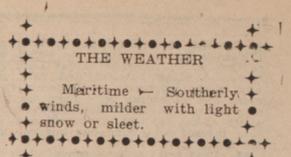




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PRES. GIBSON IS WRATHY

Head of the Ontario Branch of Dominion Alliance Speaks Out

Says Whitney's Answer to Temperance Delegation was Not Worth of a Ten-Year Old School Boy.

(Canadian Press)
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—President Joseph Gibson of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance used vigorous language in commenting on the reception given the temperance delegation which waited upon the Ontario government yesterday. "The answer which Premier Whitney made to us" said Mr. Gibson, "was not worthy of a ten year old school boy. (The premier and Hon. Mr. Hanna) practically spat in our faces and I shall never be anxious to go back to them. They have not played the game fairly. We have made the progress which they said would entitle us to new legislation but which they have now practically refused. The government is unworthy the support of any person who has at heart the cause of temperance.

The deputations which interviewed the government received cold comfort from Premier Whitney and Hon. W. J. Hanna who presented the Alliance's requests for the appeal of the three fifths clause and for total prohibition in the province. Mr. Hanna took up and strongly resented the charge of treachery made against the government by Rev. Ben Spence at Wednesday's session of the convention.

Sir James Whitney flatly stated that there would be no change in the three fifths clause and that provincial prohibition at present was out of the question.

(President Gibson is well known in this city having taken part in the Scott Act campaign of three years ago.)

DETROIT UNITED SELLING EX DIV.

New York, Feb. 17.—Some of the big issues showed further declines under selling pressure on the stock exchange here this morning.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

Amalgamated.....	63 1/2
Atchison.....	105 1/2
Smelters.....	77 1/2
Brooklyn.....	77 1/2
Canadian Pacific.....	210 1/2
Great Northern, Pfd.....	127 1/2
Northern Pacific.....	126 1/2
Pennsylvania.....	127 1/2
Reading.....	156 1/2
Southern Pacific.....	142 1/2
Union Pacific.....	177 1/2
U. S. Steel, Com.....	78 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Quebec Ry.—25 @ 60 1/2; 10 @ 58 50 @ 57 1/2
Detroit ex div—46 @ 71 1/2; cash 50 @ 68 1/2; 45 @ 69 1/2; 25 @ 68 1/2
C.P.R.—7 @ 212; 25 @ 211
Toronto Ry—2 @ 126; 25 @ 126 1/2
Cement Com—2 @ 21
Converters—25 @ 43 1/2
Bell Telephone—40 @ 144
Crown Reserve—140 @ 271; 500 @ 272
Soo—50 @ 142 1/2; 25 @ 142 1/2; 350 @ 143 1/2; 375 @ 143 1/2; 50 @ 143 1/2
Rio—425 @ 108; 5 @ 108 1/2; 75 @ 107 1/2; 25 @ 107 1/2; 157 @ 107 1/2
Shawinigan—175 @ 111; 10 @ 111 1/2
Ottawa Power—5 @ 129
Penman's—10 @ 58 1/2
N. S. Steel—225 @ 96 1/2; 50 @ 96 1/2; 42 @ 96 1/2
R.&O.—25 @ 105 1/2; 10 @ 101 1/2; 10 @ 101 1/2
Power—375 @ 146; 4 @ 145 1/2
Textile—10 @ 101 1/2

THIRTEEN DROWNED IN STEAMBOAT COLLISION

London, Feb. 17.—Collision on the Essex coast resulted in the sinking of the steamer Montpark from Cadiz for Yarmouth. Thirteen of the crew are reported drowned.

SENSATIONAL POISONING CASE BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

Count De Lassy Found Guilty and Sentenced to Penal Servitude for Life---Dr. Pantchenke also Convicted and Will go to Prison for Fifteen Years---Woman in the Case Acquitted---Startling Testimony Developed During the Trial.

(Canadian Press)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The sensational trial of Count Patrick O'Brien De Lassy, Dr. Pantchenke, and Mme. Muravieff, charged with the murder of Count Vassilli Bouturlin, came to an end last night, when a verdict of guilty was found by the jury in the case of De Lassy and Pantchenke, and not guilty in the case of the woman. De Lassy was sentenced to penal servitude for life and Pantchenke to fifteen years' imprisonment.

The jury noted extenuating circumstances in Pantchenke's favor which accounts for the lighter punishment meted out to him.

The trial aroused enormous interest and developed some startling testimony.

Prior to the beginning of the proceedings, Pantchenke made a confession, in which he accused De Lassy of hiring him to poison Count Vassilli, who was heir to General Bouturlin's missions. De Lassy's wife is the daughter of General Boururlin, and the removal of Vassilli would naturally mean that the general's great estate would go to his daughter.

