

I. C. R. PASS ENQUIRY

Sensational Evidence Brought out before Com. Adair on Wednesday

Witness Swore That Dr. Bourque Prominent Tory Had a Half peck of Tickets

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 25—Today's session of the I. C. R. pass inquiry brought out evidence which has caused quite a sensation about the town. The testimony of Joseph Bourque given near the close of the afternoon session involved a prominent Conservative, Dr. L. N. Bourque, who is on friendly terms with the I. C. R. officials and well known in this part of the province.

The evidence of Joseph Bourque to the effect that he had seen half a peck of unpunched I. C. R. tickets in Dr. Bourque's office and that the latter used a wooden mallet in pounding the tickets till the date disappeared, and then related the tickets, came as a big surprise.

There was quite a stir in court when the statement was made. Mr. Fowler promptly called Detective Skedington, and after a brief consultation, Dr. Bourque was sent for, but did not appear, stating that he would be ready to appear tomorrow.

It had been expected that today's sessions would conclude the inquiry, but it is now believed that considerable evidence of an interesting nature is yet to come. The commissioner, in adjourning the inquiry, did not fix the date of the next session.

At the afternoon session, William Lewis, Salisbury, told of working as a sub-contractor for the N. B. Wire Fence Company, doing work along the I. C. R. and getting one pass from Dr. C. A. Murray. He asked the doctor three times before he succeeded in getting transportation for himself and three or four men to St. Alexander.

Charles Wright, an employee of the I. C. R., told of a book of passes disappearing from the office of the mechanical accountant in 1907. About eighty passes that were put in a vault disappeared. An inquiry was held by Mr. Walker, mechanical accountant, when it was discovered the passes were missing but no trace of them was found.

Irving Malcolm, an employee of the I. C. R. audit office, was recalled, and told of the system in vogue in the audit office, regarding the cancelling of unpunched tickets enclosed in conductors' returns. It was rare for conductors to send in tickets that were not punched.

A. R. McGowan, clerk in the I. C. R. general offices, was examined briefly. He knew nothing about passes except what he had read in the newspapers. Some time about 1902 there were some stamps exchanged at Jennie McGee's restaurant for chocolates, but none since.

WIRELESS WIZARD IN BAD ACCIDENT

Spezia, Italy, Sept. 26—William Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, passed an absolutely restless night as a result of injuries suffered by him in an automobile accident yesterday near Borghetto. He complained of pains from a slight wound in the head while the injury of his right eye and many other bruises caused considerable irritation. Mrs. Marconi, who was not hurt in the collision, sits nursing her husband throughout the night.

King Victor Emanuel will, it is expected, visit Mr. Marconi, planned will follow the recommendations of the International Radio Telegraphic Conference at London. The service will be sent direct from Washington via the high power wireless station at Fort Myer, Va., and will cover all storm movements in various parts of the Atlantic.

Under the plans the weather service will be given precedence over all other wireless traffic except distress calls. The messages will be sent simultaneously to all vessels within wireless range.

Messrs. L. S. Brown and A. McQuarrie of Newcastle, are registered at the Barker House.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE

Turko-Italian War May Soon be Brought to a Close

Delegates Give a Denial to Reports Which Recently Appeared in Paris Newspapers

London, Sept. 26—The London special correspondent at Ouchy, Switzerland, where the unofficial Turko-Italian peace negotiations are going on, telegraphed under yesterday's date:

"This afternoon the Turkish and Italian delegates met at the Beauvillage Hotel, here, where peace negotiations have been proceeding since July 12th.

"I am requested to state that the various reports that have appeared in foreign newspapers with regard to the negotiations are wholly unauthorized. No statement has been given to the press. The negotiations are being conducted in the strictest secrecy. The long reports in the Paris Temps and other newspapers purporting to give the basis of an agreement, are pure inventions. The semi-official pourparlers have been proceeding quietly and uninterruptedly, and there has never been any deadlock, but the principal question, namely Italy's sovereignty over the Tripolitan provinces, has not yet been settled. This once settled, peace is likely soon to be concluded, as the other questions are of quite secondary importance. Consequently, the negotiations might speedily be terminated or might continue indefinitely.

As one of the Turkish delegates, Kakhreddin Bey, Turkish minister at Gettlinge, said: "We are not pessimistic about the result."

"I am asked to state that the Khedive's visit to the Beauvillage Hotel on Saturday and Sunday last was purely private and had no connection with the negotiations."

