

COMMITTEE OF UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Important Papers at Opening Session Yesterday... PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS... M. G. Siddall Refers to Need of Modern Taxation System and Other Plans For Betterment of People of Province

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Oct. 23.—The convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities opened this morning in J. Wm. Smith's new theatre.

President's Address. "Gentlemen:—I desire first to express my appreciation of the honor you conferred on me at the last meeting of our union, when you made me your president."

St. John's New Government. "I am also pleased to note that one of our municipalities, the City of St. John, has changed its mode of government to an elective commission."

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BROTHER OF JOHNSON ON THE STAND. Younger Member of Pugilist's Family Sees "Hand of God" in the Trial.

Suit Fyled Against Champion for Alienating Another Man's Wife's Affection.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 23.—Charles Johnson, brother of Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, today willingly entered the federal grand jury room and told all he knew regarding the relationship of his brother and a white girl, Lucile Cameron, of Minneapolis, who recently was taken from the negro pugilist by her mother, Charles Johnson recently was arrested at the instigation of the champion on a charge of theft.

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ALLIES PURCHASING VICTORIES FROM TURKS AT HEAVY SACRIFICE

Great Battle in Progress Now in Thrace. BALKAN FORCES MAKE STEADY GAINS. Constantinople Reports Less Confident of Ultimate Success of Ottoman Arms Than Heretofore -- Movements of Montenegrin Forces Not Definitely Known.

London, Oct. 23.—The news from the seat of war tonight tells of the continued successes of the allies. The Serbians have captured Novi-pazar and are the virtual masters of Kumanova. The victories, however, have been purchased at heavy sacrifices.

Montenegrin Advances Meagre. Information concerning the Montenegrin progress is meagre, but the Turkish authorities claim that Scutari has been reinforced and is safe.

Constantinople, Oct. 23.—Heavy fighting continued all day along the line from Adrianople to Kirk-Kilisseh, but a decisive result is not expected until tomorrow evening. Both sides are displaying the utmost bravery and determination.

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TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN FACTORY. Eight People Blown Up With Plant of Energite Co. in Haileybury, Ont.

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LOYAL NOTE SENT FROM AUSTRALIA. Dominion Must Stand Side by Side with Mother Country Says the Minister of Defence.

Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 23.—"What affects any part of the Empire," said Senator Pearce, Federal Minister of Defence, speaking at Trafalgar Day banquet here, "affects every part of it and affects the co-operation of all the dominions."

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JURY WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF BECKER TODAY

SCOTCH GIRL MEETS DEATH FROM POISON? Agnes McKissock Returned to Woodstock from Toronto with Strange Story—Stole Furs.

DETECTIVES HADN'T HEARD OF DEATH. Seeking Her in Hamilton, They Learned of Her Demise.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—Inspector of Detectives Kennedy was notified today to look into the case of Agnes McKissock, the young Scotch domestic whose death apparently resulted from poison now being investigated by a jury at Woodstock.

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Counsel Completed Appeals to the Jury. WARM PASSAGES.

Lawyers Spent Eight Hours Summing Up Cases—Judge Goff Will Deliver Charge To Jury Today -- Fate of the Gunmen.

New York, N. Y., Oct. 23.—The fate of Police Lieut. Charles Becker, on trial for the last two weeks for the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, will rest with the jury tomorrow. Counsel for both sides completed today their appeals to the jury and all that remained to close the case when adjournment was taken tonight, was Justice Goff's charge to the jury, which he will deliver tomorrow morning.

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NOTE—Wm. Hawtrey the eminent English Actor and Company has been advertised throughout the Week Attraction, but unfortunately Mr. Hawtrey's tour was abandoned at Halifax, owing to a sudden illness.

ALL NEXT WEEK
Motion Picture Features
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THE LLOYD FAMILY
Vocalists
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\$50 CASH PRIZE

SEE OF \$10 for NEAREST SOLUTION. Somebody has solved it. What two cities are represented by the letters in the puzzle? Write the names of the cities on a card, giving your name and address plainly.
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GS COMPANY, LIMITED
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Bedding, Woven Wire Springs,
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257 CITY ROAD
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Crown Scotch
Add one more good thing to the
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WANTED—Fifteen experienced Coal Miners; wages \$1.34 per ton. Dry drift mining; houses for married men. Take international train from Moncton to Adamsville or write for particulars to Thompson Coal and Brick Co., Ltd., Adamsville, Kent County, New Brunswick.

