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CONFERENCE ENDED.

THE SEALING EXPERTS REACH AN AGREEMENT.

The Outlook Favorable For a Satisfactory Adjustment of the Bering Sea Controversy—The Diplomats Also Arrive at an Understanding.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The Bering sea conference, in which representatives of Great Britain, Canada and the United States have participated came to a close last night, the seal experts making a unanimous report concerning the condition of the seal herds and the diplomatic reports of the respective governments.



DAVID S. JORDAN. [The American sealing expert.]

The unanimous agreement of the experts brings the negotiations together for the first time on all the facts relating to the seals. Following the agreement of the experts, the diplomats met at General Foster's residence to discuss the larger question of putting an end to pelagic sealing and of settling other border controversies. Owing to the continued illness of Julian Pauncefote, who is confined to his room, the British government was represented by the first secretary of the British embassy, Mr. Adam.

General Foster's prerogatives. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Louis Davies were present in behalf of Canada. General Foster's powers had been materially enlarged since the coming of the Canadian officials, for, as a result of the long and friendly talk between Sir Wilfrid and Secretary Sherman, the latter had written to the Canadian premier, stating that the president had empowered General Foster to conclude treaties covering these subjects.

This gave the meeting a broad significance, and the entire range of border affairs was discussed. Primarily the purpose of the meeting was to secure an agreement on Bering sea. The Canadians made it clear, however, that they wished any plan of settlement to take a broader scope than one subject of Bering sea, and to embrace the many sources of friction along the border.

The plan of an international commission was discussed at great length. The Canadians felt that the commission afforded the best means of reconciling all differences and of opening the way to reciprocity. The discussion was of the most friendly nature throughout, no sharp differences were allowed to crop out. It was felt, however, that the plan of a commission was too large a question for immediate determination. A final understanding was reached, therefore, that the Canadian proposition should be reduced to writing as a basis for further negotiations.

Noted Woman Dead. Nashville, Nov. 17.—At the residence of Bishop R. K. Hargrove, Miss Lucinda E. Helm died of heart disease. She was a daughter of ex-Governor Helm of Kentucky, a prominent leader in the mission work of the M. E. church South and editor of one of the papers published by the Woman's Parnassus and Home Mission society of that church.

The Taxable Property of New Jersey. Trenton, Nov. 17.—The state board of taxation has submitted to the governor its annual report, which shows the taxable property in New Jersey to be as follows: Real estate and personal property, \$1,812,812,240; railroad and canal property, \$220,880,240; amount of property exempt from taxation under different laws, \$58,302,850.

Steiger Convicted of Murder. New York, Nov. 17.—The jury in the case of Constantine Steiger, alias Meyer, who has been on trial before Judge Furman for the killing of Policeman Smith in the Chuzzle of the Holy Redeemer, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree last evening. The judge remanded Steiger for sentence on Tuesday.

Found With His Throat Cut. Dover, N. J., Nov. 17.—J. W. Jacques, a droggist, was found in his store at Stanhope with his throat cut. He was alive, but his recovery is doubtful. It is supposed that he tried to kill himself. He has spent in three years nearly all of two legacies, amounting to \$77,000.

It Was Justifiable Homicide. Carson City, Nev., Nov. 17.—Julian Guinness, the boy who shot and killed District Attorney Charles Jones recently, has been exonerated by the grand jury on the ground of justifiable homicide. Jones was accused of the betrayal of Guinness's sister.

Named Richard Polson Cleveland. Princeton, N. J., Nov. 17.—Ex-President Cleveland's son and heir is to be named Richard Polson Cleveland. The name decided upon, Richard Polson, is given in honor of the grandparent, Mrs. Cleveland's father.

Death of Verdy's Wife. Hope, Nov. 15.—Signora Verdy, wife of the celebrated composer, Giuseppe Verdi, died in his eighty-fourth year, in 1884.

KEYSTONE VETERANS.

Pennsylvanians Dedicate Many Monuments to Their Fallen Comrades.

Chattanooga, Nov. 16.—The Pennsylvania veterans, who, with Governor Hastings and his staff, have been here since Saturday dedicating regimental monuments to their fallen comrades in the National Chickamauga park, held their general dedicatory services yesterday afternoon at Orchard Knob, with 4,000 old soldiers and their friends being present, mainly from the Keystone state.