FINE PEARS FROM S. L. PETERS' FARM, QUEENSTON

Clapp's Favorite Pear's and Gravenstein Apples Grown in St. John Valley Equal to Annapolis Fruit

Some of the finest apples and pears seen here for a long time were brought to the city yesterday by Fruit Inspector S. L. Peters from his farm at Queenston, Queens County and disposed of to Mr. C. W. Whelpley grocer. The pears are of the Clapp's Favorite Variety and in size coloring and flavoring are quite the equal if not the superior to the best imported fruit. The apples are the Gravenstein, a variety much grown in the Annapolis Valley and are quite the equal of the best produced there.

Speaking to a representative of The Mail in regard to the fruit purchased from Mr. Peters, Mr. Whelpley stated that he had been handling pears for a great many years and he never came in contact with better ones. They were not only up to the standard in quality and flavor but they had been handled and sorted with the greatest possible care. In regard to the Gravenstein apples he considered them quite the equal of the best grades which can be secured from Nova Scotia.

"I have always been firmly of the opinion that New Brunswick can produce just as good apples as any other province in Canada, and I am glad to note that more interest is being taken in this important branch of farming. In previous years it has been my custom to import several carloads of winter apples from Ontario, but this season I am going to make an effort to procure what I want in our own province."

The Montreal Herald says: Mrs. A. McN. Shaw, who has been spending the summer in the east, and at her summer cottage in New Brunswick, returned to the city last week, and is at the New Sherbrooks.

TROOPS WILL BE ON HAND TO PREVENT TROUBLE

Government Taking Steps to Prevent an Outbreak at Belfast on Saturday--Ulsterites will Sign a Solemn League and Covenant Against Home Rule on That Day--Unionists Hold a Remarkable Demonstration at Portadown--Nationalists are Keeping Quiet

Belfast, Ireland, Sept. 25—Regiments of Highland Light Infantry and Scottish borderers will be drafted into Belfast tomorrow morning in anticipation of trouble on Ulster Day September 28, when the covenant in defiance of home rule is to be signed by Ulsterites. The Royal Irish Rifles already stationed here, are confined to barracks in readiness for emergencies.

More than 1,000 members of "Young Citizens Volunteers of Ireland" were enrolled tonight. The new organization is to assist when called upon by the civil authorities in the maintenance of peace.

The demonstration at Portadown today was one of the most remarkable of the campaign, owing to the display of armed force and the enormous number of Orangemen and Unionists who assembled to greet Sir Edward Carson and other Unionist leaders. Sir Edward declared that they were performing the obsequies of home rule.

Frederick E. Smith, M. P., for Liverpool, expressed the opinion that the battle was already won. He added: "The government, even if it has the wickedness, wholly lacks the nerve to order the British army to use coercion in Ulster."

The streets of Belfast are being gaily decorated for Saturday. There has been an enormous sale of Union Jacks.

MORE HOT TALK

Crumlin, Ireland, Sept. 25—Lord Templeton, founder of the Unionist clubs of Ireland, at an anti-home rule demonstration here tonight, declared that if the King signed the home rule measure tomorrow it would be an unconstitutional act.

Captain James Craig, M. P., for Down, advised the Ulstermen to continue drilling.

UNIONISTS NERVOUS

London, Sept. 25—Unionists in a responsible position are nervous lest, having raised a whirlwind in Ulster, Sir Edward Carson and Lord Lon-

donderry should be unable to control it.

Lord Willoughby DeBroke, speaking in County Down yesterday, urged caution, British Unionists would, he said, stand by the Ulstermen's side if recourse to arms were necessary, but it would be a great pity if damage were caused by rashness. The Unionists must on no account start the war.

The Nationalists of Belfast and of Ulster generally, who number at least forty per cent. of the population are certainly showing remarkable restraint. What they feel is shown by the statement of a well known Belfast man of commerce, Sir Hugh Mack. He says:

"We Belfast men know the value of the silly resolutions and the trash which is being talked. Not a single vote will be turned, not a single convote will be turned, not a single consigned to intimidate the government and to throw dust in the eyes of the British people. The leaders do not represent Ulster feeling. They are a handful of lawyers unconnected with Ulster."

Lord Pirrie, a Canadian born, by the way, whom this gang revile, has done more for Belfast than the whole Unionist council ten times over.

"If they can frighten parliament by their antics and defeat the government, Sir Edward Carson will be attorney general and Mr. Campbell the Irish lord chancellor, and other lawyers would get their jobs."

