

G.T.P. EDMONTON NEW YEAR'S DAY

This is the Statement Given Out by the Chief Engineer of the Dominion Government After a Trip of Inspection.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 3.—The Grand Trunk Pacific will be running its trains into Edmonton by New Year's day.

That is the statement made by Colingwood Schreiber, C. M. G., chief consulting engineer of the Dominion Government, who has returned to Ottawa after a trip over the line of the western section of the new Transcontinental railway.

The first party went to Vancouver thence to Prince Rupert, which was found to be in an advanced stage of preparation for the inauguration of business. Then Mr. Schreiber went up the Skeena river for 199 miles from Prince Rupert and inspected the

work being done by Foley, Welch and Stewart. They have between a thousand and 1,500 men at work and they are pushing the work at great speed.

He then drove eastward as far as the great Battle river bridge over the Battle river, where twenty-one spans were found in position. The bridge over the north Saskatchewan was also well advanced, six spans being in place.

He is enthusiastic over the character of the roadbed and will doubtless report to the Government that, when completed, it will be equal to any in existence on the American continent.

BLOCK BURNED IN BOSTON

POBTON, Mass., Oct. 3.—A spectacular fire which attracted thousands of spectators and which burned for more than three hours recently, destroyed the three story brick block occupied by A. C. Dawson as assignee for the Lewis F. Perry and Whitney Company, home furnishings at 44 Winchester Street, near Park Square and burned out nine families from the closely packed tenement houses adjoining.

TERRIFIC STORM IN COLUMBIA

PRINCE RUPERT, October 3.—One of the worst storms that has occurred for months on the northern British Columbia Coast has been raging for days, and so far shows little sign of abating. There has been a perfect deluge of rain, which at times changed to hail, and a terrific wind forced it through the smallest crevices until the tightly built houses leaked until the canvas roof of the Washington Hotel was torn off and blown away. Lumber piles were stripped and the boards carried long distances by the wind, which blew with the force of a hurricane.

ANOTHER INDIAN FAMINE.

TORONTO, Oct. 3.—The Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Rev. J. G. Brown, has received word from the missionaries on the board in India, that famine prevails to an alarming extent in Kistna Godavari and Vizagapattam districts, where they are working, and making a plea for funds to relieve the acute distress that is to be seen everywhere.

THE MEDITERRANEAN

At New Wonderland Tonight. The New Reel For This Evening Full of Instruction as Well as Laughter.

The shawing of the Mediterranean land has yet proceeed. Consoling the Widow—tells how a number of men of varied ages, all land tonight, should be productive and interested audience. The navy of Old England is dear to the heart of every loyal subject. The ships of this familiar fleet are shown in all the majestic grandeur of the mighty "Man O War." Again the daily life and routine of the men is pictured—gun practice—drill, etc., and this picture is surely one of the most instructive New Wonder-

BULGARIA PROCLAIMED HER INDEPENDENCE

Prince Ferdinand Takes This Step at Tirnovo, the Ancient Capital of Bulgaria—The Cabinet Was Present, Having Met Him at the Frontier.

SOFIA, Oct. 5—(Special)—Bulgaria, a tributary Principality under the suzerainty of the Sultan of Turkey, today proclaimed her independence of Turkey.

This action was taken at Tirnovo by Prince Ferdinand, who was elected Prince of Bulgaria in 1877.

The Bulgarian cabinet was present with the Prince, having met him yesterday at the frontier, and journeyed with him to Tirnovo.

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TURKEY CERTAIN THERE IS SUPPORT

Believes Austria Backed by Germany Encouraged Bulgaria.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 5—(Special)—Turkey is convinced that Austria backed by Germany, encouraged Bulgaria to declare her independence in order to strike a blow at the Kaim Ministry and compromise new legislation.

It is not known what steps Turkey will take but the impression prevails that a European conference will be held to consider the whole question.

TRAINED IN CHAMPAGNE

CHICAGO, Oct. 2—Albert H. Corey, the Frenchman who won the Marcy athen race here Saturday from a field of ninety seven of the best runners in the west, last night declared that he owes his success to having trained on champagne.

He covered the twenty six miles in two hours and fifty seven minutes and thirty seconds, which was only sixteen minutes behind the world's record. When he finished he was apparently as strong and fresh as when he started, while all of his competitors had either quit from fatigue or crossed the line in a state bordering on collapse.

