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FEAR RUSSIA IS
GETTING GREEDY

Germany Suspects Czar's Government
is Trying to "Russify" Scandinavia
in General Policy of Expansion
and Securing of Easy Outlet to
Open Sea.

Berlin, Aug. 9.—What Russia does
to Finland, the emperor of Germany
and his advisers do not particularly
care, but any attempt on the czar's
part toward the Russification of Scan-
dinavia would interest them a great
deal, and this is just what they are
beginning to suspect the St. Peters-
burg government has in mind.

By the great masses of people the
Russian attitude toward the Finns is
wholly misunderstood. The popular
view is that the czar wants to crush
Finland free institutions and to re-
duce the Finns to the level of the
vodka-drinking, down-trodden, ani-
mal-like Russian peasants purely be-
cause he is a despot and reactionary.

It is true, too, that Russia's treat-
ment of Finland is cruel and oppres-
sive, but it is not true that Nicholas
has adopted this policy from mere
love of despotism. The Russian em-
peror is that he considers the Russian
empire's interests so closely connected
with Finland's destinies that he deems
it necessary to make the latter coun-
try a mere Russian province, instead
of an independent, self-governing na-
tion, as it has been hitherto.

Russia's policy, like the policy of
every other great power, is one of ex-
pansion. The United States, England,
Germany, Austria and more recently
Japan, have all trodden the same
path and adopted more or less the
same methods.

The essential feature of all Russia's
plans for expansion has been the nec-
essity of obtaining an outlet to the
open sea. Each great power has
some such underlying principle, the
observance and advancement of which
is essential to its safety. The United
States has the Monroe doctrine. Eng-
land's efforts are directed toward the
defense of its insular position and the
possession of an invincible navy. Ger-
many is forced to seek fresh fields
for an increasing population, and so
on.

Russia must get to the open sea or
sink to the level of a second-rate
power. Her geographical position is
Nature was unkind to Russia in
the matter of coast lines. Its only
route to the open sea lies through the
Arctic circle, and this route is closed
by ice for a considerable portion of
every year. The outlet through the
Baltic is controlled by other coun-
tries and the outlet through the Black
sea is also unavailable in case of an
emergency. Indeed, the passage of
Russian warships through the Dar-
danelles is permanently prohibited by
international treaty.

Seeking Open Sea.
For decades—yes, for centuries—
Russia's policy was directed toward
the task of securing a coast and an
outlet to the Mediterranean and
hence to the open sea of the world. In
many diplomatic contests, England
and Austria were pitted against Rus-
sia to prevent the realization of this
plan.

Frustrated by its rivals' superior
strength in its efforts to secure the
desired outlet to the southward, Rus-
sia turned its energies to the east.
The manner in which this at-
tempt resulted is still fresh in the
public memory. Japan rose up and
eventually destroyed the hope of a
Russian seaboard on the Pacific.

Every failure of Russian policy has
been followed however, by an at-
tempt to accomplish the same result
in another direction. When it be-
came evident that the Mediterranean
outlet was out of the question, Mus-
covite diplomacy centered its thought
on the Orient. Being defeated there,
it was turned to the north.

Sweden is separated from the North
sea only by the narrow strip of Scan-
dinavia. A short excursion across
the Scandinavian peninsula, through
Sweden and Norwegian territory,
would bring the czar to the open
desired aim of free access to the
ocean.

Sweden is a small, weak power.
Norway is still weaker and an still
weaker. Neither of them represents
any real obstacle to the vast forces
of the Russian empire.

It is to be noted, however, that there
can be little doubt that recent develop-
ments of Russian policy in Finland
have been merely preparatory to a Rus-
sian advance to the open ocean across
Sweden and Norway.

But Finland is an alien province,
with a largely alien population, close-
ly allied to the Swedes by ties of re-
ligion and culture. It is an obstacle
to Russian expansion in the direction
of the North sea and as such an
obstacle, it is evident that the heads
of the St. Petersburg government have
decided that it must be removed.

This is the long and short of Rus-
sia's aggression of Finland. Having
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PREMIER ADDRESSED A
BIG OPEN AIR MEETING

Sir Wilfrid Laurier at St. Albert by
Great Concours—Spoke in French
and English—Speeches by Hon. F.
Oliver, and Geo. P. Graham—
Prince Rupert Pioneers Presented
Fleur-de-Lis.