"But the effect of their speeches may lead to rioting in Belfast. I have lived here since 1854 and I have seen the same thing again and again. This is the last frantic struggle for the ascendancy of the party. When it is over we shall get home rule, and everything will settle down quietly."

\$135,000 PLEDGED

Philadelphia, Sept. 25—Pledges of contributions aggregating \$135,000 within the next two years to advance the cause of home rule in Ireland were made here today by delegates to the biennial convention of the United Irish League of America.

TECHNICALITY IN NASON CASE DOES NOT AFFECT CONVICTION

In view of the honorable and respected position in which Mr. Hardy P. Nason of Fredericton Junction, and his wife, Mrs. Effie Nason, occupy in the community, it is fair that a correct report be given concerning the trial of the case before Colonel Alexander in May last in which Mrs. Nason was interested.

It appears that Mrs. Nason went to her husband's field last spring for the purpose of picking strawberries and when she got there she found Mrs. Minnie Nason, who was recently released from the Sunbury County jail. The latter was accompanied by some other woman and a man and on being requested to move from the property, she and her party, according to the evidence of the prosecution, instead of doing so, assaulted and beat Mrs. Hardy Nason. A complaint was promptly entered before Colonel Alexander and after a full and complete trial covering all the facts in the case, the judgment of the court clearly showed that an unprovoked and dangerous assault had been committed and a severe penalty was imposed on the assailant. The judgment of the court was that a fine of \$20 and costs should be paid and \$10 of the fine and costs was to be paid forthwith and the balance was to stand over the head of Minnie Nason as a guarantee of her future good conduct in the community. After such a full investigation of all the facts before such a worthy gentleman as Colonel Alexander there

can be no question as to the party at fault under these unfortunate circumstances.

Not being satisfied with this decision, Minnie Nason took her case to the Sunbury County Court and a hearing of the appeal was started before Judge Wilson in the Burton Court House in July last. The proceedings being defective on which the trial was based, it could not be heard and was therefore dismissed by Judge Wilson.

A warrant was shortly after issued against Minnie Nason and it was placed in the hands of Sheriff Holden who later on proceeded to arrest her. After having been lodged in the Sunbury County jail for her offence, she retained counsel and on purely technical grounds, the warrant on which she was arrested but not the conviction on which it was based, was set aside by Judge Barry on habeas corpus proceedings last Saturday. While a number of technical objections were taken against the warrant itself, there was only one that was taken into serious consideration by the court and that one referred to the form of the judgment delivered by Colonel Alexander. It was held that the holding over of part of the fine to guarantee future good behavior was a technicality, not according to the regular form of warrants in such cases, and although no evidence to the contrary was given in any way to change the conviction against Minnie

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ALBERTA'S BOMPER CROP

The Wheat Yield will Likely total twenty-five Million Bushels

Only One Third of the Crop Will Be Shipped Before Navigation Closes.

Calgary, Sept. 24—The prospective wheat crop of Alberta this year is estimated at about 25,000,000, the prospective amounts shipped out of the province before the close of navigation will be less than 8,000,000 bushels or one third of the crop.

The conditions in Alberta this year have been very favorable to the grain growers. Grain has been harvested a little earlier than last year and although threshing operations have been somewhat delayed, in the past few days, this is only a temporary handicap and will not interfere with the proportions of the grain for an early market. In quality the crop is uniformly excellent. The grade will be considerably higher than last year and in many districts the yield surpasses that of 1911.

There is no doubt now of the physical impossibility of the transportation of one half of the crop out of the country under present conditions. Last year only 7,000,000 were shipped before the close of navigation. The movement up to date this year is considerable less than that of a similar period last year.

MANY CLAIMS AGAINST OWNERS OF TITANIC

New York, Sept. 26—A cable from London says:

The first batch of claims against the White Star Line arising out of the Titanic disaster will come to trial during the approaching law sittings. They are being brought in behalf of relatives of fourteen passengers who perished and the findings in these cases are expected to govern subsequent claims.

Thos. Scanlon, M.P., who represented the seamen and firemen's union at the Mersey inquiry has been briefed for the plaintiffs.

He will put forward the claims, chiefly on the grounds that after warning had been received of the proximity of ice, there was no deflection of the liners course, no reduction of speed, no any increased lookout. All these points were emphasized in the Mersey report and it will be interesting to see whether his findings are borne out by those juries which try the cases.