So strong was he at the finish that when the club house was reached Corey insisted on remaining outside to watch his opponents finish. Members of the club refused to allow this and picked him up and carried him in on their shoulders.

SCIENTIST DEPLORES WASTE OF FUEL

LONDON, Oct. 4—Henry Armstrong, professor of chemistry at the city and guilds of London, Central institute, addressing the annual meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute at Middlesborough, said it was difficult to keep calm when he reflected upon the ruthless way the world's stores of timber, iron, coal and oil were being used up.

It made the scientist shudder to see the indifference displayed in all civilized lands to the inevitable consequences of such waste in the nowise distant future. No comment was provoked by the fact that steamers devour daily a thousand or more tons of coal while crossing the ocean. This extravagance was gloried in as an engineering achievement when it ought to be anathematized.

The public comfort itself with the belief that science would discover a substitute for coal, and therefore felt no compunction in recklessly destroying the capital won from the sun in past ages, but science could not at present support the illusion, and was bound to preach prudence. Professor Armstrong earnestly urged serious scientific study of economical methods of fuel consumption the directions such study ought to take.

Condensed ads too late for classification will be found on page three. Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

SEIZED ALE H BEEN RETURNED

Police Say it Was for Private Consumption and Officials Have Interfered.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Oct. 5—(Special)—The shipment Labatts are seized by C. F. Winter at the C. P. R. station last week was returned to the depot today.

The police authorities seem satisfied that the goods were not intended for any city dealer, but for the private consumption in some part of the adjoining country, hence the city officials had no jurisdiction over it.

It is said that Supt. Downie of C. P. R. is coming here to investigate the matter and may make trouble for the authorities who seized the beer.

LIVING PICTURES OF INSECT LIFE

LONDON, Oct. 4—Living pictures of insect life in all the glory of natural coloring and natural movements are placed within the reach of every dweller in the country by means of the wonderful little instrument called the vitascope.

The instrument, through the invention of M. de Gasparis, of the University of Naples, has been constructed and placed on the market by Newton & Co., a London firm of scientific makers.

In appearance the vitascope is like a small telescope, and it is arranged for convenience to fit on the tripod stand of an ordinary camera.

PUT COAL PRICES HEAT UNITS BASIS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 4—Market- ing of Pittsburg coal will be revolutionized when plans now being perfected are carried into operation. Instead of basing the price on weight it will be based on the actual heat units the coal will produce.

The change is based on chemical analysis with the British thermal heat unit as the basis. It is a well determined fact that there is no guarantee for coal other than that determined by the heat units it will produce. A ton of 2,000 pounds may contain so much foreign matter that its materiality decreased when compared with a ton whose heat units are far above it. Different cars of coal from the same mine may vary in efficiency as a producer of heat, but as a general proposition the coal from a given mine may be depended upon to make practically the same showing.

For the sake of convenience Pittsburg operators are using 13,000 as a base and figure up or down from that, because at that point the value of coal is \$2 when coal is selling at \$2.

ROOSEVELT AGAIN IN EIGHT YEARS. ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Oct. 4—Theodore Roosevelt for President again eight years from now, was the declaration of the President's son-in-law, Congressman Longworth, in a speech he made here yesterday to a large audience that cheered the sentiment again and again. Mr. Longworth, th first proposed that the republican leader for the next four years be W. H. Taft, who, if elected, should be re-elected to that office for a second term. Following Mr. Taft as President declared Mr. Longworth, Theodore Roosevelt should be returned to the chair for the next eight years.

A CONSTITUTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Convention to Be Held at Durban in a Few Days to Consider Political Questions and to Discuss Drafting Constitutions

DURBAN, Oct. 3.—In view of the important convention which will assemble at Durban on October 12th next, to discuss the drafting of a constitution for South Africa, it is perhaps of interest to give a short resume of the parties at present in power in the sub-continent, making the Cape first, as she is the mother State from which the other colonies sprang.

Dr. Jameson's ministry was defeated at the general election of this year by what is known as the South African party, which is only another name for the Afrikaner Bond, whose aspirations and ideals are purely Dutch. They have a voting power of not less than sixty-nine in the Legislative Assembly, which consists of 107 members, while the Union party, five, four out of the seven members of the present Cape Ministry are Dutch.