Brigadier General William A. Robinson of Pittsburg, president of the state battlefield commission, presided and opened the ceremonies by stating the object of the gathering. He called for prayer from Dr. Thomas H. Robinson, who delivered a fervent invocation. At the conclusion of the prayer General Robinson introduced Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Blakeley of the Seventy-eighth regiment, who represented the Pennsylvania battlefield commission and formally transferred the monuments erected by the state to the government.

Following Colonel Blakeley, Governor Hastings spoke, delivering the monuments to the national government. The governor's address was frequently interrupted by hearty applause. The monuments were then formally accepted on the part of the national government and transferred to the national park commissioners by Hon. John Tweedie, chief clerk of the war department, representing the secretary of war, General H. V. Boynton, for and on behalf of the national park commission, who spoke briefly. Following Mr. Evans, Colonel Thomas J. Stewart, adjutant general to Governor Hastings, and General James W. Latta of Pittsburg made special addresses.

General John P. Gobin, commander in chief of the G. A. R., was called for. He proposed that instead of a speech he should ask the vast audience to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner," which was done with enthusiasm. On motion of General Gobin the audience gave Governor Hastings the Chickamauga salute, with the waving of handkerchiefs, and the presiding officer declared the ceremonies closed.

Last night the veterans enjoyed a campfire at the city auditorium, prepared by the local G. A. R. and Confederate veterans. The blue and the gray met at the city auditorium, and the same haversack, drank from the same canteen and recounted war experiences in a most fraternal spirit. The Pennsylvania veterans left for their homes today, all delighted with the hospitality they had received from the people of this section.

The following monuments were dedicated: Seventy-eighth regiment, Twenty-sixth battery, near the Kelly house at a point where the hottest of the fighting in the famous battle occurred; Twenty-seventh and Forty-sixth regiments at Orchard Knob, the Ninth on Chickamauga battlefield; Twenty-eighth, One Hundred and Forty-seventh, Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Eleventh, on Lookout mountain.

SHIELDS WITHDRAWS. Princeton Professor Takes Formal Leave of the Presbyterian Church. Princeton, N. J., Nov. 13.—The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Shields, professor of revealed religion at Princeton university, was bidden over the coats at the special meeting of the presbytery of New Brunswick, which invaded the stronghold of the professor with the avowed intention of expelling him for having signed the application for a liquor license for the Princeton inn, the only thing that approaches a combination hotel and casino in this quiet town.

WANT ARBITRATION. A Mammoth Petition From British Workmen to Be Presented Here. Washington, Nov. 17.—Hon. W. Randall Cremer, the well known English abolitionist, arbitrator and statesman in the city for the purpose of presenting to the members of the senate a monster petition from the trades organization of Great Britain in favor of the adoption of a treaty on the subject. In speaking of his mission last night, Mr. Cremer said:

"The petition which I have brought with me on my present visit is different from those which I brought on my former trips. Those were signed by persons in official life only, while that now to be presented represents sympathetically a people's movement. The signers are over 1,000 elected officers and represent 3,750,000 members of the provident, industrial and trade organizations of the country. The petition is a perfectly unique instrument, and I don't think any such expression of opinion has ever been elicited from the industrial classes before. The presentation of this petition to the senate will show that the common people of Great Britain are in favor of the principle for which it stands and will disarm any suspicion that it is a scheme favored by the official classes only."

More Mines on Strike. Bellaire, O., Nov. 17.—The 100 miners at the Glen Coal company's mines at Glencoe, ten miles west of here, on the Baltimore and Ohio west end, are on a strike because the company wanted to reduce wages on a certain kind of work in the mines.

Fire Caused by Explosion. Oneonta, N. Y., Nov. 17.—An oil tank exploded in the rear of Edmund Bros. grocery, in one of the principal brick blocks of that city. The store, Y. M. C. A. rooms above and the drug store of A. D. Home adjoining were gutted. Loss, \$4,000.

Hot Time With Burglars. Long Hill, Conn., Nov. 17.—C. G. Downes proprietor of the general store, which also contains the postoffice, had an encounter with burglars. Several rooms above and the drug store of A. D. Home adjoining were gutted. Loss, \$4,000.