On the witness stand Pantchenke denied the confession and made so many erratic statements that he came to be thought practically insane.

POPE PIUS X CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

(Canadian Press.)

Rome, Feb. 17.—Pope Pius X continues to improve and Dr. Petacci believes that all danger of pulmonary inflammation has passed though the condition of the bronchial tubes still causes difficulty in breathing.

The Pontiff inquired anxiously after Cardinal Rampolla today and was informed that the former papal secretary of state was in no danger at present, although there was a slight increase in fever during the night. The Cardinal is also suffering from influenza.

ENGLISHMAN WON IN BOXING BOUT

New York, Feb. 17.—The much talked of boxing bout between Anthony J. Drexel of Philadelphia, husband of Marjorie Gould and the Hon. Robert Bessford of England, a brother of Lord Decies, took place on Saturday night, last, in a private gymnasium at Georgian Court, the Goulds' country home at Lakewood, N. J. Details of the bout vary but all agree that "Batting Bobby" was victor after three rounds.

MAYOR'S ELECTION WAS DECLARED VOID

Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 17.—Judge Waring, of North Bay yesterday set aside the election of Mayor Cody of this town, as the lists were not legal. The judge said that half the towns in Ontario would have the same difficulty if citizens chose to make trouble.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—A statement placing the Canadian Manufacturers Association on record as opposed to the reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States was passed without a dissenting voice yesterday at the meeting of the executive of the association.

Much evidence was adduced, however, to show that he and De Lassy had very intimate dealings together. At the end of the trial, De Lassy was quite overcomt. He attempted to make a speech to the jury but ended abruptly by saying: "I cannot talk. I leave the fate of myself and relatives to your minds and your hearts." Pantchenke in an incoherent speech, said that he did not repudiate his confession, but wished to specify the degree of his guilt. He said that the question now was whether a Russian physician was capable of such a dastardly crime, and to this he proudly answered no.

Petroplivsky, he declared, wishing fame, was the author of the poisoning story and a newspaper helped him.

"De Lassy did exhort me to poison Bouturlin," continued Pantchenke, "and thinking that I had accidentally poisoned him, I told the magistrate so. But this confession seemed too little for him. He continually drummed into my ears, confess, confess, and suggested various poisons. Finally in a weak moment, I told myself that if the truth didn't serve, then I will lie. I mentioned toxin. The magistrate then said, 'Now we are going to be friends.'"

Mme. Muravieff refused to say anything. The jury retired and remained out for three hours.

KING NICHOLAS' CONDITION IS VERY CRITICAL

(Canadian Press.)

Cettinje, Montenegro, Feb. 17.—The family of King Nicholas was summoned to the royal palace today. Specialists called from Vienna arrived last night and attempted to stop the flow of blood resulting from the rupture of vein on Monday. A slight cessation was noticed but the King steadily grew weaker and because of the monarch's advanced years no hope was held out for his recovery. King Nicholas is 70 years of age.

FISHERIES AGREEMENT EMBODIED IN THE BILL

Washington, Feb. 17.—An emasculated bill embodying the results of the fisheries agreement between Canada and the United States affecting the creary waters from Passamaquoddy Bay in New Brunswick to British Columbia, has been reported by the foreign relations committee of the senate as a result of the recommendations of David Starr Jordan of the United States and Prof. E. E. Prince for Canada.

Senator Wm. Alden Smith of Michigan has succeeded in having the proposed regulations affecting Lake Huron struck out and it is expected that the commissioners will meet again and try to agree on a new draft that will be satisfactory to the Saginaw Bay fishermen who are the real objectors in the case. Meantime the Lake Huron commercial fishing will be practically eliminated from the International regulations and will remain under Michigan control.

Otherwise the bill embodies a number of important provisions which can be regarded with satisfaction by Canada.

BIG OFFER FOR N. S. STEEL

Important Statement Made, by President Harris at Annual Meeting

Offer Made to Buy Block of Stock at Fancy Price But Its Acceptance Not Recommended.

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Feb. 17.—An important statement was submitted today by President Harris at the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. All the eastern directors, including President Harris, Hon. J. D. MacGregor, New Glasgow; J. W. Allison, Halifax and Thomas Cantley, New Glasgow were present.

President Harris stated that General Manager Cantley on his recent return from abroad submitted a very flattering proposition made to him relative to the purchase of a large block of common stock at a price considerably above par, but he did not recommend its acceptance. The executive committee of the board unanimously decided that no offer for such a block of stock, even though it might not involve control of the company would in any case be entertained, unless it carried with it an obligation to take over at the same price all of the balance of the shares, the holders of which might desire to sell at that figure.

