

LAURIER MAY NOT ATTEND THE NAVAL CONFERENCE

At Least This is the Opinion Expressed in Political Circles Around Ottawa. The Liberals Stand Today on the Naval Question Where They Stood in 1909, While the Tories Have Done a Lot of Wabbling--the Toronto Star's Suggestion

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—A recent report, emanating from England, to the effect that Premier Borden on his return would endeavor to arrange a non-political conference between himself and his colleagues and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues in which the question of Canada's future naval policy would be discussed has aroused considerable comment at the capital and throughout the east generally.

The possibility of Sir Wilfrid Laurier being a party to such a conference, is however, scouted by prominent Liberals at the capital though there are certain members of the other party who declare that this would be the right and proper course to take in a question in which the welfare of the empire is vitally concerned.

Apart from Sir Wilfrid Laurier giving up his right of criticism of the government's policy by attending and taking part in such a conference it is contended that a question of principle would be at stake by so doing. It is pointed out that there has already been one conference on the subject, or at least what was equivalent to it, namely a joint resolution passed in the house in 1909 by which both parties, Mr. Borden included, agreed that there should be a Canadian navy, operated by Canada. The results of that resolution so far as the Conservative party was concerned it is pointed out, were not so satisfactory as to warrant the Liberal party joining forces with the Borden administration. The opposition later repudiated the policy to which they had pledged themselves by the joint resolution, and politically and every other way strove to bring public sentiment against the Laurier policy.

SAGE ADVICE.

"By all means let the two parties unite on the naval policy," says the Toronto Star editorially. "Let

Mr. Borden come back to the policy on which both parties were united in 1909. It is surely more reasonable that Mr. Borden should accept Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy than Laurier should accept one of Mr. Borden's half a dozen policies. The prodigal son was forgiven and feasted, but he came down. He did not request his father to follow him in his aimless wanderings."

With regard to any emergency grant which it may be proposed to give, it is considered here that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will naturally insist upon it being made plain that there is such an emergency, and that urgent help is needed before he will commit himself and his party to the support of any suggestion toward that end, and the matter, it is generally conceded, will have to be threshed out in the House, since it is not considered probable that the emergency will be of such urgent nature as to warrant it being met before the House sits.

So far as the permanent naval policy of the government is concerned there is of course, it is admitted, a possibility of the two parties coming together in united harmony but that possibility, it is generally conceded, will depend upon whether Mr. Borden chooses again to stand for a Canadian navy, controlled by Canada which is the Laurier policy. That possibility, it is considered at the capital, is very remote.

The general consensus of opinion in Liberal circles at the capital appears to be that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will adhere to the policy which the two parties endorsed in 1909 and that the only proposed change under which he would consent to unite with the government would be that of an increase in the magnitude of the navy proposed.

That there will be joint action on the ultimate policy of the Borden administration seems to be very unlikely.

MEXICAN CABINET DISCUSSES MASSACRE

(Canadian Press.)

Mexico City, Aug. 14.—The massacre of soldiers and passengers on a train near here Sunday by rebels under direction of Emiliano Zapata was discussed at length yesterday in a cabinet meeting but no publicity was given to any part of the cabinet's deliberations. Twenty badly charred bodies whose recognition was impossible, were brought from the scene of the slaughter last night. Bodies of the remainder of the fifty six victims were destroyed by fire that consumed the coaches.

CANADIAN CLIMBER TURNS UP SAFELY

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 14.—After having been missing for thirty hours, Miss Somerville, a Canadian Alpinist, joined her parents here yesterday. Miss Somerville was making the ascent of the Col. Du Gant, which has an altitude of 11,052 feet, when her party were overtaken by a violent snow storm. In the hurried descent to gain shelter, the Canadian girl sprained her knee. She claims that the Alpine storm far surpassed in ferocity the Canadian blizzard.

GOVERNOR MARSHALL TO TALK

Indianapolis, Ind. Aug. 14.—Governor Thomas R. Marshall, the Democratic nominee for Vice President has accepted the invitation of President H. B. Brown to deliver the commencement address at Valparaiso University tomorrow evening.

REBELS SPARED LIVES OF TWO YOUNG WOMAN

Mexico City, Aug. 13.—When Amador Salazar led away his band of rebels after they had slaughtered sixty-one soldiers and train passengers near Ticuman Sunday, he took with him two young women whose lives he spared.

This is one of the stories brought here today by eleven passengers who escaped from the Zapatista Shambls. During the fighting the eleven hid in the underbrush along the right of way.

They saw the rebels withdraw with the women captives after looting the train. Stories of cruelty were told by the passengers. One woman carried on her arm her dead baby struck by a bullet in the attack. A column of federal soldiers was sent in pursuit of the rebels.

