

of Mexico Threatened With Failure.

Uncle Sam Unequivocally Declines to Recognize Dictator.

Will Not Accept Offer Recently Made—Principals Lose Hope.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 10.—A dangerous obstruction to progress on a vital point in the mediation proceedings has arisen, which again threatens failure of the negotiations. The United States has said to the mediators in unequivocal terms that it can not consent to any method of transition from the existing regime to the proposed new provisional government of Huerta's administration. The mediators are insisting that General Huerta be permitted to make the appointment of the men agreed upon here for provisional president. This the American Government absolutely refuses to accept, not only because it is committed against recognition of Huerta, but because it has been informed by the Constitutionalists that under no circumstances will they accept a peace plan which permits Huerta to exercise the constitutional function of naming his successor. On this point the mediators and American delegates are blocked. One side must give way before any advance is made.

Some of the principals have actually lost hope for a settlement, but there is a growing confidence that the mediators will devise some method of bridging the difficulty rather than allow mediation to founder on the rocks.

Will Provoke Disagreements.

Involved in the question of method in choosing the new provisional president is an underlying principle which, if not settled now, will certainly provoke other disagreements before any protocol can be signed. The American Government is firm in its belief that the Constitutionalists, having conquered the greater part of Mexico, should be given the controlling share in the new government; that the Constitutionalists are moving forward to undisputed conquest in Mexico City and that to prevent such a contingency concessions should be made which will make their acceptance of the peace plan impossible.

The United States believes the Constitutionalists with its large army is the real party which must be pacified and that the transfer of power must be to them in order to insure peace.

Amnesty Is Promised.

Amnesty for the Huerta followers and a guarantee of their property rights has been undertaken by the American Government. Also the United States considers it has acted magnanimously in declining to ask for a war indemnity as a result of the occupation of Vera Cruz. It was as reparation the establishment of a stable government and to have peace restored. It will ask nothing more.

Unless the mediators find a way to straighten out the difficulties which have arisen the proceedings will come to an abrupt end. On the other hand, intimations have come from the Mexican Delegates that they will not insist on technicalities in the method of transfer, though they seemed to be determined that a neutral be chosen provisional president and that no one actively identified with the Constitutional cause be considered eligible.

MR. CHARLES B. GORDON
Of Montreal, who is presiding at the meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

REDISTRIBUTION WILL GO THROUGH

Agreement Reached at Ottawa After Weeks of Negotiation.

Bill Will Be Introduced at Once—Prorogation on Friday.

Ottawa, June 10.—After weeks of negotiation and after all hope of settlement had been abandoned the redistribution committee reached a practically unanimous agreement this morning, and the report of the committee will be made to the House this afternoon.

The bill based on the report will be introduced at once and put through the House and Senate without delay, so that Parliament will prorogue on Friday.

There were two final stumbling blocks, the chief one being the disposal of the pocket borough of Russell, the seat of Hon. Charles Murphy. It was proposed to wipe out Russell. The proposal was quite justified as Russell county proper has only 19,000 population. It now has two townships of Carleton. If county lines are to be followed there was no justification for retaining Russell. However, as the Liberals would not agree to this, for the sake of peace and in order that there could not be the slightest claim on the part of the Liberals of a gerrymander, the Conservatives of the committee have given in, and Russell will be retained.

In place of Russell, the county of Stormont, now held by Dr. Alguire, a Conservative, will disappear and will be divided between the present seats of Glengarry and Dundas.

The Liberals have agreed to this proposition and have signed the schedules for Ontario. In Western Ontario, the Liberals have made a concession and the two Kents are to be united.

The committee is now unanimous on every point but one, and that is the disposal of Richmond in Nova Scotia. Richmond has a population of only 14,000. The plan is to unite Richmond with South Cape Breton and elect two members at large. To this the Liberals object, not on the cry of gerrymander or because it is not fair, but with a view to saving Mr. George Kyte, one of the Nova Scotia members. They want the seat divided. The Liberals will make a small protest in the House against this and the bill will go through without any fight.

"BOBS" MAKES SPEECH TO CANADIAN CADETS

Their Business, He Tells Them, to Be Loyal to the Empire.

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London, June 10.—Lord Roberts made a farewell speech to the Canadian Cadets today at Colonel Hanson's house, where the cadets have been billeted. The cadets are to sail on Thursday. The most impressive feature of their tour was their camp on the battlefield of Waterloo, where they spent the King's Birthday in fitting celebrations. They were also most gratified by the kindness of Prince Alexander of Teck, who escorted them over Windsor Castle. Lord Roberts talked to each boy and gave each an autograph copy of his "Forty-one Years in India," also an autograph portrait. Lord Roberts said he was sure the boys would return to Canada prouder citizens of this vast Empire. He added: "It is your business, our business, to be loyal to the Empire and keep the Dominions overseas at one with the old country. I do not forget how Canada came forward in the South African war, nor how well the Canadian corps behaved in the war. They were most valuable to me. I shall always be very grateful to Canada."

WINDERMERE.

SEVEN DIE IN A TENEMENT FIRE

Four of Number Are Women—Eight Others Badly Injured.