WANTED—Wholesale price lists or Petroleum, Brushes, Hardware, etc. Free delivery at station. St. Stephen, N. B. Address letters, Box 458, St. Stephen.

BOY AND GIRL AGENTS—Sell 24 packages of Art Post Cards for us at 10c each and receive a fine baseball mitt or beautiful 1/2 sized doll, free. Write today, The Platinum Trust Co., Dept. A, Box 265 St. John, N. B., or Box 455 New Glasgow, N. S.

GIRLS WANTED—In Ganong Bread factory, St. Stephen, N. B. Good salaries and steady work. Board will be furnished at our own boarding house, which is provided over by very competent matron, for very reasonable amount. In addition to salary, we give a bonus to girls who work regularly. Write for particulars.

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We have a fine western land proposition in Central Alberta. Highest commission. Easy terms.
ALIX LOAN & INVESTMENT CO.,
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DRAFTING BY MAIL. Architectural, Mechanical, Structural Drafting and Design Estimating. Plan Reading, Contracting, etc. Students study plans of buildings and machinery being actually constructed in Chicago. Home study work the same as in our college classes. Mention which is desired when writing for catalogue. Chicago Technical College, 697 Athenaeum Bldg., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

FOR SALE.
New Domestic and New Home, and cheap sewing machines, \$5 up. See them in my shop. Genuine needles, all kinds and oil. Edison improved phonographs, \$16.50. Phonographs and sewing machines repaired. William Travert, 105 Fitzroy street, opposite White store.

FOR SALE—Two pairs Black Foxes.
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FOR SALE—In central part of city.
restaurant doing good business. Must be sold at once. Apply A. S. if

FOR SALE.
Hams and Bacon, Sausage and Bologna, also buyers of Pork, Poultry, Eggs, etc. John Hopkins, St. John, N. B.

JUST ARRIVED—Two carloads of choice HORSES, weighing from 1,000 to 1,500 lbs. For sale at EDWARD HOGAN'S Stables, Waterloo St. Phone 1557.

FARMS FOR SALE.
A farm formerly owned and occupied by the late David Hill containing 47 acres, opposite Treadwell on Loch Lomond Road, St. John County, with considerable standing timber thereon. 20 acres cleared ready for ploughing. Also a desirable farm formerly owned by the late Roger Quinn, containing 100 acres Parish of Westfield, Kings County, having a frontage on the St. John River and situated about half a mile above Public Landing. Apply to

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FOR SALE—Farms and Lots, 450 acres, two houses and five barns, three miles from Public Landing, Kings Co. Also five to fifty acre lots close to river at Public Landing. At Langley, on C. P. R., 80 acres, two houses and barns, also 2 1/2 miles from Oak Point, 250 acres, house and barn and 250 acres woodland and other farms at bargain. J. H. Poole & Son, Nelson street, Phone 936-11.

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MONEY TO LOAN.
FOR SALE—Two Storey Brick Building, Freehold Lot, No. 186 King St. East.
Leasehold Lot and Two Houses No. 96 Spring Street.
Leasehold Lot, Three Storey House No. 185 Bridge Street, five barns.
Leasehold Lot, Two Storey House and Barn, No. 152 Adelaide Street.
Money to Loan on good security. Apply to A. Wilson, Barrister, Chubb's Corner, Phone Main 528.

ENGRAVERS.
F. C. WESLEY & CO., Artists, Engravers and Electrotypers, 59 Water Street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 982.

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Steel Beams, ordinary and broad flange, Angles and Channels. Quick Deliveries. Cut to exact lengths. Steel Concrete Bars, Expanded Metal, Steel Lathing, Corner Beams, Steel Ceilings, Corrugated Sheet, Copper and Metal Roofing, Iron Stairs and Grill Work, etc.

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THE MARGIN OF NAVAL POWER.

The Telegraph quotes with approval a recent statement by Mr. J. Allen Baker, M. P., to the Toronto Globe, to the effect that Great Britain's strength in pre-Dreadnought ships is "overwhelming" as compared with Germany's. According to this statement, or professing to accept it, as an accurate description of the naval situation, Mr. Fussley's organ, the Globe in suggesting that "Mr. Borden's emergency is to be found in Ottawa rather than in Great Britain; but," it adds, "perhaps we shall know more when Mr. Borden shall have made public his policy and his reasons for it." An instructive example of facing both ways is thus presented; backing Sir Wilfrid Laurier's doctrine that there is no German menace in one breath and admitting in the next that Mr. Borden may possibly be fully justified in recommending an emergency contribution. This uncertainty, sitting on the fence, must be very trying.