THINKS CANAL MATTER WILL BE ADJUSTED

Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 14.—Alfred Deakin, leader of the federal opposition, asked Premier Fisher in the House of Representatives yesterday whether he intended to communicate with the imperial governments respecting the American government's decision to exempt from canal tolls American coastwise shipping, as it was a matter of vital importance to Australia.

Premier Fisher replied that he regarded the United States decision to be clearly against the terms of the Anglo-American treaty. He already had communicated with the imperial government, he said, and hoped that the matter would be satisfactorily settled.

SONS OF ENGLAND GRAND LODGE IN SESSION AT NIAGARA

Order may Change from a Benevolent to a Patriotic Organization

Some Changes Will Also be Proposed in the Internal Economy of Order

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 14.—The biennial meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England sessions of which got down to real business today, probably witnessed a marked change in the attitude of the order from a benevolent to a patriotic organization. An effort will be made to induce the Sons of England to co-operate with the Orange Associations in holding an English Language Congress in Toronto next St. George's Day, in opposition to the extension of bi-lingual schools.

The internal economy of the order will probably suffer some changes. The proposal to abolish the office of treasurer combining it with that of secretary will meet with strong opposition from the Toronto contingent. It has been suggested that the marriage question will form a feature of the discussions of the meeting, but a certain section of the delegates are anxious to side-step this, although it is stated tonight that one of the delegates will precipitate the question by a formal meeting. It may however, come up as collateral to the invitation to participate in the English Language Congress.

FAST ONES LINE UP AT GREAT MEET

(Canadian Press.)

Buffalo, Aug. 14.—Four well filled races with some of the best trotters seen at recent circuit meets were to furnish abig afternoon's sport for the lovers of light harness racing at the Grand Circuit Meeting at Fort Erie today. The 2:14 class for pacers will see nearly a dozen starters all looking like winners. W. L. Snow's Major O'Dell was looked to to score winning brackets. In the \$2,000 Dominion of Canada purse for 2:17 trotters the M. & M. winner, Queen Worthy will meet the sensational Annie Kphl, Mr. Geer's Dorah Medium, Seairline, Echomore, Barney Gibbs and a number of other high class trotters.

The \$5,000 for the Erie purse for 2:12 pacers will give the public a chance to see the saint, Joe Patchen II, 2:03 1/2.

Other entries were Chimes Hal, Grand Opera, Knight Onward and Pearl Patch. In the 2:14 class for trotters there is a fine field. It is said that the trainers of Chely will make an endeavor to lower the colors of Walter Cox's Arona McKinney. Spirited contenders will be Derby Boy, Elizabeth Ray, Jack London and Victor Star.

MICROBE OF CANCER HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

Paris, Aug. 14.—Dr. Gaston Odin, a Paris physician, announces that he has discovered the microbe of cancer, and that he has succeeded in isolating and cultivating it. He also declared that he has found an anti-cancer serum, which whether or not it leads to a permanent prevention of a cure, will show with certainty if the cancer parasite is present in the blood.

PRESIDING OFFICER WAS MURDERED

Belgrade, Aug. 14.—Esmile Zula, the presiding officer of the court martial at Brisren, capital of the Viliact, European Turkey, where the Albanians are in revolt, has been murdered.

G. T. P. TRAFFIC FOR ST. JOHN

Road to be Extended From Napudogan to Connect with I. C. R.

Hon Dr. Pugsley Tells of Recent Interview With Mr. Smithers and President Chamberlain

(St. John Telegraph.)

A reporter from The Telegraph interviewed Hon. Wm. Pugsley, ex-minister of public works, yesterday, and asked him if he had any information to give The Telegraph readers in regard to the G. T. P. and as to when the company was likely to begin work on the St. John terminals.

Dr. Pugsley said that while in Montreal a few days ago he had the pleasure of an interview with Mr. Smithers of London, Eng., who is chairman of the Grand Trunk Pacific board, and Mr. Chamberlain, president of the company. They were greatly interested in the fact that the Norton Griffiths Co., Ltd., is to actively engage in the work of development at Courtenay Bay and stated that it was the company's intention to begin work at an early date upon those portions of the terminals which are to be provided by the company.

Dr. Pugsley said that he had also felt it his duty as one of the representatives of St. John to discuss with them the question of the company reaching St. John by a direct route. Both Mr. Smithers and Mr. Chamberlain were impressed with the necessity of having connection with this city from some point on the Transcontinental so as to cut off the roundabout route which would have to be taken if trains destined for St. John had to go by way of Moncton. Their preference seemed to be for a connection between the Transcontinental at Napudogan and a point on the Canada Eastern, from which point their traffic to and from St. John would be handled via Fredericton and the St. John Valley Railway.

