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## THE DAILY EXAMINER.

NOVEMBER 18, 1897.

### WASHINGTON NEGOTIATIONS.

Light is let in upon the character of the negotiations that have lately been carried on at Washington by the publication of interviews with Sir Louis Davies and Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

"We do not," Sir Louis said to a correspondent of the Montreal Star, "we do not intend to settle the question alone. The Americans want us to abandon rights, because, under existing circumstances, the sealing industry is not, they claim, profitable. But why do they want us to abandon our rights of fishing in the open sea? Because by our doing so they may make money by killing the seals on shore. Well, now, we certainly shall not abandon rights for money, though naturally it would be just to recompense an industry the business of which we stop. If a firm invests one hundred thousand dollars to do business and, after a number of years, the Government stops that business which has been wholly legitimate, there is no doubt that that firm should be reimbursed, for it is thereby rendered a useless investment." "So," Sir Louis continued, "it is with our sealing industry. But we will not grant such a request on the part of the United States, unless we get counter concessions. For instance, we want a market here for our Nova Scotia coal and our lumber and barley, etc. Then there is the north Atlantic fisheries. America wants concessions there. And there is the immigration or alien labor question.

"We have our demands as well as the United States, and there are so many interests involved that it seems the best plan to appoint and join the commission for the consideration of all these interests, and after much consideration proposes the plan which shall, as near as possible, come to giving both countries just what they want.

In his report of his interview with Sir Wilfrid the same correspondent says:

"Sir Wilfrid wants the American tariff on coal lowered. Thereby he runs plump into the influential Senator, Elkins, of West Virginia, whose big coal mines have been, since the Dingley bill came into force, sending coal to New England at a large profit. Elkins would have his New England business choked, if not destroyed, by the admission of Canadian coal, under a lower rate. Sir Wilfrid wants the American duty on lumber reduced. There he runs into Hard, Burrows and McMillan, of Michigan, and Spooner, of Wisconsin, besides the great lumber interest in general in these two States. Sir Wilfrid wants the duty lowered on barley, and thereby offends the American farmers. Either one of these interests is willing that the duties on the other products shall be lowered, but not on its products. And when it is suggested that it be lowered on all products, the interests combine against it, and, being strongly allied to the McKinley administration, they put a big influence to overcome. It is intended by some—and American Commissioner Kasson, who was especially appointed to arrange reciprocity treaties with different countries, is one of them—that the duties on the articles mentioned might be slightly reduced, so as not to seriously hurt American trade. Of course, the interest would rather have a slight reduction than a large one. But, unless the cry of the "greatest good for the greatest number" be raised, and the argument be made thereon that, therefore, for the benefit of the whole country the few interests involved should give way a trifle, and such cry and argument be made pretty general and vigorous through the United States, it is to be doubted if a reciprocity treatment of much if any worth can be enacted by the American Senate, let alone the House.

The prospect of improved conditions in the States in respect to the admission of Canadian produce does not seem to be very bright; and we think that if the government had consulted the interest and dignity of Canada they would have left the statesmen at Washington severely alone. Still if any considerable discount on the Dingley tariff can be obtained on account of the surrender of our right to shoot seals on the high seas, those who are not particularly concerned in the surrender will have no right to complain.

In this connection it is to be remarked that Sir Louis Davies has made no mention of potatoes, horses, lambs, poultry and such other things as his constituents in

Prince Edward Island are interested in. It would be as easy—easier, we believe—to obtain a concession from the Americans in respect to these things as in respect to barley, lumber, coal and such other things as Sir Louis Davies has called attention to.

### WANT IN THE MAGDALENS.

Advices from the Magdalen Islands report that the lobster and mackerel fishing has completely failed there this year. The people are, in consequence, in very distressed circumstances. They are without fuel or provisions. In view of the hard and long winter that is approaching an urgent appeal was, some time ago, made to Sir Louis Davies for permission to fish lobsters in September. But this request the Minister, fresh from his feasting in London, deemed it his duty to refuse point blank. It must have been the same sense of duty that led the Minister to refuse the service of a Government steamer to convey to these Islands the few hundred barrels of flour which the Merchant Government of Quebec has given for the relief of these poor people. But the circumstances of the case might, we think, have justified the Minister in relaxing the rules of the Fishery Department and in promoting, as far as possible, all reasonable measures of assistance for the unfortunate Magdalen Islanders. We hope that the cry of distress which comes to us from the Magdalen Islands will not go unheeded.

REMEMBER the date (Tuesday next) of Rev. J. T. Bryan's profusely illustrated lecture in St. Peter's Hall upon "Things which interested our forefathers."

—Mr. Chamberlain recently expressed the opinion that "a really united Empire is becoming a question of practical politics."

