

WILLING TO ARBITRATE

British Foreign Sec- retary's Note on Panama Canal Question

Tell's Ambassador Bryce That His
Majesty's Government is Ready to
Submit Question to Arbitration

London, Dec. 10—A despatch from Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary to the Right Hon. Jas. Bryce, the British Ambassador at Washington about the Panama Canal Act and its discrimination in favor of American coastwise vessels is published as follows:

"His Majesty's government regard the equality of all nations as the fundamental principle underlying the treaty of 1901 in the same way as the basis of the Suez Canal convention in 1888. They (the members of the British Government) do not seek to deprive the United States of any liberty which is open either to themselves or any other nation nor find either in the letter or the spirit of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty any surrender by either contracting power of the right to encourage its shipping and commerce by subsidies as it may deem expedient.

"His Majesty's government feel no doubt regarding the correctness of their interpretation of the treaties of 1850 and 1901 and the validity of the rights they claim under them for British shipping, nor doubt that the provisions of the Panama Canal Act do not infringe on the conventional obligations whereby the United States is bound and under these circumstances they (the members of the British Government) desire to state their perfect readiness to submit the question to arbitration if the United States prefer this course. Arbitration would have been rendered unnecessary if the United States should be prepared to take such steps as would remove the objections to the Act which his Majesty's government have stated."

London, Dec. 10—The afternoon newspapers all refer to the Panama Canal question. The Pall Mall Gazette representing the Conservative says:—"Sir Edward Grey's despatch should provide ample grounds for a return to the paths of fair dealing."

POLICE DISCOVERED COUNTERFEITERS OUTFIT

Adams, Mass., Dec. 10—A scared rabbit led four hunters to the discovery of a counterfeiting outfit on one of the abandoned farms in a wild part of Hoosack Mountain, according to the story told the police. The police made a further investigation which confirmed their suspicions that a nest of counterfeiters has been at work on the place and federal authorities were notified. The discovery was made when John Wolfe, Julian Lane, Frank Greningway and John Mignault chased a rabbit into a hole under an old stump. While trying to dig out their prey the hunters unearthed five moulds for quarters stamped with the date of 1909 and two bags of metal cut the size of dimes but not stamped. In each bag was material for a thousand dollars worth of coin. The police searched the house nearby and found other material.

The last occupants of the place were an old Italian couple and a young man said to be their son, who were joined later by two other Italian families.

HOCKEY BOYCOTT ENDED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10—After a ten day boycott the newspapers of Ottawa today lifted the lid off the local N. H. A. club and professional hockey once again has access to the press. The trouble arose over the hockey clubs refusal to indulge in the customary amount of advertising demanded of money making organizations in the sporting line.

The situation became so acute that the hockey people capitulated and agreed to place a stipulated sum with the papers.

FIENDISH CRUELTY TO FRENCH CHILD

Cerbere, France, Dec. 10—A man and wife living in the Village of Cave in Catalonia, were yesterday caught in the act of gouging out the eyes of their five-year-old child, with the object of rendering it more pitiable and thus able to obtain as a beggar more sympathy from the public. The other inhabitants were attracted by the child's screams and when they arrived on the scene found that it had already been blinded and otherwise mutilated. The man and woman were arrested.

BULGARIAN ATROCITIES

Unhuman Massacre of Unarmed Mos- lems by Christian Soldiers

Five Hundred Mohammedans Shot
Down in Cold Blood, Women and
Children Rescued by Greeks

London, Dec. 10—Detailed accounts have been wired to their respective governments by the German, French, English and Italian consuls, of inhuman massacres of unarmed Moslems by the Balkan Christian soldiers in the environs of Saloniki, says the Vienna correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, who describes the horrors as the most appalling of any known to history.

The massacres, he avers, were accompanied by indescribable tortures and indignities. An undated Saloniki despatch says that official reports of the atrocities committed by the Bulgarian irregulars make terrible reading.

It is alleged that a party of five hundred Mohammedans were shot down.

Greek soldiers, with difficulty, managed to rescue the women and children.

A Constantinople despatch to The Standard says that it is rumored that the Greeks, who landed in the Gulf of Saros, have suffered defeat at the hands of the Turks, while attempting to march to Gallipoli.

MAY SOON DRESS LIKE MOTHER EVE

Columbus, Indiana, Dec. 10—The Rev. F. L. Dimmitt, a Methodist preacher, has created a sensation by a sermon directed against the mode of street dress now popular with women. A special portion of the sermon was the quotation from the pulpit of the following lines:

"Little girl, you look so small,
Don't you wear no clothes at all?
Don't you wear chemise or shirt,
Don't you wear a pretty skirt,
Just your corset and your hose,
Are these all your underclothes?"

The poet closed with a prediction that

"After a while, I do believe
"You will dress like Mother Eve."