As Mr. Smithers expressed it, this would give a way to St. John by one side of the triangle, instead of being obliged to use two sides. It would shorten the distance 100 miles.

Dr. Pugsley said he was glad to find the two chief executive officers of the Grand Trunk thoroughly impressed with the desirability of bringing their enormous traffic, which will pass from the west in the near future, through Canadian ports, and that they apparently have no thought whatever of encouraging its diversion to ports of the United States.

BIG STEAMSHIP CO'S. MAY ALMAGAMATE

London, Aug. 14.—The Times announces that a scheme for amalgamating the chief steamship companies operating on the Great Lakes has now been completed with the combined capital of the company to be £2,000,000, one-sixth of which is held by Messrs. Withy & Co. Negotiations are now being conducted with a view to acquiring several smaller concerns.

AMERICAN SCHOONER HAS BEEN CONFISCATED

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—The "Hattie Heckman" the United States fishing schooner captured recently by a Canadian Revenue Cutter, for poaching in Nova Scotia waters has after investigation been condemned and confiscated. This makes three United States vessels confiscated by Canada within a month.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Durham Brothers fine new saw mill at Campbell Settlement, Parish of Southampton, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning with all the contents.

About \$4000 worth of lumber, piled in the yard, was saved by strenuous efforts. The loss is about \$5000 and there is no insurance.

PROTESTS AGAINST MASSACRE OF BULGARIAN PEOPLE

Recent Crimes Committed by Mussulmen Denounced at Meeting

Conditions in Adriana are Intolerable and People Want Relief From Turkish Yoke

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 14.—Bearing black flags as a sign of mourning, and with church bells tolling, a huge procession passed through the shop-closed streets today to the Cathedral, where a mass-meeting was held to protest against the massacre of Bulgarians by Mussulmans on Aug. 2nd, at Kotsana, fifty miles southwest of Uskup, where more than 140 Bulgarians were slain.

The speakers denounced the atrocities committed by the Mussulmans at Kotschana and declared that the conditions of Bulgarians in Macedonia and in the Vilayet of Adrianople, European Turkey, were intolerable. Resolutions were adopted calling on the government to do its utmost to deliver their suffering kinsmen from the Turkish yoke, and pledging the support of the Bulgarian people.

After the meeting, the crowd endeavored to enter the Palace, to see King Ferdinand, but was prevented by the sentry and guards, and the King did not show himself to the people. No disorders occurred during the demonstration.

MRS. ASTOR HAS A SON

Posthumous Child is Born to Late John Jacob Astor this Morning

Father Lost His Life in the Titanic Disaster---Will Inherit Large Fortune

New York, Aug. 14.—The fact that its father proved himself a hero in the Titanic disaster by stepping aside to let women and children take places in life boats, and that the wife from whom he then parted, was his bride of but a few months, coupled with large fortune which was provided for a posthumous child have lent unusual interest to the arrival of the youngest Astor. The new Astor baby will be one of the few children ever born with a fortune as large as \$9,000,000 in its own right. Col. Astor had provided that whether the child was a boy or girl it should receive the same sum, and even if the stork brought more than one child, Col. Astor's will also covered that contingency as it reads as follows:—"I bequeath such number of separate sums of \$3,000,000 each as shall be equal to the number of my children who shall survive me, other than my son William Vincent, Astor, and my daughter Ava Muriel Astor."

The latter children are by Col. Astor's first wife, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor.

New York, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Madeline Astor, survivor of the Titanic disaster in which her husband, the late Col. John Jacob Astor, lost his life gave birth to a son at 8:10 o'clock this morning. The new arrival has been named John Jacob Astor, after his father. The baby becomes a direct heir to \$9,000,000 of the Astor fortune.

FOR BIG LEAGUERS.

A Canadian Press despatch today states that Manager P. J. Duggan, centre-fielder of the Fredericton at about one hundred dollars and the Chicago White Sox, and Pitcher Dave Brown by the Philadelphia Athletics.

ST. JOHN MAN KILLED ON HARVEST EXCURSION

W. E. Reynolds was Struck by Train and Fatally Injured at Franktown Near Smith's Falls, Ont---Passed Away Before Medical aid Could be Procured---Teachers in Onario Must possess a Knowledge of the English Language

Smiths Falls, Aug. 14.—W. E. Reynolds of St. John, N. B., was instantly killed at Franktown, about 12 miles from here last night. Reynolds had a ticket for Vancouver on the Harvester excursion, which had the siding at Franktown, to wait for the local from Ottawa. The young fellow stepped off the train and presumably failed to notice the local which ran into him. The train was slowing down at the time, and rolled him under the cow catcher. He was put in the baggage car of the local, and Dr. Anderson was notified to meet the train here, but Reynolds died almost at the stopping of the train at this station. His head was badly mutilated. His relatives at St. John were notified and an inquest was ordered this afternoon. The young fellow was about 23 years of age, well dressed and wore an Odd Fellows' locket.