Mr. Baker who was born in Canada, represents East Finbury in the British House, and is well known for his praiseworthy efforts in initiating and organizing the interchange of visits between representatives of the Christian churches of Great Britain and Germany in the interests of international peace. That is no reason, however, why Mr. Baker should draw an inference from pre-Dreadnought days which tends to the belief that British sea power today is "overwhelming." At the close of the 19th century and for some years afterwards the British fleet was equal to the combined fleets of Europe. This was the pre-Dreadnought period to which Mr. Baker refers when Germany was slowly but steadily marching towards the position she has now attained of a great naval power, second only to Great Britain. Obviously the pre-Dreadnought British fleet far outnumbered the pre-Dreadnought fleet of Germany, but that will not meet the emergency.

Speaking at Hamilton, Ont., on Trafalgar Day, Admiral Kingsmill accurately defined the situation. He is reported as follows:

"Nelson's victory established Great Britain as supreme upon the seas, but lately a new naval power had arisen and was ready to strike, and Britain must be prepared eventually to meet her. The Admiral spoke of the number of ships in the British Navy which were practically obsolete, while German ships were all new."

The first British Dreadnought was launched in 1906. It was a new type, an all-big-gun ship, and revolutionized naval construction. Eighteen months elapsed before Germany could find an "answer," which took the form of four ships of the Nassau class, slightly larger. Since that date Germany has made tremendous strides in her programme of naval construction. Any naval expert will admit that the naval battles of the future will be won, not with ships of the pre-Dreadnought class, but with modern armored cruisers and battleships of the Dreadnought and super-Dreadnought type.

Mr. Baker states that in pre-Dreadnought ships Germany has "no guns larger than eleven-inch ones." That is not the issue today. Here is Germany's latest reply which is more to the point:

"Berlin, Oct. 22.—Guns of 15-inch calibre, which will throw shells weighing 1,650 pounds, are to be mounted on the latest German super-Dreadnoughts, the Elzevit Welzenburg, Elzevit Kurffurst Friedrich, and an unnamed vessel at present denoted as "S," which are now being built at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven. The new comes in a roundabout way from naval quarters in Italy and Austria, but there is reason to believe it is accurate. The guns weigh 101 tons each, and are 62 feet long. It is stated also that the existing battleships, which are supposed to be armed with 12-inch weapons, really have guns of 14-inch calibre."

At the end of the pre-Dreadnought period in 1906 Great Britain had 31 battleships in full commission; Germany's 15, admittedly an overwhelming superiority. At the present time Great Britain has 27 to Germany's 19, or a superiority reduced to 42 per cent. In 1914 Great Britain will have, according to the latest programme, 33 battleships in full commission to Germany's 29, a superiority of less than 14 per cent. These figures throw some additional light on Admiral Kingsmill's statement that the new naval power has arisen and that her ships are "all new."

There is nothing to be gained by quoting statements such as those made by Mr. Baker. The British Navy is still the greatest fighting force upon the seas, but it cannot be denied that owing to Germany's aggressive policy in naval construction in the last few years the margin of superiority has been reduced. Mr. Churchill practically admitted this fact in July when introducing the supplementary naval estimate. He said: "Cool, steady, methodical preparations prolonged over a succession of years can always raise the margin of naval power." If it should be the policy of the Government of the Dominion to recommend an emergency contribution to increase the British fleet for the Empire's protection, the time is opportune. To the extent of Canada's contribution the margin of the Empire's naval power would be further increased.

THE PANAMA AND SUEZ CANALS.

Some of the port improvements being made, incident to the opening of the Panama Canal, are mentioned in the Marine Journal. They include the construction of a new harbor at Valparaiso to cost \$15,000,000, harbor improvements at Buenos Ayres to cost \$30,000,000, port improvements at Montevideo to cost practically that sum and \$100,000,000 is being expended by Brazil in putting into first-class condition every port of her 5,000-mile coast line and in building railways extending into the interior of that country. Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico, Cuba and other Central American countries are fully alert to the trade opening that will follow the completion of the canal, while in Japan three steamship companies are building vessels to use the canal, and the banks of that country are considering the opening of branches in Latin-American countries.

