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FIFTIETH YEAR

A SCANDAL IN JAPANESE DIET

Empire Day at the City Schools—View of Some of the Exercises at the Central School Saturday

Scope of Big Sugar Scandal Now Includes Names of Some Fifty Members of Parliament—A Gigantic Fraud

UPPER HOUSE IN BAD ODOR TOO

Twenty Members Have Been Arrested So Far and the Arm of the Law Is Long to Reach High and Low Alike

Tokio, May 22.—Day, by day the scope of what is known as the "Sugar Scandal" increases, and the arm of the law is being stretched into places high and low to arrest and expose those responsible for the most gigantic series of irregularities ever brought to light in Japan.

One member of parliament after another is placed under arrest. The constitutional party, which has been the chief sufferer, will find difficulty in rallying under the blow. Members have been arrested so far twenty members of parliament and six directors of the company.

The charges against the members of parliament is accepting bribes. It appears from alleged confessions that in an endeavor to bring about nationalization of the sugar company about \$80,000 was spent in bribery.

The names of some fifty members of parliament are mentioned in this connection. Even the Upper House suffers a certain loss of prestige. Names of some of the directors are those, namely, fraud, falsification of private documents and disgracing their office.

MALCONTENTS WILL NOW RETURN TO SCHOOL

Students of Commercial High School in Tokyo Have Been Beaten and Will Capitulate on Monday

Tokio, May 22.—The students of the commercial high school who walked out in a body and adopted resolutions last week declaring their intention not to return because the government had refused their petition to give the school the rank of a university, have been persuaded by their guardians and friends to withdraw their resolution.

It is expected the school will reopen Monday morning and the 1,600 students probably will resume their studies. The authorities were firm in the matter and determined to make an example of some of the leaders to discourage insubordination in schools but gave them time to think it over, with the result that the students have decided it wisest not to persist in their attitude.

SHERMAN ALLOWS MINERS TO GO BACK

A Month or More Will Be Required to Repair the Mine Damage Which Will Delay Restarting Work After Strike

Calgary, May 22.—A despatch to the Herald from Cammore says there is no sign of disorder at Cammore. Word was received from President Sherman yesterday morning giving the men permission to start on repair work, but at a meeting held on receipt of this they decided that they would not.

A month or more will be required to repair the mine damage, which will delay restarting the work in the event of the settlement of the strike, hopes of which are high in view of the work of the Federal Conciliation Board now sitting at Macleod. Seven mounted police have been sent to Cammore from Calgary and all is orderly.



VOWED TO WRECK HUSBAND, SHE SAYS

Wife of Chas. W. Morse Says His Enemies Have Kept Old Threat—He Has Paid Back \$5,000,000

New York, May 22.—Mrs. Clementine Morse, wife of Chas. W. Morse, the former banker, asserted in an interview today that long ago people high in power vowed that they would ruin her husband and that they have kept their vow against justice and truth. Mrs. Morse declared that Government officials had boasted that they would cause Morse's downfall, but Mrs. Morse said, she did not then believe that the courts could be so used as a party to the plans of her husband's enemies.

"How many people know that my husband has paid every dollar owed to every depositor in the Bank of North America?" she asked, adding "of an indebtedness of \$7,000,000, more than \$5,000,000 has paid and if Mr. Morse had his liberty he would not give a penny today. My husband is more than anxious that all his creditors shall be paid. It is incredible that a man's property and his family be made to suffer."

Mrs. Morse said that she had sold her jewelry gladly to pay the claims against her husband and one claim against her, which was absolutely blackmail, was paid to her. Practically all of the furnishings of the handsome home at 728 Fifth Ave., Mrs. Morse said, had been sold for the benefit of the creditors and the house was about to be sold over her head.

"When I leave I shall have no home. I don't know where I shall go," she added.

NEW GEODETIC SURVEY ASSURED

Order-in-Council Establishes One Under Dr. King—Cattle Quarantine Called Off

Ottawa, May 22.—An order in council has been passed establishing a new geodetic survey of Canada under the superintendency of Dr. W. F. King, chief Dominion astronomer. The order established to prevent the introduction of foot and mouth disease has been discontinued.