New York, June 10.—Seven persons, four of them women, lost their lives, and eight more were badly injured today in a fire that spread through an old-style East Side tenement house. More than a score of others were less seriously hurt.

The fire was discovered by a tenant, who saw flames dart from a locker room under the stairs. The fire swept the tenement so rapidly that escape was cut off before the tenants had been aroused. A woman and her son were killed by leaping from a window.

NORWAY BANS LIQUOR BY MEN-OF-WARSMEN.
Christiania, Norway, June 10.—The Norwegian Parliament today followed the lead of Secretary of the Navy Daniels of the United States, and adopted a resolution prohibiting the consumption of intoxicating liquors by officers of the Norwegian army and navy during their terms of service.



MR. AND MRS. KERMIT ROOSEVELT.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT was married today at the American embassy in Madrid. Mr. Roosevelt is the second son of the former President, and Miss Willard, his bride, is daughter of Joseph R. Willard, United States ambassador to Spain. The colonel is one of the notables attending the wedding.

LOCAL HINDUS OFFER THE MONEY

But They Want Transfer of Charter to Vancouver Man.

Gurdit Singh, It Is Said, Is Not Agreeable to This Proposal.

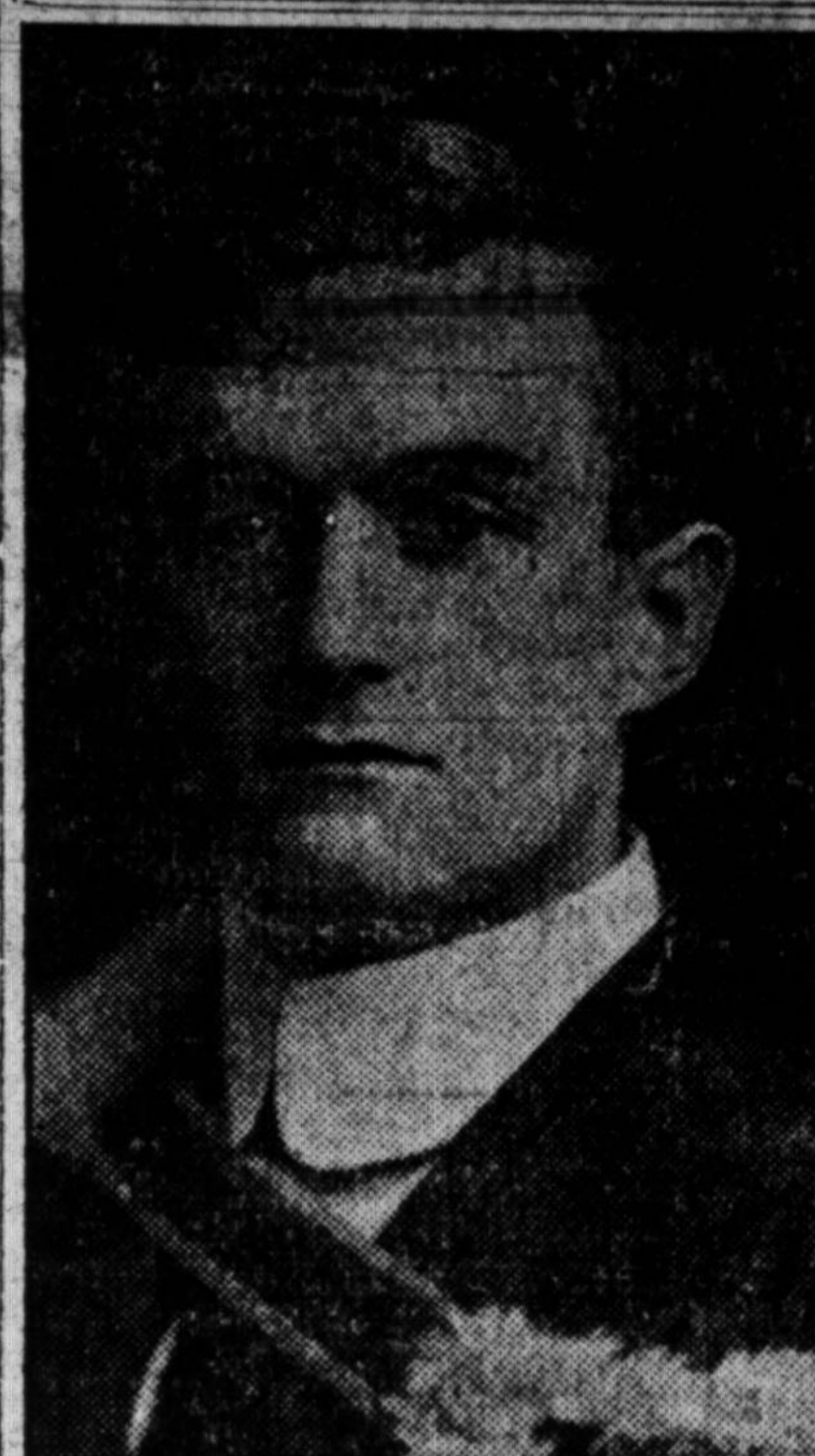
The skein of legal threads around the good ship Komagata Maru seems to get more tangled every day and the cable offices are doing good business carrying messages from Mr. C. Gardiner Johnson, the ship's agent here, to the Japanese owners. Last night Captain Yamamoto received a cable from his owners instructing him to leave port tomorrow unless the \$15,000, which is outstanding on the charter and other items, was paid.

