

PREMIER BRIAND AND HIS CABINET

FROM ILLUSTRATED LITUNING

MONS. BRIAND, PREMIER

MONS. HAMARD.

MONS. TOUNY.

MONS. MILLERAND, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

NEGOTIATIONS NEARING FINISH

Good Progress Made at Washington and Agreement May be Reached

Geographical Aspect of Negotiations Must Be Heeded--President Taft Has Nothing to Say.

Jan. 17.—The would-be assassin of President Briand is a man named Gisolme, who was formerly a clerk in the courts of Bayonne. He was pounced upon by police officers before he could use his weapon again. He had such an intention and was hurried from the place. Mr. Briand was quickly surrounded by other ministers and deputies who heartily congratulated him upon his escape. He seated near him when he rose from There was no doubt that he was the intended victim and only the poor marksmanship of Gisolme saved him from death and injury. For a time the greatest excitement prevailed. The provisions of the chamber had been going on as usual and there was nothing to indicate the presence of anyone who had designs upon the life of the head of the cabinet. Gisolme first attracted the attention of those in the seat which he occupied near the centre of the balcony and pushed forward quickly to the railing. Suddenly he whipped a revolver from his pocket and aimed the weapon first in the general direction of the ministerial bench and then deliberately upon M. Briand and fired. The first bullet embedded itself in the wood work near the premier's seat. The first report had hardly ceased when the second shot was fired.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Jan. 18—The treaty makers took a holiday yesterday and today are engaged on what is thought to be one of the last days of the work of negotiations. The remainder of the struggle will be in the two houses of congress in Washington and in parliament at Ottawa. It is now taken for granted in Washington circles that such good progress has been made that an agreement will soon be announced involving more articles than was anticipated and paving the way for further action in the future, when it is felt to be in the interests of both countries to again confer. There is no longer any thought of the conference will result in an agreement for concurrent ratification. President Taft continues to insist.

When the United States correspondent ventured to inquire if he thought his country would get a good bargain, the president laughed, but made no answer.

Home Secretary Churchill appeared in the witness box with the object of refuting some of the stories of his assumption of the office of commander in chief of the forces of the engaged battalion. He declared that the troops were on the spot before he heard that a fight was in progress. He denied that he oversaw or directed the police who, he said, had an absolutely free hand. He thought the action of the police in restraining the firemen from attacking the flames after the house had been fired, was humane and perfectly justifiable under the circumstances.

The geographical aspect of the present negotiations is one to which no small heed must be given. If Nova Scotia is compelled to yield free coal for the benefit of Central Canada which is more adjacent to Pennsylvania and Ohio fields, Nova Scotia will want something in return, and it would naturally be free fish.

The people of New England could do with more finnan haddies from Digby and New York will never get enough lobsters. New England incidentally would buy Nova Scotia coal if it were put on the free list, though there is prejudice in some quarters, owing to the amount of sulphur it contains. Quebec will be interested in securing a better market for the products of its spruce forests.

MERRY WAR ON
IN TORONTO OVER
FARMERS' BANK

(Canadian Press.)

MANY VESSELS
TIED UP IN ST. JOHN

the criminal side of the wreck of the Farmer's Bank. Both are charged with conspiracy. The information against Wishart, also reveals a second charge against Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, that of conspiring to steal three hundred thousand dollars from the bank. This charge is based upon the Keesley Mine deal, in which mine Wishart is said to hold two hundred thousand shares. In the meantime, Dr. Nesbitt has not been found, and a merry war is on in Toronto over the fact.

(Special to the Mail)

St. John, Jan. 18.—The largest number of idle vessels seen in St. John at this season for many years is now tied up at the wharves here. Their aggregate tonnage is 6,994 and their value is estimated at \$145,200. These figures have been obtained by totaling the tonnage of thirty-nine vessels now in port and the estimate of the value was furnished by the owners. As one schooner of 240 tons earned for her owner \$5,900 in nineteen months, it will be seen that the loss to business is a serious one.

The police department is scored on the ground that no special instructions have been issued for Nesbitt's arrest, but Inspector Duncan stoutly maintains that everything possible has been done.

IRELAND LEGISLATOR RESIGNS HIS SEAT

HEROIC FIREMEN
SAVE CHILDRENS LIVES

Bingham, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Prompt work by firemen and attendants of the Susquehanna Valley Home, is thought to have saved the lives of all of the 155 children inmates when fire broke out this morning! All of the children have not yet been accounted for and it is possible that some may have been suffocated.

Charlottetown, Jan. 18—William Laird, member of the Local Legislature for the second district of Queens has resigned, owing to ill health. A bye-election to fill the vacancy will be held on February 8th. As the parties are nearly equally divided in the legislature the fight is likely to be a keen one.

FOREIGN TOUGHS ARRESTED AT FORT WILLIAM

C. P. R. TRAINMAN HAD
THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Fort William, Ont., Jan. 18.—The coal dock section of this city was a lively spot last night, the police making five arrests, among the foreigners living there. The first ser-

Portage La Prairie, Man., Jan. 18.
—Conductor Howe and Brakeman John Alexander and Frank Moore, of the C. P. R., are in the hospital here suffering from severe burns. The cause of the trouble was the explosion of a lamp when the train was five miles west of this city. The men were unable to open the door of the car, it being filled with fumes and on fire. They finally broke the window and leaped out. The train was going at a fast rate, but the depths of the snow saved them from serious injury.

Mrs. F. S. Hilyard and daughter, Miss May Hilyard, arrived from New York and are the guests of Mrs. J. C. Allen, Regent street.

ious event was the stabbing of Mike Paritski in the abdomen by Bill Ryaduk. The result was an ugly wound.

Mr. L. H. Price of Moncton, is registered at the Queen.