Sir Edward a Director. Montreal, May 22.—Sir Edward Clouston, vice-president and general manager of the Bank of Montreal, has been elected a director of the Kaminitiquia Power Company.

Thus It Is in Paris. Paris, May 22.—The dancing of Isadore Duncan, who appeared in New York last winter, is creating a furore in Paris and Deputy Paul Boncour in an enthusiastic article in the Figaro makes an appeal for the creation of a society to perpetuate the art of the sublime dancer.

LUMBER SCHEDULE NO DANGER NOW

IS CAUSE OF FIGHT

Long Expected Struggle in United States Congress Began Today When Lumber Clauses Came Up

Washington, D. C., May 22.—After long waiting, the lumber schedule was today given its limbo in the senate. When, shortly before noon, the lumber paragraph was reached, Mr. McCumber, of North Dakota, presented his amendment providing for free lumber instead of \$2 per thousand as in the Dingley law, and \$1 as provided by the house bill. The action precipitated the long threatened fight, and it was evident from the beginning that the ground would be stubbornly contested. This agreement reached yesterday, there was no vote today, so that from the beginning the field was left entirely to the debaters.

Mr. McCumber declared that the lumber industry needed no protective tariff duty. There was, he said, no danger that the American lumber mills would be closed because of foreign competition. The increasing demand for these forest products tends to keep up the price. He insisted that the industry of the United States had reached its height and urged that free lumber would partly supply the American market with a product that could not be supplied from American forests without exhausting them.

Senator Elkins, West Virginia, defending the lumber interests accused the Senator from North Dakota of being a "Spotted protectionist" favoring protection on products of his own state but not on those of other states. Mr. Elkins protested that there could be no protection in spots and declared he was from the south, a section which could not afford to have its products placed on the free list. He contended that there was no danger of the timber supply of the country becoming exhausted, but argued that the lumber industry would suffer disaster should lumber from Canada come into the United States free of duty. Senator Scott supplemented the remarks of his colleagues with an earnest appeal for a higher duty on lumber.

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No Vote Will Be Taken But Senator Aldrich May Ask to Have Day Fixed

Washington, D. C., May 22.—The wood schedule will be before the senate today, and several addresses will be made, relating especially to the duty on lumber. According to general understanding no vote will be taken on any schedule. Several senators are to be relieved from constant attendance on the sessions of the senate in order to attend to their correspondence. Although Senator Aldrich gave notice yesterday that he probably would ask the senate today to fix a day for voting on the tariff bill and all amendments it is believed that he will not make that request until Monday.

NO DANGER NOW OF FAMINE IN WATER

Water Commissioner Raymur Declared This Morning That Alarmist Reports of Elk Lake Are Not Justified

"There is no immediate danger of Victoria suffering from lack of water," stated water commissioner Raymur this morning. The alarmist reports regarding the low level of Elk Lake, he averred, were unjustified. It was true that it was now thirty-one inches below high water mark, that it was fifteen inches below what it was at this time last year, but it was not that level. When Victoria went to that source in 1878 the water was raised seven feet. Since then it had never been within twenty inches of that point.

With the growth of population, the commissioner explained, there was no doubt that Elk Lake would not be able to do duty for long but he emphatically denied the reports that there was danger of serious trouble during the next two or three years.

"The new distribution system already has had a good effect," Raymur continued. "This time last year there haven't been any complaints. There haven't been any during the past couple of weeks. The influence of our improvements, especially the elimination of waste resulting from the thirty-five hundred meters now in use, is most noticeable and I don't think that the season of 1909 will develop any of the inconveniences on account of water that have been experienced by Victoria in the past."

"That the distribution work would be finished by the middle of next month was another important assertion made by the commissioner. There only remained but a small amount of pipe laying to be done. There was some unfinished on Cadboro Bay road between Yates and Fort streets, a little more on Oak Bay avenue, and some on Edmondton road from Bay to Fernwood streets. After this was accomplished the Smith's Hill and the Oak Bay reservoirs would be connected. This would entail the cutting off of connection in some of the districts.