LECTURE.—Rev. J. R. Bryan's lecture in St. Peter's Hall next Tuesday will be illustrated by over seventy stereopticon views.

The Rev. John Watson (Ian McLaren), pastor of the Sefton Park church, Liverpool, has received a call from a Presbyterian church in Kensington, the fashionable district in London. He is "considering the offer, and will probably accept it.

A remittance of \$20,000 was received at Ottawa from the Canadian collector of customs at Lake Tagish which he had collected on American outfits destined to the Yukon. The commissioner of customs thinks this will represent about one thousand four hundred persons from the United States who have passed through that way.

A heavily-armed body of men are searching the woods in the vicinity of Meganic, for Ladouceur, a game poacher who defied local authorities to arrest him at the point of a rifle's muzzle. He shot deer out of season and then defied the authorities. The Quebec government, which has two provincial police in the party, ordered his arrest dead or alive.

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### THE HIGHLANDERS BRAVE RUSH.

Details of the Capture of Dargai Ridge by the Gordon Highlanders.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The newspapers of this city have received graphic details by mail of the recapture of Dargai Ridge by the Gordon Highlanders on October 20th, during which that regiment exhibited remarkable dash and courage.

After the fighting on Monday, October 18th, between the column of British troops commanded by General Sir Yeatman Biggs and the tribesmen from Chagru on the Sammaia range, the British retired upon Shinware, and the enemy, greatly reinforced, re-occupied Dargai Ridge.

On Wednesday following, General Biggs sent the second division to dislodge the tribesmen. The position was a very strong one, the enemy occupying the summit of a precipitous hill. The top of the hill could be reached only by a single path along which the attacking force at first, consisting of a Gurkha regiment, the Derbyshire regiment, and the Dorsetshire regiment, was obliged to climb in Indian file, while three batteries of artillery shelled the trenches of the hill men.

Dargai Ridge, from the direction of the assault, presents a frontal of about a mile, the left end of which is rock for 200 yards. In spite of the difficulty of the ascent, the movement of the British troops were fairly well covered, except in the case of a dip, or small valley 100 to 150 yards wide, about half way up the ridge and exposed to direct fire from the cliffs. When the Gurkhas reached this fire zone, immediately the top of the cliffs burst out into flame, for a thousand tribesmen had reserved the fire of their rifles until that moment.

Though decimated the little mountaineers struggled across the dip and reached the shelter of a few rocks. Then, led by their officers, they made a dash for the cover of the cliff side. But the others could not follow and the enemy, with true military instinct, reserved their fire. Though the remainder of the Gurkhas, the Derbyshires and the Dorsetshires, appeared on the fringe of the dip, yet to step into the fire zone meant death.

But the Dorsetshires again tried to advance to the support of the Gurkhas. Thirteen men struggled into the open space only to drop before the other side could be reached. Already the little dip was strewn with corpses, and so blood-thirsty were the enemy that a wounded man had but to move a limb to become the target of a dozen marksmen. Reluctantly, the senior officer heliographed down to the main body of the British troops that the passage could not be made.

At this juncture General Kempster ordered the Gordon Highlanders to the front. It was then four o'clock in the afternoon, and over 100 men had already fallen. The enemy were shouting their defiance and waving their standards, confident of their position, and certain of success.

But the Gordon Highlanders had yet to be reckoned with. Rapidly forming his brave men, and after his now historic speech "Men of the Gordon Highlander, our General says that position must be taken at all costs; the Gordon Highlanders will take it," Colonel Mathias, the commander, dashed out at the head of his regiment. In a moment they were across, carrying every one with them in their crush, storming the ridge with a resolution that was irresistible, and beating down all opposition.

When Colonel Mathias gave the order to advance the Highlanders followed, striking up "Cock of the North" and with a shout the leading company of kilted men was into the fire-zone. A stream of lead swept over, through and past them, bullets churning up the dust which half hid the rushing men.

Piper Findlater was among the first to show the way across that deadly strip of ground, and when, after traversing but a few yards, he was laid low by a shot through the legs, he managed to prop himself against a boulder and continued with unabated energy the stirring music of his pipes. Men kept pouring into the passage, and the leaders surged across to the cover then there was a lull, and, as one paper remarks, "One had time to see how cruel had been the slaughter.

Then with a second cheer, the mixed troops streamed across, and the enemy, seeing the barrier swept away, left their loop-holes and rock barricades and fled precipitately down the reverse slopes, without waiting for the line of cold steel which was then nearly on the crest of the ridge.

Captain Robinson, of the Gurkhas, acted with the greatest gallantry. After leading his men across the fire zone to the cover and finding the force there insufficient, he returned over the death trap alone and was mortally wounded while leading the second rush of Gurkhas to support the first body of that regiment.

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