Mrs. Leonard W. Johnston left last week for Fredericton, N.B., where she expects to spend the winter. Vancouver News-Advertiser.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

The stores of Fredericton are stocked with seasonal goods, suitable for Christmas gifts, and the people, in justice to themselves as well as to the merchants, should do their shopping as early as possible. The Mail has a splendid class of readers in the river countries who eagerly peruse the announcements made from time to time in the advertising columns. The merchants of the city can reach the buying public through The Mail. Applications for extra space for holiday advertising should be made without delay.

Jail Bird was Appointed To Office in Cape Breton By Borden Government

Remarkable Instance of "Civil Service Reform" Brought to the Attention of Parliament by Mr. Kyte, M. P.—Was Given Two Government Jobs While Serving Term in Jail for Forgery— Morine's Hunt for Scandal in Hon. Dr. Pugsley's Department Proved Fruitless.

Ottawa, Dec. 9—If Premier Borden's naval policy is not better considered and worked out than was his bill submitted to the House with his speech last Thursday, Canada is likely to experience many embarrassing "emergencies."

It was discovered today that notwithstanding the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier courteously consented to the premier introducing his naval measure, prior to bringing down the resolution based upon it, in accordance with the rules of the House, the bill, as introduced by Mr. Borden, transgresses the rules in itself. As a result, unless Sir Wilfrid again comes to his rescue, Mr. Borden will have to introduce the bill again in regular form, though it is not anticipated that the House would call upon the premier to read his speech over once more.

It is a somewhat awkward predicament in which the head of the government finds himself. However, it is understood that the Liberal chief will assist him out of the predicament, since it is known that Sir Wilfrid will take no advantage of technical blunders caused by inexperience.

The rules of the House require that when, for any reason, a money bill is permitted to precede the customary introduction resolution, the measure must carry, in parenthesis, the amount of the money vote involved. This rule was neglected or overlooked by Mr. Borden in the preparation of his naval bill introduced last Thursday, and in consequence the Speaker is under the necessity of ruling the measure, as submitted, out of order.

This puts matters as they were, and, unless Sir Wilfrid enables the premier to find a new way out, he will have the somewhat humiliating experience of having to introduce his famous bill all over again. The premier came over to confer with the Liberal leader during the proceedings in the Commons this afternoon and it is believed that Sir Wilfrid came to his rescue. When government notices of motion were under consideration Mr. Borden asked the House for permission to introduce the resolution which should have preceded the introduction of the naval bill at tomorrow's sitting.

"I have no objection," courteously responded Sir Wilfrid, and the regular notice was accordingly given.

It is anticipated that the resolution will come up by consent and without discussion at tomorrow's sitting, thus preparing the way for regular procedure with the bill on Thursday.

Sir Wilfrid's courtesy releases the premier from an amusing and embarrassing predicament and enables the progress of the bill to go forward according to schedule instead of being held up till the government had rectified its blunder. It is a significant commentary on the sincerity of the government press in its silly charges that the Liberals are "blocking" or retarding the progress of the measure in the House.

APPOINTED MAN IN PRISON TO OFFICE.

In the matter of making appointments and dismissals the Borden government is constantly establishing new records. Some time ago they formally dismissed a dead man. Afterward they appointed a dead man and instructed the Liberal office holder to turn the keys of the office over to him. This he obediently did by laying the keys on his grave. It was thought this was the limit.

However, the record of the government for unwise performance is greater than has been and Mr. Kyte, M.P. for Richmond, N.S., today proved this to a demonstration by showing that the government recently appointed to public office a man who could not perform the duties because he was serving a year's term in jail for forgery.

Mr. Kyte made his statement from the public records obtained from the

department of marine. These showed that J. A. Gillies, who was the unsuccessful Conservative candidate in Richmond, in the last general election, on Dec. 8, 1911, asked for the dismissal of Dr. Boyle, the fishery officer at West Arichat, on the ground of offensive partizanship, and recommended the appointment in his place of Capt. Andrew Landry of Descousses.

On Dec. 18 the parish priest addressed a letter to the minister of marine protesting against the appointment of Captain Landry because he was awaiting trial on the charge of forgery.

On Dec. 28 the department of marine dismissed Leon Porrier, wharfinger at Descousses, N.S., and appointed Capt. Landry in his place.

On Feb. 1, 1912, Capt. Landry was committed for trial for forgery, and on June 4, was found guilty and sentenced to a year in jail by Justice Graham of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

On June 11, 1912, Captain Frederick Porrier, buoy contractor at Descousses was notified that his services were no longer required and directed by the department to hand over the buoys and moorings to Captain Andrew Landry.

APPOINTEE IN JAIL

Captain Porrier replied that he could not conveniently do so as Captain Landry was in jail serving a year's term for forgery. The minister of justice was appealed to and on August 3 Captain Landry was released, and there was a jail delivery such as was never seen before.

PEACE PLENOPOTENTIARIES DRANK CHAMPAGNE TOGETHER

London, Dec. 10—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Tchatalja sends a graphic account of the meeting of the Plenipotentiaries of Turkey, and the allies, to sign the armistice, the Bulgarian demand to pass trains laden with provisions and arms through Constantinople, says the correspondent was for long time, a stumbling block. Then after a long silence Nazim Pasha suddenly exclaimed:—"Well let it be so, but wait ten days before sending your trains through, wait for the beginning of peace negotiations at London."