As to the so-called syndicate stock, President Harris said that the amount was not as large as currently reported. The number of shares purchased was 18,500 not 22,000 as recently some is held by parties abroad, most of whom are opposed to the suggested sale. Mr. Harris also denied the statement that the dividend was being increased as part of an arrangement for placing a block of the stock abroad.

HAZEN MISRULE.
Mr. Hazen, when in Opposition, was fond of criticizing the old government for letting out work without tender. In the counties of Albert and Kings, bridges have been built but no trace of the tender system can be found in connection with the work. THEY ARE MANAGING THE AFFAIRS OF THE PROVINCE NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE BUT IN FAVOR OF THEIR FRIENDS AND HEELERS.
WHAT IS TRUE IN THE CASE OF KINGS AND ALBERT COUNTIES IS TRUE IN A GREAT MANY OTHERS.—Hon. C. W. Robinson at Hampton.

MORE WARRANTS OUT IN FARMER'S BANK CASE

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The latest development on the Farmers Bank case took place this morning when Inspector Duncan swore out a summons for W. S. Morden of Belleville. Morden is connected with the Trust and Guarantee Co., of which J. J. Warren is manager and Hon. J. R. Stratton is president and a very prominent Conservative lawyer of Belleville. Morden, Stratton and Warren are charged jointly with hypothecation of the bank notes contrary to the Bank Act.

MEDICAL DISCOVERY THAT SHOULD BE POPULAR

New York, Feb. 17.—A special cable to The Tribune from London says: "An important discovery which, it is stated, promises to provide a certain cure for mental diseases, was announced yesterday. It was made by Dr. Oswald of the household staff of the Glasgow Royal Asylum. It is asserted that the substance discovered when injected into the blood of the patient, not only cures but makes the patient immune against a further attack."

DESPICABLE METHODS OF RECIPROCITY OPPONENTS

Trying to Stir up Opposition to the Measure in Canada and Great Britain---Bennett's Resolution in Congress the First Move in the Campaign---Measure Like to Pass Senate---Reciprocity Conference at White House---Short Work Made of Bennett's Annexation Resolution.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Feb. 17.—That the opponents of the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada are plotting to defeat the measure by stirring up bitter opposition to the measure in Canada and Great Britain based upon fears of annexation was openly charged here today by friends of the administration.

They declared that the resolution presented yesterday by Representative Bennett of New York, calling upon the president to take steps relative to annexation negotiations was the first move in the campaign to have the reciprocity agreement fail of adoption in the Canadian parliament. Representative Bennett in one of the chief anti-reciprocity leaders in the house and students of politics good legislation claim to see in his tactics the full scope of his campaign against the agreement.

The agreements chief opponents evidently concluding that the agreement will pass the senate are determined to use every means to prevent its passage in Canada. In report McCall, after whom the bill embodying reciprocity is adopted, came forward in defence of the measure today. Mr. Bennett is trying to defeat this bill by indirect methods," he declared. "The Canadian negotiators of the reciprocity agreement will naturally be handicapped in their efforts to have the measure enacted at Ottawa as a result of this absurd talk of annexation."

It was reported today that there would be a reciprocity conference at the White House tomorrow. Secretary Knox and President Taft will be present along with a number of senators and further pressure will be exerted in favor of the measure.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Canadian reciprocity measure will be considered by the senate committee on finance at a special session to be held Saturday. It is not likely that the bill will be disposed of in the committee in one day, although all its members are agreed that action shall not be delayed unnecessarily. Senators Lodge and Smoot, who are members of the committee, today assured President Taft that the bill would not be smothered in the committee, regardless of how much opposition there might be to it.

From present indications the bill will be returned to the senate about Wednesday and certainly not later than Thursday. It may be that no report, either favorable or adverse, will be made upon it, chiefly for the reason that objections which members of the committee hold to the measure lead them to desire to amend it if it is to be given the force of the committee approval. In view of this attitude the members of the committee feel that it would be better to submit the whole matter directly to the senate without recom-

(Canadian Press.)

mentation, all members reserving the right to pursue whatever course their individual opinions may suggest when it is considered on the floor. However, all this may be changed when the committee meets.

Senate leaders are not sanguine of reaching a vote and many of them are inclined to the view that an extra session cannot be avoided.

EXTRA SESSION THREATENED

Failure of the Canadian reciprocity agreement to pass the senate will force President Taft to call an extra session of congress. If the administration is determined to press the agreement. This declaration was made today by Senator Smoot, of Utah, following a conference of the White House with the president over pending legislation. Senator Lodge and Root were present also.

Senator Smoot announced that the senate would be given all opportunity to discuss the agreement and that the McCall Bill would not be smothered in committee nor delayed in any way. The senator entertained the belief, however, that the bill will meet obstructive tactics. It is generally reported that there will be a further meeting at the White House tomorrow to discuss the legislative outlook and certain provisions of the agreement. Secretary Knox, who will return from Chicago tonight will be present at the discussion and certain objections to the measure will be taken up.