A Chinese steamship company is also planning to operate a line from Shanghai to Central and South American ports, and Australia's commercial organizations are sending agents to South America to develop trade, while citizens of Australia and New Zealand are arranging to establish a canal steamship line of their own. A new line of freight vessels is also to run from Australia or Bombay to South America. Canada will run two new direct lines respectively from Vancouver and

Montreal to the corresponding coasts of Latin-America. From this it will be seen that the activity incident to the commissioning of this waterway is not confined to Europe, but is world-wide.

It has been recently announced that the Suez Canal will be deepened. This is not necessarily an indication of rivalry with the Panama Canal—though that consideration may enter into it—as of recognition of the increasing size of ships. The canal, which is now thirty-three feet deep, is to be deepened at once to thirty-six. This will not be a serious task, as there are no locks to enlarge and no rocks to deal with, but merely sand and mud to scoop or pump out with marine dredges. Of course the cost will cause no embarrassment, as the company already has profits larger than it knows what to do with.

The Suez Canal was originally made in 1869, only a fraction more than twenty-six feet deep. At that time there was not a mercantile vessel in the world, excepting only the unfortunate Great Eastern, of more than 5,000 tons; the White Star liner Britannic, in 1871, being the first to exceed those dimensions; and it was not until 1885 that plans were made for deepening the canal to about twenty-eight feet. By that time the Unbric and Etruria had been built, but still no ship had reached the size of 10,000 tons, the first to pass that figure being the American City of Paris, in 1888. And, of course, the vessels which traversed the canal were smaller than these crack American liners.

But if the growth of ships was slow in those years, it has latterly become breathlessly rapid. The maximum was 5,000 in 1871, and 10,000 in 1888. In 1901 the Celtic passed 20,000, in 1907 the Lusitania exceeded 31,000, in 1910 appeared the Olympic of 45,000, and in 1911 the Hamburg line began the Imperator of 50,000 tons. Today there are more than a dozen vessels in actual service of more than 20,000 tons each in the world's mercantile fleets and there is no indication of a cessation of the progress toward still larger ships.

REPORT ON OLYMPIC GAMES.

The official report of the British Olympic Council has been issued and contains a review of the recent Stockholm meeting. Great Britain was third among the nations in the great tournament, but the authors of the report say that emphasis might rather be laid upon the fact that a dozen other nations were behind her. To be even third in such a sensational company is no small honor. Olympic records were shattered every day, and in several cases world's records were beaten. British athletes were good, but American and Swedish athletes were a shade better. For instance, Applegarth was under 22 seconds in the 200-metre race, but could only get third against a world's record-breaker. British 400-metre race showed that there were eight men in Stockholm capable of beating 1:55.

The Council in its report makes the suggestion that for the next games there should be one great imperial team to represent Great Britain, made up of picked men from the British Isles, Canada, Australia, South Africa and other Dominions and possessions. It is pointed out, however, that in some of the events the German committee may decide to limit each competing nation to six candidates instead of the twelve now allowed. In that case it would be far better for the Dominions to continue the policy, adopted in past competitions, of sending separate entries. Thus, instead of half a dozen men representing the Empire there would be half a dozen representing the British Isles.

Finally, it expresses the hope that in the near future there may be a single amateur standard adopted for the whole world, and applying to every sport. As it is now, the definition of amateurism varies in most countries, and even in different sports in the same country. The English definition is the strictest in the world, and the British are therefore placed at some disadvantage as compared with countries that do not so rigidly draw the line against professionalism.

Current Comment

Free Drinking Cups.
(Calgary Herald.)

Travellers on railroads on this continent will be grateful for the decree of the Supreme Court of New Jersey upholding the decision of the Public Utilities Commission to the effect that wherever tanks or fountains of drinking water are provided there must also be provided free drinking cups. This is the outcome, and we may hope that it will prove to be the ending of the controversy which has raged ever since the law of 1911 forbade the use of common cups at drinking places and required the provision of separate individual cups.

Mission Station on Spion Kop.
(Washington Star.)

Spion Kop, the moon on the outside of Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa, where the deadliest battle in the Boer war was fought, has been purchased by Seventh Day Adventist missionaries, according to word that has just been received at the headquarters of the denomination in Tacoma Park, and a mission farm for the education and Christianizing of the Zulus will be established. Spion Kop is about 18 miles from Ladysmith, and there it was on January 24, 1900, that the famous battle between the Boers and British was fought.