PEACEMAKERS IN COAL STRIKE PROGRESS

Miners Have Agreed to Go Back to Work on Old Agreement Pending Investigation

Macleod, Alt., May 22.—Real progress was made in the effort to make peace in the coal mine trouble by the conciliation board. The position of affairs tonight is that the miners have agreed to go back to work on the agreement prevailing before April 1, pending an investigation before the board. The operators have not consented as yet, but a meeting of the operators will be held tomorrow morning, when they will come to a conclusion and probably agree to the proposition.

A Horticulturist Dies. Jamaica, Long Island, May 22.—Chas. Lallen, a well known horticulturist, died in his home at Flora Park yesterday, aged 81 years. For thirty years he ran an extensive business as a seed grower and bulb raiser and is said to have been the first to supply gladiolus to the market. He wrote several books on horticulture and agriculture.

Fires in Montreal. Montreal, May 22.—Fire destroyed the plant of the James Robertson Lead Company on William street early today. The loss will be between \$175,000 and \$200,000, all of it covered by insurance.

Reservations Opened Up. Washington, D. C., May 22.—President Taft today issued a proclamation providing for the opening up to settlement and entry of about 440,000 acres of land in the Flathead, Montana, 200,000 in the Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, and between 50,000 and 100,000 in the Spokane, Washington, reservations.

BURGLAR KILLED WHILE MAKING ESCAPE

Hesitates to Surrender When Surrounded and So Summarily Shot—Contents Cash Drawers in Pockets

Hyde Park, Vt., May 22.—An unknown burglar was killed here early today by a posse of young men who were summoned to the scene by Miss Hattie Foss, who discovered the man rifling the cash drawer in her father's store. Without disturbing the man Miss Foss summoned a number of young men, and when the burglar dropped from the window of the store to the ground the place was completely surrounded and he was ordered to throw up his hands. Instead he made a motion as if to draw a weapon whereupon Archie Billings shot him. The burglar died within two hours. He refused to give his name, but said he belonged to a good family.

The contents of the cash drawers and some burglar's tools were found in his pockets. State Attorney Morris, of this district, investigated the case this forenoon, but accepted young Billings' version of the shooting, and made no effort to take the young man into custody.

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GERMANY IN LINE FOR CANADIAN TREATY

U. S. Consul in New Brunswick States That Negotiations for Commercial Treaty Are Now Well Under Way

Washington, D. C., May 22.—Negotiations for a commercial treaty between Canada and Germany have advanced to a favorable stage, according to U. S. Consul Willrich, at New Brunswick.

Under the proposed treaty Canada will grant reductions on imports from Germany of high class textile products, drugs, books, soap, artificial flowers, feathers, wines, spirits, ready made clothing and porcelain.

Germany will grant Canada reduced rates on agricultural implements and typewriters, cattle and agricultural products. Consul Willrich points out that Great Britain has always enjoyed the advantage of bringing her goods to Canada under the preferential tariff, while Germany was compelled to pay a surtax over and above the duties under the general tariff schedule. The treaty will promote more friendly commercial intercourse between the two countries.

LOCAL YACHT SHOULD BEAR SECOND IN SHARE OF RUNNING COST

Vancouver Craft Makes a Procession of Marine Contest With the Spirit Which Finishes a Bad Outsider in Race

TIME LIMIT ALL BUT TWO MINUTES EXPIRES

Dead Calm Nearly Prevents Alexandra From Completing the Course and Race Lacks Feature From Start

The race between the yachts Alexandra and Spirit for the Citizens' Cup and the supremacy of Northwestern yachting circles today developed into nothing more exciting than a procession.

From start to finish, the five-decked and more powerful Vancouver craft, was far in the lead, and the Spirit negotiated but an uneventful cruise.

A score of gaily-decorated launches, flying the pennants of the Victoria Yacht Club and private flags, followed the racing boats. The Vancouver American yacht from Seattle, and a staunch supporter of the Spirit, was a distinguished visitor and escorted the victorious Alexandra during the course of the race.

About five hundred enthusiastic spectators took advantage of the broad decks of the Princess Beatrice, which was chartered by the Yacht Club, to view the sail. Others watched the contest from the points of vantage along the banks of the course from Pearline Rocks to Beeson Hill.