Mr. Scanlon, contends that proper steps were not taken after the disaster to transfer more passengers to the lifeboats.

The White Star Co., is expected to rely on the defence that Capt. Smith did all that he could after receiving warning of ice merely followed the usual practice in support of this contention it probably will call as witnesses a number of commanders of trans-Atlantic vessels. The terms of the contract under which tickets are issued charge claims to be brought in the English courts where the merchant shipping acts limit the liability of the shipping company to \$75 per ton in case of loss of life and \$10 per ton in case of loss of goods. As the tonnage liability of the Titanic was 43,521 tons gross the liability for loss of life is \$1,264,075 and for goods \$1,740,840 making a total of \$5,004,915.

CONSTABULARY IN 'SCRAP WITH MOROS

Manila, Sept. 25—A band of Moros who killed a Filipino, were pursued by a detachment of constabulary. A hand to hand encounter ensued in which fifteen of the Moros were killed. Lieut. Preuss and four men of the Constabulary were wounded.

Mr. George S. Clarke of the F. B. Edgecombe Company will leave this evening on a vacation trip which will include Montreal, Toronto and other Canadian cities.

Mr. James P. Byrne of Bathurst, is registered at the Queen.

SHOULD POLICE OUR OWN SHORES

Sir Donald Mann Gives His Views on the Naval Problem

Favors Canadian Navy and Also A Cash Contribution to the Mother Land

Winnipeg, Sept. 26—"I am firmly convinced," said Sir Donald Mann, in talking on the Naval problem, "that Canada should give an immediate and worthy cash contribution to augment the number of ships of the imperial navy. This country should do something worthy of the place it holds in the empire and only by thus giving a fit cash contribution for immediate needs, can it atone for its remissness in the past. Furthermore," said Sir Donald, "I am entirely in favor of all the Dominions having their own navies to be operated, manned and whenever practicable built by themselves."

"Canada should have two fleet units, one on the Atlantic and another on the Pacific. That on the Atlantic should always hold itself in readiness to co-operate with the home fleet of the empire at a moment's notice. That on the Pacific should be in instant readiness to co-operate with the Australian and Southern Pacific, units generally. The basal work of the Canadian Navy should be to defend the shores of Canada against attacks. What would happen to Montreal, to Halifax, to a dozen large cities on the Atlantic seaboard if war were declared. What would happen on the Pacific coast. These cities would be in the hands of foreigners in short order. If any of their vessels escaped the British fleets or if disaster overtook the Motherland on the high seas it is time that this country undertook to police its own shores, to protect its own coasts."

PERSONAL

Mr. H. W. Grant of Canterbury, is in the city.

Hon. John Mortissay of Newcastle, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. H. G. Noble of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. E. C. Weyman is registered at the Queen.

Mr. Fred W. Fedler of Toronto, is in the city.

Mrs. Thos. W. Windham and two children of Vancouver, are visiting her parents, Mrs. D. C. Burpee of Gibson. Mrs. Windham was formerly Miss Louise Burpee of Gibson.

Major C. W. Hinman a Boston sportsman who has been hunting on the Miramichi is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. J. L. Stewart of Chatham, arrived in the city this morning.

Mr. W. M. Bristol of Halifax, is registered at the Queen.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS

Mr. H. C. Mackey a few days ago shipped five carloads of lumber to Lowell, Mass. It was consigned to Stetson Cutler & Co. He has since forwarded two carloads to Southbridge, Mass for Blanchard & Co.

DEATH AT ST. MARY'S

The death of Mrs. Benjamin Clark occurred last night at her home in St. Mary's after a lingering illness from kidney trouble. The deceased was sixty-five years of age and was twice married. A husband and six children survive. The children are Seely and Myrtle Clark of St. Mary's, Robert and William Flemming of British Columbia; Mrs. William Laird of St. Mary's, Mrs. Harry Allen of St. Mary's. One brother and one sister also survive. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2.30. Rev. W. H. Jenkins will conduct the service and interment will be made at Sunny Bank Cemetery.

DANISH KING'S BIRTHDAY

Copenhagen, Sept. 26—King Christian's forty-second birthday anniversary, which is the first birthday anniversary he has had since he ascended the throne, was celebrated today throughout Denmark as a general holiday. Congratulatory messages were received by his Majesty from royal relatives throughout Europe. King Christian enjoys great popularity throughout his kingdom.