.—"Not guilty" was the verdict a jury returned this afternoon after an hour's deliberation at the trial of Peter Collins, charged with the manslaughter of Grant Appleby, in a fight near Cobden, Ont. on the night of August 30 and habits in future.

BALDY JACK ROSE ADHERES TO STORY PREVIOUSLY TOLD

Smooth Pated Gambler Sticks to Former Testimony, Undismayed by Cross Examination—State's Witness.

New York, Nov. 13.—The imperturbable "Jack" Rose, the bald-headed gambler, whose testimony was mainly responsible for the conviction of Charles Becker, took the witness stand today as the State's chief witness against the four gamblers, charged with playing Herman Rosenthal at Becker's bidding.

Generally speaking, his testimony was a repetition of his remarkable narrative at the Becker trial. Under Becker's order, he swore, he threatened the gamblers with a "frame up" and imported them to take the "quealing" gambler's life.

Cross examination failed to shake his story. Counsel for the defense read from Rose's testimony at the Becker trial, attempted to trip him up. But on all essential points Rose stuck closely to his previous testimony.