On account of the slow progress of the two yachts there could be but little enthusiasm on the part of the spectators after the first leg of the race but several hundred remained along the course to cheer the winner when she finished.

As the Alexandra tacked off on the last leg of the trip into the harbor stretch the crowd of spectators increased to almost a thousand and they greeted the Alexandra heartily when she sailed in victor by almost a mile. The start was made from the buoy off Pearline Rocks. The Alexandra took the gun with a flying start and got off with a lead of about 200 yards.

The Vancouver boat maintained the supremacy until a point about a mile leeward of Albert's Head was reached. At this stage the wind died down and the Spirit almost came even with her opponent. Clever tacking was necessary on the part of Skipper Dean and his crew, in order to keep ahead of the Alexandra in the point of vantage. After a brief struggle this was accomplished and the Alexandra rounded the turning buoy, making the first leg of the journey, yards ahead of the dawdling Spirit. The time for the first third of the race was forty minutes.

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Toronto Manufacturers Resolve That Self-Governing Colonies Should Help Pay Expense of Naval Defence

URGE FURTHERANCE OF WORK AT HAGUE

Alfred Littleton at London Banquet Says True Way to Get Navy Is to Foster National Spirit in Dominions

Toronto, Ont., May 22.—At a meeting yesterday of the executive committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association a resolution was passed expressing the opinion that self-governing colonies should each bear a share of the expense and expressing satisfaction at the action of the Dominion parliament in deciding to vote annually an appropriation for naval defence.

A resolution was also favoring the holding of an imperial conference at which a joint plan of action should be settled and at the same time urging that every effort be put forth towards furthering the laudable work of the Hague peace conference in hastening the end of war and its settlement of all disputes by arbitration.

London, May 22.—It is stated in reference to the unofficial announcement that the government will order four contingent Dreadnaughts for 1909, that Mr. Asquith is anxious to meet the colonial statesmen before deciding the question.

London, May 22.—There was a brilliant gathering at an annual dinner last night at the Royal Colonial Institute. Alfred Littleton presiding. Mr. Littleton said that the true way to get a great imperial navy was to foster national spirit in the dominions. Yet what was needed to be developed was not merely a sense of national pride but a comprehensive patriotism embracing the empire as a whole. He emphasized the splendid audacity of New Zealand's announcing to the world the unity of the empire. Patriotic speeches were also delivered by Hall Jones representing New Zealand, the Earl of Jersey and Sir Gilbert Parker.

Butte Too in Mourning. Butte, Mont., May 22.—During the funeral ceremonies of the late Henry H. Rogers at Fairhaven, Mass., today, all works stopped on the properties of the Amalgamated Copper Company in Montana.

BINOCULAR MEN MISSED THE RACE

Princess Beatrice Stranded Long Enough to Let Racing Yachts Away

Heavily laden with impatient sight-seers bound for the course over which the yachts Spirit and Alexandra were to race for supremacy, the steamer Princess Beatrice grounded in the shallow water at the entrance of the harbor this morning.

Before she was able to release herself the two yachts and their attendant fleet of small craft were well on their way to Albert Head.

The start of the race and the manoeuvring and jockeying which preceded it, were all screened from the view of the passengers.

ROGERS DIVIDED A PORTION OF HIS FORTUNE

Four Million Each Given to Son and Three Daughters, But Balance of Estate Will Be Disposed of by Will

New York, May 22.—H. H. Rogers a short time before his death distributed a portion of his fortune among his four children. It is understood that he gave \$4,000,000 each to his son, H. H. Rogers, Jr., and to his three daughters, Mrs. W. E. Benjamin, Mrs. Urban H. Broughton and Mrs. W. R. Coe, \$1,600,000 in all. The remainder of his estate, mainly in the form of stocks and bonds of railroads and industrial companies, will be disposed of by his will which has not yet been made public excepting any public bequests in which Mr. Rogers' early home of Fairhaven, Mass., may share. The main part of the estate is said to be divided between Mr. Rogers' widow and his son and daughters.

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