Coming to the Transvaal, the first general election took place in 1907, when the Het Volk and Nationalist parties, with similar ideals to those of the Cape Bond, returned thirty-three out of the sixty-nine members of the Legislative Assembly, in which the Progressives number only twenty-five, and the Independents five. Four out of the six members of the Transvaal Ministry are of Dutch nationality.

In the Orange River Colony, at the general election of November, 1907, the Dutch party gained a more sweeping victory than they had obtained in either the Cape Colony or the Transvaal. The Legislative Assembly in this colony consists of thirty-eight members, thirty of whom belong to the Union or Dutch party. The Orange River Colony Cabinet consists of five Ministers, of whom no less than four are Dutch.

In Natal we find a Legislative Assembly consisting of forty-three members, of whom only seven are Dutch. The Dutch element in Natal is a very small one, and there is no organization in the colony corresponding to the Bond or Het Volk.

It is interesting to recollect that the Orange River Colony, before its annexation, in 1902, was an independent republic for forty-five years. Fifty years ago the burghers of the Orange Free State, as it was then called, realized that their position was one of isolation, and their Volkraad adopted a resolution to the effect that a union or alliance with the Cape Colony either on a plan of federation or otherwise was desirable.

According to what are known as the "closer union" resolutions recently passed in Pretoria by the international conference, the voting power of the convention will be as follows: Twelve from the Cape Colony, eight from the Transvaal, and five each from Natal and the Orange River Colony. It will thus be seen that the Dutch vote will be an overwhelming one, as the voting is to be per capita.

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DR. JAMESON'S MINISTRY WAS DEFEATED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF THIS YEAR BY WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARTY, WHICH IS ONLY ANOTHER NAME FOR THE AFRIKANER BOND, WHOSE ASPIRATIONS AND IDEALS ARE PURELY DUTCH.

THEY HAVE A VOTING POWER OF NOT LESS THAN SIXTY-NINE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, WHICH CONSISTS OF 107 MEMBERS, WHILE THE UNION PARTY, FIVE, FOUR OUT OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT CAPE MINISTRY ARE DUTCH.

COMING TO THE TRANSVAAL, THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION TOOK PLACE IN 1907, WHEN THE HET VOLK AND NATIONALIST PARTIES, WITH SIMILAR IDEALS TO THOSE OF THE CAPE BOND, RETURNED THIRTY-THREE OUT OF THE SIXTY-NINE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

IN THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER, 1907, THE DUTCH PARTY GAINED A MORE SWEEPING VICTORY THAN THEY HAD OBTAINED IN EITHER THE CAPE COLONY OR THE TRANSVAAL.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN THIS COLONY CONSISTS OF THIRTY-EIGHT MEMBERS, THIRTY OF WHOM BELONG TO THE UNION OR DUTCH PARTY. THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY CABINET CONSISTS OF FIVE MINISTERS, OF WHOM NO LESS THAN FOUR ARE DUTCH.

IN NATAL WE FIND A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSISTING OF FORTY-THREE MEMBERS, OF WHOM ONLY SEVEN ARE DUTCH. THE DUTCH ELEMENT IN NATAL IS A VERY SMALL ONE, AND THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION IN THE COLONY CORRESPONDING TO THE BOND OR HET VOLK.

IT IS INTERESTING TO RECOLLECT THAT THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY, BEFORE ITS ANNEXATION, IN 1902, WAS AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC FOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS. FIFTY YEARS AGO THE BURGHERS OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE, AS IT WAS THEN CALLED, REALIZED THAT THEIR POSITION WAS ONE OF ISOLATION, AND THEIR VOLKRAAD ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO THE EFFECT THAT A UNION OR ALLIANCE WITH THE CAPE COLONY EITHER ON A PLAN OF FEDERATION OR OTHERWISE WAS DESIRABLE.