M. Danef, the president of the Bulgarian parliament who was sitting opposite the Turkish General, arose solemnly and extending his hand to Nazim Pasha said, "it is finished we are in agreement."

It was then twenty minutes past seven o'clock, and the plenipotentiaries moved by unrestrained emotions, all rose to their feet. The tension had been too long and intense. Under an impassable, impenetrable appearance, these men of politics and war, had felt the most penetrating anguish and doubt. This sudden reaction came to their tired minds and a wave of emotion seized them when the last barrier which separated them had fallen. Their impossibility vanished. For one moment they forgot the tremendous struggle between their nations and with spontaneous irresistible gestures, they exchanged embraces and kisses. The two Generals Savoff, the rough Bulgarian General, Issimo and Nazim Pasha, the superior commander of the Turkish army, clasped each other in silence and silent abandonment.

The news of the agreement passed through the train which was formerly the property of the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid, and the previously silent officials were on their feet in a moment and bottles of champagne

Landry after serving two months of his term walked out of jail a free man to take up his duties as a public official. That he was not going to give any of the emoluments of office because of slight stain on his character was shown by Captain Landry three days after his release when he sent a bill of \$30 wharfage to a man and accompanied it with the statement that if the bill were paid at once \$10 would settle the bill and if there was delay the full amount would be exacted.

It was remarkable to find that in order that Captain Landry might retain his office the government had been compassionate enough to release him after two months. As he was a man in the best of health and is now discharging the duties of wharfinger it would be interesting to know why the government granted his release.

HAZEN'S LAME DEFENCE

Hon. Mr. Hazen said that Mr. Kyte evidently desired to make an attack on his political opponent Mr. Gillies. Mr. Hazen said this was the first he had heard of the appointment or of the sentence of Captain Landry. Mr. Gillies had recommended him and the minister believed Mr. Gillies thought the captain a "highly suitable man to fill the post." On the complaint of the parish priest the appointment of fishery officer a responsible post was withheld from Captain Landry. The department had no idea that it was appointing this same man to the unimportant post of wharfinger. Had he known that this was the man the

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CLEMENTS ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Redding, Cal., Dec. 10—William E. Clements, who shot and killed William Landis, who admitted killing Clements' mother, was acquitted of murder here last night.

Landis, who claimed self defence, was released on bail after shooting Mrs. Clements. He celebrated his liberation by sitting on a porch where Clements could hear him, and singing "Another Shovel of Earth on Mother's Grave."

NEW BISHOP CONSECRATED

Apostolic Delegate Officiated at Impos- ing Ceremony in St. John

Distinguished Prelates of Roman
Catholic Church Take Part in
Consecration of Bishop LeBlanc

St. John, N.B., Dec. 10—With His Excellency the Most Rev. H. Stagni officiating, the Right Rev. Edward LeBlanc was today consecrated Bishop of St. John. Archbishop McCarthy of Halifax, was first assistant and Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal, second assistant, Mr. Herbert, vicar general of Rogersville, archpriest; Rev. Father Mehan of Amherst, deacon, and the Rev. P. Belliveau of Grand Diguneb, sub-deacon. Also in attendance were Archbishops Gauthier of Ottawa, and Roy of Quebec, Bishops Morrison of Antigonish, N.S., Barry of Chatham, N. B., Blais of Rimouski, Bruneau of Nicolet, Cloutier of Three Rivers, Larocque of Sherbrooke, and Emard of Valleyfield, besides six priests, bringing the total up to nearly 150.

The rich vestments, with the altar and sanctuary draped in the apostolic delegate colors and the altar adorned with flowers, made a spectacle. Besides the visiting clergymen many laymen came to the city, including a large number of Acadians, who came by special train over the Intercolonial. The ceremony was begun at ten o'clock and lasted until one, with a sermon preached by Bishop Morrison of Antigonish. It was followed by a dinner in honor of the apostolic delegate with the clergymen present.

SASKATCHEWAN HOUSE FAVORS FREE TRADE

Regina, Sask., Dec. 10—The adjourned debate on the free trade resolution of Robinson, member for Francis, terminated yesterday, when the resolution passed on a straight party vote of 23 to 2. An amendment was moved by Willoughby, the leader of the opposition, urging that no tariff changes be made pending the submission of the report of the tariff commission.

Willoughby maintained that making reciprocity the issue in the elections of last July was justification for the participation in the provincial elections of Hon. Robert Rogers. He did not think any reduction of duty on agricultural implements should be made until the tariff commission has thoroughly investigated the question.

Wylie of Maple Creek, said the Conservatives of Saskatchewan are still against reciprocity. He did not think it was the consumer alone who paid the duty. The opposition amendment was defeated by 25 to 3 and the original motion carried as stated.

THINKS A MILLION WILL BE RAISED

Toronto, Dec. 10—After a tour of western Canada, Rev. Dr. Shearer of the Presbyterian Board of social service and evangelism states that he is confident that the church's million dollar budget this year will easily be raised.