



Restored Within a Very Few Years.

Looks for Country to Be Filled With Progress and Prosperity.

President's Speech Read at Meeting of British Empire Trust.

London, June 15.—At the British Empire Trust meeting today Mr. Horne Payne's speech was read in his absence.

"Most of the company's capital," he said, "is invested in Canada, but the depreciation in Canadian investments is the result of monetary conditions all over the world and not due to a failure of anticipations held out respecting Canada's natural resources and industrial advantages. Canadian affairs culminated, at the end of last September in a difficult and dangerous financial situation. Since then conditions are slowly and steadily improving. I think this temporary check in progress will prove of the greatest benefit to Canada. Expenditure is now on an extremely conservative basis throughout the whole country and we may hope that lasting lessons will have been taught in the exercise of economy of capital and in the methods of raising it, especially in the postponement of expenditure until the money to pay for it is actually in hand.

"No one can say how soon the former vigor will be restored to the march of Canadian development, but we can say with absolute certainty that within a very few years Canada will once again be full of progress and prosperity.

"I fear that during the last four months, you have all heard many disparaging statements about the Canadian Northern Railway system and those responsible for it. These statements have been put into circulation by a few paltry, unscrupulous enemies. The whole affairs of the Canadian Northern have been subject to a thorough and prolonged investigation by the government of Canada with the most satisfactory results. Nothing further need now be said, but I should like to tell you that at no moment was the money invested in Canadian Northern securities in danger of loss. The Canadian Northern is now certain of immediate completion and it is to be constructed in a manner that ensures an economical and rapid movement of traffic as any railway on the American continent and its very great success can be regarded as absolutely certain."



JOHN REDMOND.

IMPORTATION OF ARMS IS ILLEGAL

Court of King's Bench at Dublin Declares Government's Embargo Valid.

Asquith Questioned Regarding Raising of Nationalist Volunteer Army.

Dublin, Ireland, June 15.—By a majority of two to one the judges of the King's Bench Court decided today that the government's proclamation prohibiting the importation of arms into Ireland was valid. The judgment reverses the decision of the Assize Court of Belfast, which on March 25 declared the proclamation invalid because the Act of Union provided that all subjects should have the same trade privileges.

London, June 15.—Premier Asquith now has to face the hecklers on the formation of a rival force by the Irish Nationalists. He assured questioners in the House of Commons today that the Irish Parliament would not be entitled to organize and maintain an armed volunteer force, but when asked what steps were being taken to disband the new army in which John Redmond is taking so keen an interest, the Prime Minister would not go beyond the recent assurance of the chief secretary for Ireland. All the Premier would say was: "The action of this and of the Ulster forces do not cease to engage the attention of the government."

NO RIFT IN LUTE HELD BY VILLA

Rebel Chieftain Says that He and Carranza Are in Sympathy.

Declares There Is Nothing to Interfere With Military Programme.

Torreón, Mexico, June 15.—"Nothing has happened between General Carranza and myself that will in any way interfere with the military programme," declared General Villa when asked today regarding the rumors that there was friction between him and General Carranza, the Constitutional commander-in-chief.

"I am a soldier and my whole life's devotion is to fight for my country," said the northern division commander. "I shall always lead my troops where the enemy of my country is to be encountered."

Questioned as to the intimation that he had failed to rush troops to the aid of General Natera at Zacatecas, General Villa said:

"The truth of the matter is that they wanted me to have troops there in two days, when it is barely possible to get them there in five days. The condition of the railroad is such that a better performance will be impossible."

General Villa was adverse to discussing the results of General Natera's attack on Zacatecas.

LAWYERS ENGAGED IN HINDU TANGLE

Japanese Owners of Komagata Maru Retain Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper.

The Komagata Maru situation has taken on a new phase today, for the Japanese owners of the steamer have instructed their agent, Mr. C. Gardner Johnson, to retain Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to look after their interests. They have recollections of the service rendered them by Sir Charles when their steamer, the Fukui Maru, was run into by the Princess Royal a few years ago during a fog, and they cabled that Sir Charles should be engaged.

On behalf of the owners, Mr. Johnson has given a written ultimatum to Gurdit Singh respecting the money owing the owners. The owners have considered the offer of Rahim Singh and other Vancouver Hindus to take over the charter from Gurdit Singh, but before agreeing have made certain conditions. Mr. McCrossan of McCrossan & Harper, has been retained by Rahim Singh, and the lawyers are now in consultation.

The outcome of the first conference was that the conditions which the owners want observed, and the proposals of Rahim Singh and friends to take over Gurdit's responsibilities, have been forwarded to Ottawa for government consideration. The negotiators do not know if the government views with favor any attempt to relieve Gurdit Singh of his troubles, and so all hands are marking time until Ottawa replies.

The Komagata Maru will hoist anchor tomorrow morning, but her voyage will be short. She will shift from her present anchorage to a spot off Heatley avenue. She is going down the inlet in order to make room for the Japanese cruisers Asama and Azuma, which are due here Thursday or Friday from San Francisco.

In the meantime the enquiry of the first case of the 90 Hindus who have been rejected by Dr. Munro, the medical examiner, is proceeding before the immigration board, the Hindus on the ship being represented by Mr. J. Edward Bird. This morning the case of one man who was alleged to be suffering from trachoma was heard. No decision has yet been given.

NO TRACE FOUND OF LOST BALLOON

Three Out of Four Big Gas Bags Wrecked—One Missing.

Fears Felt for Safety of Pilot and Aide—May Be Dead.

Portland, June 15.—The balloon Springfield, piloted by Captain Donaldson, and the aide, Wilbur Henderson, which left here Thursday afternoon in the Rose Festival race, is still missing.