Toronto, Aug. 14.—Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, has announced that no teacher shall be granted a certificate to teach in English or French schools who does not possess a knowledge of the English language sufficient to teach the public school course.

Educationalists declare that the department's desire to secure proficient teachers for the bi-lingual schools is responsible for the action of the department in establishing another French-English school and locating it at Vankleeck Hill. English-French schools not having qualified teachers shall receive no grants. On due applications from the school board and on a report of all the divisional instructors by any English-French school, which is unable to provide the salaries necessary to secure a qualified teacher, it shall receive a special grant.

ROYALISTS MAKING TROUBLE IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Portugal, Aug. 14.—The Portuguese authorities continue to discover fresh monarchist plots against the government. Thousands of persons have been arrested and the convents and monasteries have been converted into prisons.

It is stated that Brazil has made an offer to the Spanish government to provide asylum for the Royalist refugees now in Spain and that the Portuguese monarchists consequently will make Rio Janerio their headquarters.

The Royalists are reported to be planning another attempt to enter Portugal by sea.

A CHEST OF PENNIES PLACED ON DEPOSIT

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 14.—A chest containing 275 pounds of pennies is on deposit at a bank here today to the credit of Carl W. Stordant, a real estate man. The pennies, more than 40,000 in all, were turned over to Stordant as an initial payment to bind the sale of a downtown restaurant. The purchaser had taken in the pennies over his bar during a long course of years. He had made a habit of brushing all the pennies he received into a slot, which connected with a chest in the cellar.

BORDEN TO SAIL ON AUGUST 30

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—According to a cable received this morning by Acting Premier Perley from Premier Borden, the latter, with Hon. J. D. Hazen, will leave for Canada on August 30th, and are expected to arrive on September 15th. Hon. L. P. Ouellet and Hon. C. J. Doherty, according to despatches, will leave on August 16th.

PARKER-LAUGHORNE WEDDING

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 14.—Society in the East as well as in San Francisco displayed a lively interest in today's wedding of Miss Julia H. Langhorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Langhorne, and Lieutenant James Parker of the United States Navy. The bride was born and raised in Virginia and is first cousin of the famous beauties immortalized by Charles Dana Gibson, of whom one is the wife of the artist and another, Mrs. Waldorf Astor, of London. Lieutenant Parker, the bridegroom, is the son of Col. James Parker of the Eleventh Infantry, now stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and a nephew of former Congressman Richard Wayne Parker of New Jersey.

UNIONIST M. P. IS COMING TO CANADA

London, Aug. 14.—F. E. Smith, the renowned Unionist lawyer and member of parliament, who is now on his way to Canada, writes that the maintenance of an adequate navy ought to be outside the scope of party controversy. The nation is enormously rich and if appealed to with the impressive truth, he says, will find any money which the minister in whom it has confidence thinks right to ask. The one bright spot is found in the apparent intention of Canada to step into the field to help redress the maritime balance of the old world.

BECKER HAD MANY BANK ACCOUNTS

New York, Aug. 13.—Powerful banking interests acting through the New York clearing house committee came to the aid of District Attorney Whitman today in his efforts to lay bare the alleged corrupt alliance between the police and the gambling fraternity, founded on graft and blackmail.

A virtual command was given by the committee to all banks in the clearings house to furnish the district attorney with a record of deposits they have received from police officials whom the district attorney suspects of having been a collector of blackmail from the disorderly elements of the city.

As a result records showing that within the last eight months Police Lieut. Chas. Becker, charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal and accused of gambling graft, has made bank deposits of \$58,845 in his own name or that of his wife, were placed in the hands of the public prosecutor.

These deposits the records show were first made on November 1911, shortly after Becker became head of the strong arm squad of gambling raiders and continued all through the time that Jack Rose says he was collecting graft for Becker and until after his arrest. The table of deposits as presented to the district attorney was as follows:

Corn Exchange Bank, Nov. 21, 1911 to Aug. 1, 1912, \$26,615
Corn Exchange Bank (Branch) May 1912, \$4,330
Corn Exchange Bank (Branch) April, 1912, \$6,000
Corn Exchange Bank (Branch) July 1912, \$10,900.

He had never looked pleasant before a photographer or had his picture taken.

He had never heard a phonograph talk nor seen a kinetoscope turn out a prize fight.