THE BENNETT RESOLUTION

London, Feb. 17.—The tariff reform press is making the utmost capital out of the annexationists in the United States Congress to push the agitation for imperial preference. The editorials of these papers comment in the gravest tones on the alleged danger threatening the Empire. That action of the United States press was however, which regards the policy of preference as killed by the reciprocity agreement takes, like the Liberal press, a light view of the matter and regards the Bennett resolution as a move intended to embarrass President Taft and prevent the ratification of the agreement.

TORY TORONTO AGAINST IT

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—The Toronto Board of Trade at a special meeting last night, condemned the reciprocity proceedings by a vote of 302 to 13. The resolution was proposed by Sir Edmund Walker, president of the Bank of Commerce and seconded by J. W. Flavell. Several Liberal business men supported the resolution.

BENNETT'S RESOLUTION BOWLED OUT

Washington, Feb. 17.—The house committee on foreign affairs today voted nine to one against the Bennett resolution for Canadian Annexation negotiations with Great Britain.

RUSSO-CHINESE SITUATION

Russia Preparing For War by Transporting Troops to Northern China

An Attempt Will be Made to Refer Treaty Differences to the Hague Tribunal---China Unprepared

(Canadian Press.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Without waiting for China's reply to its ultimatum, Russia began preparations for actual warfare today by transporting soldiers to the III district of Northern China for a military demonstration. Among the soldiers sent are several regiments of Cossacks from Southern Russia.

London, Feb. 17.—That an attempt will be made to force Russia and China to refer their treaty differences to The Hague tribunal for arbitration, is the belief in official circles here. One arbitral plan already discussed is the appointment of an international commission which shall study the Russo-China situation evolving a plan of settlement satisfactory to both nations. This agreement shall be submitted to the International Arbitration tribunal at The Hague for official ratification, after which it will be officially accepted by both China and Russia.

CHINA UNPREPARED.

Pekin, Feb. 17.—The ultimatum from the Czar's government, charging violations of the treaty of 1881, was taken under consideration by the Imperial Council today and a reply formulated which has not been made public, but it is understood the government considers that discretion in the present dispute is the better part of valor for China's army is in no way prepared for war, the troops being poorly equipped and lacking in discipline. Moreover, the empire has too many troubles upon its hands at this time to prepare for war and it is believed that China will renew the treaty and guarantee strict adherence to it in the future.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN QUEBEC

(Canadian Press)

Quebec, Feb. 17.—The sad death of two little children at St. Cyrille de L'Islet is reported. The father had gone to work and a short time later the mother left to visit a neighbor, and the two children perished. The two children were four and two years while she was out the fire took place and the father and mother Mr. and Mrs. J. Langlois.

SEATTLE WRESTLER INJURED IN BOUT

Omaha, Feb. 17.—Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle was seriously injured after 25 minutes of wrestling in the second bout of a match with Jess Westergaard of Des Moines last night, and was forced to quit, the match being awarded to Westergaard. Roller won the first fall in 26 minutes and 40 seconds.

UNIONIST CANDIDATE WINS IN BYE-ELECTION

Horncastle, Eng., Feb. 17.—Captain Weigall, Unionist, has been elected to parliament in the bye-election district here. The district is regularly Unionist.

Mr. M. G. Teed of St. John, is in the city in connection with business before the Supreme Court.

Hon. J. K. Fleming, Provincial Secretary, of Hartland, is in the city on official business.

Mr. W. B. Wallace, K.C., of St. John, is in the city in connection with professional business.

MR. ROBINSON NOT WORRYING OVER THREATS OF LIBEL SUIT

(Special to The Mail.)

Moncton, Feb. 17.—Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the Opposition, it is understood, is prepared to maintain the accuracy of his statement, made at the Kings County Liberal Convention, respecting the Albert Southern Railway transaction. The Transcript tonight discussing the matter editorially, will say: "A year ago rails of the Albert Southern Railway in Albert Co. were sold at the instance of Mr. G. W. Fowler and Mr. W. B. Jonah, for the benefit of the creditors. So far as can be learned, the rails, fish plates, etc., brought twenty-two dollars per ton. It is estimated that the proceeds of the same were in the vicinity of \$35,000."

Mr. Robinson claimed that although this transaction occurred a year ago, some of the creditors are yet unpaid and he asked, "Where is the money?" His request is a proper one and threats of legal proceedings are no answer. Such threats will not deter the Opposition leader from insisting on a public statement of the transaction, complete in every detail. If there is a satisfactory explanation of the delay in paying off the creditors, why not give it to the public? Threats implied or direct may make the public suspicious. Let the people have the facts."

Mr. E. O. McMullin of Truro, is in the city.