A Welcome Aid.
(Hamilton Spectator.)

There is rather a remarkable record extant of British nobility investing in Canadian land. This movement is full of promise. There is absolutely no possibility of the principle of landlordship prevalent in the Old Country being perpetuated here; the capital involved is a welcome aid to the development of the country, and the material furnished will prove invaluable in solidifying the Empire.

Sartorially Correct.
(Hartford Times.)

Before it is too late let us record the interesting fact that the Hon. Eugene Debs, the Socialist candidate for President, is the only nominee for that office who has worn creased trousers in New Bedford, Mass., this year. The esteemed Standard of that city certifies to this. Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt have both spoken there during the present campaign.

Interest in Civic Affairs.
(Ottawa Journal.)

The organization of an Ottawa Civic Club at the Y. M. C. A., to stimulate the interest of young men in civic affairs, is a sign that some citizens of the Capital are proceeding along the proper lines.

Ottawa's Excuse.
(Ottawa Free Press.)

According to Dr. Bruce Smith, Ottawa gives less to charity than other Canadian cities. It might be added that in other cities people don't have to buy their drinking water by the gallon.

Not to be Expected.
(Chicago News.)

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BOHEMIAN GIRL SETS A STANDARD

Spectacular Production of Standard Opera By Aborn Opera Company

Capacity Audience in Opera House Last Evening Enjoyed Splendid Rendering of Balfe's Popular Work

Balfe's timeless opera "The Bohemian Girl" has been produced in this city many times and under many different circumstances. It remained for the Aborn Opera Company, in the Opera House last evening to set a new standard for this work here, and one which, it is safe to say, will not be eclipsed for some time.

The Aborn Opera Company is probably the strongest aggregation producing standard opera which has visited St. John in the past decade. There are sixty people in the company and the production is equipped with splendid scenery and accessories. Consequently the production is as a treat for the eye as well as the ear. In this connection the spectacular features of the production are especially pleasing, notably the fair scene in the second act, and the inter-related ballet in the final act.

Of the company itself, it may be said that the choruses are large, well costumed in the picturesque garb of the locale and time period, and are every one singers. In volume and precision the chorus numbers last evening compared more than favorably with the very best ensembles singing ever heard in St. John. Harmony is a strong point with the chorus of the Aborn Company and the forty voices blend with a strength and tone quality which is delightful.

High Class Organization. The standard of excellence which would be expected in an organization which has long stood for the best in standard works. It is to be sincerely regretted that St. John has not previously had the opportunity of hearing such a production, and music lovers will certainly join in the hope that now that the Aborn chorus have been introduced to this territory they will make their appearance an annual event.

The prima-donna, Miss Blanche Morrison, who sang "Arlene," is a soprano with a marvelous upper register of pure sweet tones. Her voice is well cultivated and of good range, and she masters the difficult upper notes with an ease and control which is a marvel. Her singing was heartily applauded.

Miss Albright, who sang the role of the Gypsy Queen, is a contralto with a powerful resonant voice. Her selections were well sung, and the tone quality of her voice won many admirers.

It is well worth the price of admission to hear James Stevens, who sang the role of Count Arnelme, render "The Heart of Bowled Down." His voice is of that peculiar rich velvety baritone quality which arouses the love of music in a layman and in a selection such as that provided for him in "The Bohemian Girl," he is at his best. Mr. Stevens' singing was rewarded by many as the gem of the evening.

Joseph Florian is the "Devilshoop" of the opera. He had no solos last evening, but in quartette and trio his fine bass was heard to distinct advantage.

Roy Pilcher, the tenor, was somewhat of a disappointment. His tones were true and fairly sweet, but he seemed to lack force and expression. He was heard to better advantage in "Pala Land of Poland" than in the role of Florian in "Dance of the Hours" from the opera "La Gioconda." This is really a series of bewilderingly beautiful tableaux following one on the other and presenting a riot of color in most artistic effect. It also came in for much applause.

The spectacular part of the production is well illustrated in the first act, where the kidnapping of the Baby Arline tends to produce one of the most thrilling scenes seen here. Devilshoop mounted on a superb horse and with the babe in his arms dances nimbly up the path to the fastnesses of the mountains pursued by mounted soldiers. The second and third acts are also spectacular in the way of furnishing the fair scene, in act two and the count's reception scene in

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