

OUR PROTEST.

Against Constitution of Alaska Boundary Tribunal.

UNHEEDED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

This Country Tricked Into Participation in the Arbitration.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE LETS IN A FLOOD OF LIGHT.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—The correspondence between the Dominion government and the British and United States governments regarding the reference of the Alaska boundary to a tribunal for a decision, was presented to parliament yesterday, at least all of it that the imperial authorities would allow. However, the premier told the house that in the course of time all the correspondence would be made public and published in a blue book.

The correspondence brought down yesterday shows that after some negotiations a case was agreed upon. When then the American commissioners were named, Canada protested, on the ground that the tribunal was to be composed of independent jurists of repute. The result, however, was that the treaty was ratified without the sanction or knowledge of the Canadian ministers, other than from what they saw in the newspapers.

On January 21, Lord Minto cabled as follows to Mr. Chamberlain: "My ministers, whilst still regretting that the proposed tribunal will not be constituted so as to insure a final decision being reached in the reference, and being satisfied with the terms of that reference, will agree to accept the treaty as contained in the draft submitted to them. With regard to composition of the tribunal, my ministers are of the opinion that it is premature to adopt any final arrangement. It is sufficient now to have it clearly understood that members of the committee to be appointed by his majesty shall be jurists of repute and British subjects. They will be quite satisfied if London is elected for the sittings of the court."

On February 18 Lord Minto was notified of the appointment of Mr. Root, Senators Lodge and Turner as the American members of the commission, and Mr. Chamberlain asked for the views of the Canadian government as to the British commission.

On February 21, Lord Minto cabled as follows: Supplementing my last despatch my ministers call attention to the fact that they agree to a court of six members on the stipulation conveyed in the treaty that members of said court would be impartial jurists and in the hope that judges of the highest courts in the United States would be appointed as American commissioners, my ministers also agreeing that the British commissions should be judges of the highest standing. My ministers most strongly represent that this consideration, having been material in causing their assent to the treaty, should be made good. Otherwise the ground upon which they based their assent would be changed, and it is feared the whole situation would require to be reconsidered." The despatch ended by saying that until this was satisfactorily disposed there was no need of referring to the British side of the commission.

In replying to this Lord Onslow cabled on February 27 that the selection of the American commissioners was as much a surprise to the British government as to the Canadian, but the situation was full of difficulty, and the British government earnestly desired the concurrence of the Canadian authorities. The letter added that it would be useless to press the United States government to withdraw the names and to put forward arguments as to the fitness of those selected. The British government would have to choose between breaking up the negotiations altogether or accepting the American nominations and appointing as their colleagues representatives who will meet the altered circumstances of the case. The first would be a grave misfortune to the interest of Canada, and they would prefer that the inquiry should proceed. In the event of failure, much information would be obtained and placed before the public,

and a reasonable settlement at some future time facilitated.

On the 6th of March Canada was notified from Sir Michael Herbert that Messrs. Root, Lodge and Turner were officially appointed.

On that day Lord Minto cabled the colonial office, emphasizing Canada's position, and added: "The appointment to the tribunal by the United States government of gentlemen who are not judges and whose known views leave no room for expectation of a judicial consideration of the question, changes the whole situation. If the whole question were now open to be dealt with entirely from the point of view of Canadian interests, my ministers would hesitate to advise any further participation in the proceedings. My ministers have observed from the public press and have also been officially informed that while the matter is still under their consideration, the treaty has been confirmed by his majesty's government and an exchange of ratifications has already taken place at Washington. It is presumed that this fact precludes further discussion, and my ministers will therefore proceed to do whatever is necessary on their part to make good the engagements of his majesty's government, but they must reserve the right to submit to the Canadian parliament the whole correspondence or such statements of the case as will fully explain the whole matter, especially the manner in which the assent of Canada was obtained. My ministers do not agree with the suggestion that the altered circumstances justify a departure on the British side from the disposition previously manifested respecting the composition of the tribunal."

The cable ended by saying that only impartial jurists of repute should be chosen on the British side.

On March 7 Lord Minto was advised from London of the ratifications of the Alaskan boundary treaty on March 3. The appointment of the British commissioner, etc., followed.

NELSON'S FLAGSHIP.

Nearly Sunk in Collision with a Battleship.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Portsmouth, Oct. 23.—Nelson's old flagship, the Victory, was nearly sunk in the harbor this morning by the battleship Neptune.

The battleship Nero and some minor craft was also damaged.

The Neptune was being towed to the Thames, preparatory to being broken up, when she broke adrift and ran amuck, and before being again secured, knocked a six foot hole in the Victory's port quarter.

ANOTHER LUCKY MAN.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, October 23.—George A. Cleaver, a waiter in a restaurant at Portage La Prairie, has been notified that by the death of his father at Leicestershire, England, he becomes heir to an estate valued at \$100,000.

GALICIAN MURDERED.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—The police at Fort Saskatchewan, are investigating the circumstances of a fight there between Galicians, in which one man was murdered. He was shot in the mouth and had a leg broken.

POPULAR IN IRELAND.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Philadelphia, Oct. 23.—At a meeting of the United Irish League last night, Rev. Father Murphy, who has just returned from Ireland, declared that all Ireland is enthusiastic for King Edward.

BURNED TO DEATH.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Bathurst, N. B., Oct. 23.—Trackman Cauthier was fatally burned about the face and neck this morning by catching fire from a celluloid collar he was wearing.

HISTORIAN DEAD.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, Oct. 23.—Rt. Hon. Wm. E. Leckie, the celebrated historian, died here of heart disease last night. He was born in Ireland in 1838.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—Williams Taylor, a young man residing at Labiche, Alberta, was accidentally shot to death, while drawing a charge from his gun.

The Dominion parliament will be prorogued tomorrow.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Valetta, Island of Malata, Oct. 23.—Four men and one woman were killed, and several persons injured as the result of an explosion of fireworks in the village of Balzan.

PROROGATION TOMORROW.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—The government has fixed the time for prorogation of parliament at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. Herbert C. Fry, of Quebec, is stopping at the Queen.

Mr. Samuel Harris, a well known Montreal commercial man, is among the guests at the Barker.

Mr. R. D. Wilmot, M. P., is among the guests at the Barker today.

Mr. H. A. Chambers of Truro, N. S., is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr. George P. Trites of St. John, is at the Queen today.

Sheriff Holden of Oromocto, was in the city today.

Judge A. W. Ebbett of Gagetown is today a guest at the Barker.

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