Mr. Johnson conveyed this intelligence to Gurdit Singh, the charterer, this morning and then awaited results. Results came in the form of an offer by Vancouver Hindus to pay the money on the condition that the charter and responsibility was transferred to Rahim Singh, a Hindu who lives here.

To close this fresh deal it was necessary to get the consent of Gurdit Singh, but Captain Yamamoto, who came ashore at noon, stated that Gurdit would have none of it, preferring to fight along on his own.

Mr. Johnson has sent a messenger out to the ship to find out what Gurdit Singh's ideas are. When he gets an answer he will communicate with the owners. If Gurdit Singh still refuses to avail himself of the kind offices of his brethren ashore, Captain Yamamoto will have to carry out his owners' orders and sail as soon as possible after June 11.

IS RHODES SCHOLAR



BASIL ELMO ATKINS
Who has been chosen Rhodes Scholar for British Columbia. He is a Vancouver native son, living at 1898 Robson street.

Delegates to Urge Purity.
Washington, June 10.—Authority for President Wilson to invite foreign governments to participate in the International Conference on Education at Oakland, Cal., August, 1915, and to appoint American delegates to the World's Purity Federation meeting in San Francisco in July, 1915, was contained in resolutions favorably reported today by the foreign affairs committee of the House.

WHY B. C. SHOULD BE OPTIMISTIC

New Opportunity for Okanagan Farmers

Can Supply Vancouver with New Potatoes as Early as California.

That the orchards and farms of the Okanagan and Similkameen can supply the Vancouver market with new potatoes almost as early as in California by the simple expedient of planting the seed potatoes in the fall, is one of the most important items contained in a report-letter which Fruit Inspector Thos. Cunningham has sent in from the Similkameen to his office staff.

Mr. Cunningham who had been inspecting the famous Cawston orchard six miles south of Keremeos, had been entertained by Mr. Cawston a week ago to a meal at which fall-planted potatoes formed a dish. "They were delicious," says Mr. Cunningham, "and proved the accuracy of my contention that if potato-growers would plant in the fall the following year's crop, they will be able to put the new potatoes on the market early in June."

Inspector Cunningham says it is essential that whole seed must be used. At present Californian new potatoes are barred from the province owing to infection.

A feature of Mr. Cunningham's visit to the Cawston Orchard, was his inspection of the old trees, which were planted 47 years ago and are still sound and healthy. Writing of these trees to his staff, Inspector Cunningham says: "Their condition of health and pro-

KERMIT WEDDED IN POLICE STATION

Civil Marriage of Roosevelt Son Celebrated in Madrid.

Moving Picture Men Out of Force—Another Service Will Be Held.

Madrid, June 10.—The civil marriage of Miss Belle Wyatt Willard, daughter of the American ambassador to Spain, and Kermit Roosevelt of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, performed today. The ceremony was performed at the office and residence of the chief of police by the mayor of the Buena Vista district. Other wedding will be celebrated much pomp at the American embassy. Police headquarters are located in a populous section of the city and passage of the wedding party in automobiles attracted considerable attention.

Moving picture men were in and in the vicinity of the building and a small crowd gathered which was from approaching too closely by tectives and policemen. Colonel Roosevelt and Ambassador Willard were among those present at the ceremony, after which the wedding party left the city to pass afternoon at Toledo.

Hot in Kansas City.
Kansas City, June 10.—Extreme high temperatures prevailed throughout Kansas and in this part of Missouri, Pittsburg, Kas., reported mercury at 97 at 2.30 o'clock. Sedalla, Mo., reported a similar high at the same hour.

ductiveness further confirms opinion, which I have long held, 90 per cent. of the diseases troubles that we have had with trees planted during the last fifteen years are due to planting grown under irrigation. I am strongly convinced of this, that were planting an orchard today would not use irrigated trees, were given a bonus of a guinea, I am carefully watching the old orchards throughout the province, would urge you to keep this constantly in mind. Do all you to save the old trees and have scraped pruned and sprayed. There are many thousands of them on Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island that are better every way the soft-tissued trees grown under irrigation, and a forced plant will be hardy."

After visiting the Richter Orchard and other large orchards in the Okanagan District, Inspector Cunningham confirms the earlier reports of immense fruit crop this year. The orchards were never in better condition than they are today. "The criticism I have to offer is that fruit needs thinning now. This also true of the Okanagan Valley well as the Similkameen," says Cunningham. The fruit growers complaining that they are handicapped only by lack of sufficient labor at a reasonable rate, to compete the cheaper production in the adjoining states.

Not only apples, but pears, cherries and peaches are to be a bumper crop this year. The recent rains have interfered with haymaking, especially alfalfa. As a result of his trip through the orchard districts, Mr. Cunningham says he is convinced that much greater development could take place if people of the province would more of the necessities of life home, and not go abroad to buy stuffs.