WALSH'S EXPEDITION

LEAVES SKAGWAY OVERLAND FOR THE UPPER YUKON COUNTRY.

Expected to Reach the Klondike in Two Months—To Establish Stations Fifty Miles Apart—Last News From the Expedition Brought Down by Steamer.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 17.—The steamer City of Seattle, which has just arrived here, brings the following advices from Skagway, hearing date of Nov. 4: H. B. McGregor, mining inspector or Major Walsh's staff, has left with the last of the relief expedition. The major started half of his party three days ago and left himself the next day with a determination cheerily expressed that he would certainly get through to Dawson City by January.

He takes one team of dogs only for packing on the ice when it is reached, but he left Inspector McGregor, who will be several days behind him, to come on with horses and dogs and rescue him if he gets into a tight place. He believes, however, that Mr. McGregor will not catch up with him, but that he will be able, with the mounted police in advance of him with supplies to push straight through.

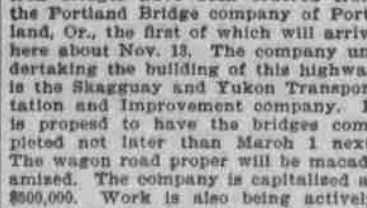
The outcome of the major's endeavor will be eagerly watched for, as it is held that if he can get through on the soft snow, instead of waiting until February, others may do so.

Inspector McGregor is having made horse sleighs with iron four inches wide. These are for the horses, of which he takes in ten. The inspector will also take 40 dogs. These were sent to Lake Bennett to be regularly exercised on the snow and hardened for the expedition. These men go with the dogs and three with the horses.

Walsh Will Designate Stations. Major Walsh on his way up will designate stations 50 miles apart, and at each of these stations a train of dogs will be left for the mail service. With stations well provisioned only 50 miles apart, a regular mail service may be depended upon.

Even if Major Walsh should be frozen up when Inspector McGregor catches up with him, the horses will be used to pack in his personal belongings and feed for the animals.

A well planned expedition, and there seems to be no reason why it should not get through. McGregor's party takes 80 days' rations for animals and 180 days' rations for the men.



MAJOR J. M. WALSH.

Work has been commenced on the construction of a wagon road between this place and Lake Bennett. Three iron bridges have been ordered from the Portland Bridge company of Portland, Ore., the first of which will arrive here about Nov. 15. The company undertaking the building of this highway is the Skagway and Yukon Transportation and Improvement company. It is proposed to have the bridges completed not later than March 1 next. The wagon road proper will be macadamized. The company is capitalized at \$500,000. Work is also being actively pushed on the Skagway and Bennett tramway, about three miles being completed.

The Colorado and Alaska Transportation company has been organized for the purpose of carrying on an express business between Skagway and Dawson City. Posts will be established every 10 or 15 miles.

For the last week or so the weather has been very mild. The lakes are still open.

On Oct. 22 a Pennsylvania party, headed by J. F. Graeber and C. P. Scott of Shamokin, Pa., who had gone into winter quarters, pulled up stakes and started for Dawson with the intention of going as far as they could before stormy weather set in.

The ice now about ten inches of snow on the White pass and about two feet on Chilkat. People are still packing over both routes.

Joseph Ladue Robbed. Chicago, Nov. 12.—Joseph Ladue, who struck it rich on the Klondike, was robbed of \$700 worth of nuggets in the depot of the Lake Shore railroad. The gold was in a bag in his overcoat pocket, and the thief managed to secure it while Ladue was walking from his train to the depot door.

Killed by a Live Wire. Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—Levi L. Potter, colored, aged 35 years, of 709 South Nineteenth street, was instantly killed last night by a shock from an electric light wire. Potter was standing on an iron grating in front of a South street store. He carried over his shoulder an umbrella with an iron rod, one end of which he held in his hand. The other end touched the wire where it was exposed, and Potter fell over dead. There was not a mark on his body.

To Preserve an Old Landmark. Tappan, N. Y., Nov. 17.—The old stone house where Major Andre was imprisoned during the Revolution and which was partly blown down by a storm two weeks ago has been bought by Charles A. Pike, a wealthy resident of this place. Dr. J. H. Stephens, who sold the house, had owned it for 40 years and during that time had refused admittance to every one. Mr. Pike will repair the front of the building and open it to the public.



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