Newspaper men spent all yesterday telephoning into the forest stations of the Oregon forest in the Cascade Mountains and towns, settlements and ranches on the expansive stretch of wild and rugged country from the Santiam River in Linn county northward to the Columbia River.

Searching parties combed the wilderness of the Elkhorn and Santiam counties and government rangers covered the Bull Run country, but not the slightest trace, sign or clew as to the present whereabouts of the pilot or his aide was found.

The facts that all of the three balloons which have come to earth were wrecked, and that the Springfield was last seen hovering over the wild mountainous district which was the scene of the other disasters are regarded as ominous, and great anxiety is felt for Captain Roy Donaldson, the Springfield's pilot, and Wilbur Henderson of Portland, his passenger.

Latest reports are that the Springfield was last seen at 4:30 a. m., Friday, over the Sandy River Canyon about 30 miles southeast of Portland, just beyond that point in the Bull Run forest reserve, where the country is exceedingly rough and wild. It is feared Donaldson was forced to descend in the reserve and that he and his companion either have been disabled or are lost.

Captain Watts of the wrecked Kansas City III, yesterday organized an expedition at Cascadia to make an effort to go into the mountains and salvage the wreck.

Says He Landed Safely.

Danville, Ill., June 15.—Attorney Will Henderson of this city received a telegram today from his brother, Oscar Henderson, at Portland, Ore., that their brother Wilbur, who went up in the balloon Springfield there Thursday last, had landed safely in "a wooded country," and that it would take him several days to reach Portland. The message received did not state where the balloon had landed.

The Mardall Fund

Previously acknowledged	\$495.00
A. Mather	1.00
W. S. P.	1.00
F. C. E.	2.00
Friend	2.00
Mrs. W. P. Wood	5.00
C. T. L.	2.00
C. Smith	5.00
Total	\$513.00

WOMAN SHOULD REFUSE TO OBEY

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw Marriage Ceremony Is Useless.

Declares Present Day Sermon Should Be Relegated to Oblivion.

Philadelphia, June 15.—"The marriage ceremony has outlived its usefulness and should be relegated to oblivion." This in a nutshell is the view of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Women Suffrage Association. She says:

"The marriage service, for all that, is a poll parrot affair. The method, as used in reciting the vows, is ridiculous, to say the least. I always believed in making the money fit the occasion. I have a different service for each marriage."

"As for the word 'obey,' I have one girl who wanted to make such a crazy promise. In fact, she insisted. There was only one thing for me to do; I refused to marry her. She had to take the bridegroom to another minister."

"No woman obeys her husband with common sense. She asks her wife to obey him. In fact, it is a greater disgrace to expect that she give such a thing. No man would respect another man for demanding it. Therefore, I think that it is positively wicked to use this word in marriage contract. It is spiritually and morally wrong to encourage a woman to make a promise she will not keep. She comes a fool and perjurer at the same time."

RIOTERS SET FIRE TO THREE CHURCHES

Two Sacred Edifices Gutted in Senigalda, Italy—Cathedral Saved.

Bologna, Italy, June 15.—Rioters set fire today to the cathedral, Church of Peace and the Church of the Holy Cross in Senigalda, on the Adriatic, after sprinkling the streets with petroleum.

Cavalry arrived in time to prevent the destruction of the cathedral. The interiors of the other churches were destroyed and only the main standing of the Church of the Holy Cross.

A detachment of 200 sharpshooters arrived on board a torpedo boat Senigalda today to assist in bringing order.

Ancona, Italy, June 15.—In the wake of the stern repression of the strikers brought about the declaration of a general strike through Italy was resumed today, but detachments of soldiers and sailors still patrolled the streets and occupied strategic positions.

WHY B. C. SHOULD BE OPTIMISTIC

Good Market Here for Sun-dried Fruits

Orchardists of Peach Belt Will Start New Industry, Says Official.

As an outcome of the successful experiments made last summer in drying fruit and of the bumper fruit crop this year, a new industry has been added to the province. This year preparations have been made to inaugurate in the fruit districts the production of dried apricots and peaches, large quantities of which have hitherto been imported from California to take the place of fresh fruit in the winter months.

Under the supervision of Inspector W. H. Lyne, who has had extensive experience in the production of dried fruit, the experiment was tried last summer of sun-drying a quantity of ripe peaches and apricots in the Okanagan Valley. The fruit, which was then in the pink of ripeness, would have been overripe by the time it could reach a coast market. The experiment turned out a complete success, the product being equal to the finest dried fruit produced in California.

To ensure a complete test, the fruit was boxed and has been allowed to remain untouched in the fruit inspector's office at the courthouse until last Saturday, when it was opened up for inspection. It turned out as good as the day it was put in, and would remain so for years.

"Provision will be made by many of the growers this year," said Mr. Lyne, "to sun-dry the fruit which has ripened on the trees, and which would over-ripen if shipped to the coast. They will also be able to dry their fruit in the event of congestion on the fresh fruit markets and a drop in prices to the growers. The process is a simple and inexpensive one, and the market for dried fruit is a steadily growing and remunerative one for the grower."

The process requires that the fruit fully ripen on the trees in order to develop all the sugar qualities. The fruit is split and stoned, exposed to sulphur fumes for a short period and then dried out by the rays of the sun.

Hitherto the growers of peaches and apricots have had to face the fear that their crop might ripen at a time when a bad market condition had been brought about, in which event they had no alternative to the risk of shipping except to allow the fruit to rot on the trees. The enormous importation of Californian dried fruit into the province show that there is a good market at home for all the dried fruit that the fruitgrowers of the province can produce.