ACCORDING TO WHAT ARE KNOWN AS THE "CLOSER UNION" RESOLUTIONS RECENTLY PASSED IN PRETORIA BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, THE VOTING POWER OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: TWELVE FROM THE CAPE COLONY, EIGHT FROM THE TRANSVAAL, AND FIVE EACH FROM NATAL AND THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

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FRENCH NOW ALERT FOR ARMY SPIES

PARIS, Oct. 4—Curiously enough, a revival of the spy mania has set in in Paris simultaneously with an attempted revival of the Dreyfus case, a real revival of the Dreyfus case can never come, for France has learned her lesson. But Gregori's attempt to shoot Major Dreyfus, and his declaration that in firing at him, his wish was to blot out renascence of the Dreyfus case, are significant because they show that among a certain class of Frenchmen the wild jingoism of 1899 exists still in all its sweet unreasonableness.

The French secret service has two distinct duties. It has to procure information from abroad and to prevent foreign powers from obtaining too much information from France. Little change has been made in the foreign service, except that its agents now report to the Surete instead of to the War Office.

The home service or anti-spy service, as we may call it, is in the hands of fearless men, who speak native, who have the art of being all things to all people, who can listen without seeming to, can talk openly without telling anything, and who for these unusual gifts earn ludicrously small salaries.

BOURASSA MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT. MONTREAL, Oct. 4—Announcing his attitude in federal politics, Henri Bourassa, the famous nationalist leader, in addressing a gathering of Minard's Liniment Cures Dan Leaff.

SOME RECORD COWS AND THEIR RESULTS

DOMINION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BRANCH OF THE DAIRY AND COLD STORAGE COMMISSIONER.

OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—Do not get the same herd is a 10 year old, calved 29 April, that gave 1260 lb. milk, testing 3.9. Both of these cows have given over 4300 lb. milk in 3 months.

In the Spring Creek association one herd of 16 cows had an average for July of 1075 lb. milk and 37 lb. fat per cow. Some of these cows have given over 1000 lb. of each for four and five months. In 6 months one cow gave 7440 lb. milk and 233 lb. fat. In 7 months a 7 year old cow in the same herd gave 10,050 lb. milk, 322 lb. fat. She calved December 3, 1907.

The above good records are in startling contrast to that of a herd of 12 cows that in July averaged only 356 lb. milk each. Eight out of the twelve cows freshened this spring. In the same association a splendid showing is made by a herd of 22 cows that average 1135 lb. milk each, or just three times as much as the former or poor herd. One cow is worth three of the others.

COSTING MORE TO LIVE IN FRANCE

LONDON, Oct. 4—France stands alarmed at an increase of something like ten per cent in four years in the cost of living. Clothing and other necessities are scarce. Milk is 13 per cent higher, meat 27 per cent, cheese 15 per cent, oil 25 per cent. The price of rice has doubled. Rents follow the upward trend.

Such increases are of heavy import to France, where the income of the average household is but \$730 a year, and where in many cases the combined earnings of several workers in a home fail to reach that sum.

Speaking in terms of the nation at large, the increased cost of living falls upon a people already more heavily taxed than any other in the world.

To the Employers' Liability Act, to the Weekly Day of Rest law and to other measures affecting industrial returns some degree of responsibility is attributed for the present high prices. The fear is expressed that the coming in of old-age pensions will cause a further rise. But these laws which bring fresh burdens bring also appreciable good to the people.

2,500 at the Monument Nationale this evening, stated that he would take no active part in the federal campaign this time. Personally, however, he favored Adhemar Giroix, the Conservative candidate in St. James division. This will probably mean that the whole strength of the Bourassa element, which elected the nationalist leader against Premier Gouin, will now be turned to the support of the Conservative candidate and against Gouin, in addressing a gathering of

HIGHWAY ROBBERS WERE VERY POLITE

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Oct. 4—Cross point on the Quebec Shore, has been the scene of a hold up. Last night a lady was driving along the shore road, when two men jumped from a clump of trees and demanded her money. She gave up her purse, from which the robbers extracted a five dollar bill, and returned the purse with a polite bow.

An ox belonging to a farmer in the same place was killed recently, the carcass being tied up to his barn. No trace of the miscreants has been found.

FINNE AND COLD.

TORONTO, Oct. 6—(Special)—Moderate winds mostly northerly, fine about the same temperature.

CHICAGO MARKETS. CHICAGO, October 6—(Special)—July Wheat 96 1/2 July Corn 63 1/2 Oct. Pork 98 1/2 December Corn 64 1/2 December Peck \$14.35