The Cathedral town of St. Albert,
picturesquely located on the high
bank of the Sturgeon river, ten miles
north of Edmonton, was the scene
of a royal reception to Sir Wilfrid
Laurier Tuesday afternoon. The peo-
ple of the town and surrounding dis-
trict, who are largely French-Can-
adian, turned out en masse greet-
ing and were rewarded by an elo-
quent address in the language of their
own tongue, for the first time since
his arrival in the north. The occasion
was a grand affair, and the premier
was warmly welcomed.

Following the luncheon tendered
the premier at the King Edward
hotel by the Liberals of Edmonton,
Tuesday afternoon, Sir Wilfrid and
his colleagues were taken in automo-
bile to St. Albert. The town was
gaily decorated in honor of the visit
of the prime minister. The distin-
guished visitor first proceeded to the
seminary where he spent some time
with Bishop Legal, and the party
then returned to the foot of the hill
where a platform had been erected
for the ceremonies of the afternoon.

Bishop Legal accompanied Sir Wil-
frid Laurier to the place where the
meeting was held.

The premier was greeted with the
hymn, "O Canada," sung by the
townspeople gathered on the oppo-
site bank, as he took his place on the
platform.

The gathering was presided over by
Lucien Boudreau, M.P.P., who intro-
duced Sir Wilfrid to his constitu-
ents in a short address in French.
Mr. Boudreau explained that owing to
the short space of time at his disposal
the reception committee had de-
cided not to present an address, but
to welcome the premier by word of
mouth. He wished to thank Sir Wil-
frid for coming to St. Albert, and
Hon. Frank Oliver, Hon. George P.
Graham, Hon. A. L. Sifton, Hon. C.
W. Cross and others of his party, for
accompanying him. Mayor H. B. Daw-
son welcomed the premier in the
name of the people of St. Albert.

Sir Wilfrid, speaking in French,
spoke the hearts of the townspeople by
a direct, unassuming address. He
wished to assure the people of St. Al-
bert that he had the interests of all
equally at heart. As long as he held the
office of premier he would see to it
that the interests of the people of
the north were taken into account.
He expressed his pleasure at being
able to visit St. Albert and congratulated
the townspeople on the beautiful loca-
tion of their town.

At the conclusion of his address in
French the premier spoke for several
minutes in English, and was warmly
received by Hon. F. Oliver.

Hon. Frank Oliver, who spoke next,
was given a hearty reception. Mr.
Oliver paid a tribute to the premier
for the great work he had done in
unifying the French and English in
Canada. The people who were now
working together for Canada, had
prior to the present time been ham-
pered by one another. Mr. Oliver
was proud of the support given him
by the people of St. Albert, who were
of different religions, but united
themselves in the support of the
premier.

He was equally proud to
serve under such a French-Catholic
premier as Sir Wilfrid Laurier. When
differences of race were no longer
of importance, it is in this fashion
that the future of the country.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham, who ad-
dressed the meeting, paying a high
tribute to his leader.

A feature of the evening was the
presentation to Sir Wilfrid of a flu-
minated address from the old
pioneers of Alberta, who settled in
the north of the province. It was known
as Rupert's Land, between the years
1827 and 1870. The address was
signed by Jas. Gibbons, district pre-
sident of the old territory, and was
presented to Sir Wilfrid by the
Hon. Canon Chambers, of Mon-
treal.

The address was as follows:
To His Honor Sir Wilfrid Laurier,
G.C.M., G.P.C., Premier of Canada,
Honorable Sir.—We, the old
pioneers of Alberta, are proud to have
the honor of welcoming in our midst
so distinguished a visitor, and one
that we regard with the respect and
veneration befitting a father of our
Great Confederation, and a signal
benefactor of our country.

We do not forget, honorable Sir,
your unswerving and persevering
efforts for the consolidation and ag-
grandisement of this "British North
America," and for the formation of a
united, united and prosperous peo-
ple.

Allow us to tell you, honorable Sir,
that we are highly honored to have
found in you the old pioneer of the
west, the instrument in developing, for
half a century or more, the vast re-
sources of our country, which have
led to the prosperity at present en-
joyed by us. You here amongst us
as the first pioneers of faith, agricul-
ture and commerce in these immense
territories, these territories which to-
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TWO PROBLEMS
FOR CONFERENCE

Question Whether Missionary Depart-
ment Should Be Divided Will Be
Before Methodist Delegates—The
Superannuation Fund Will Also Be
Dealt With.

Toronto, Ont., August 10.—The
question of whether there shall be a
separate home mission office in Win-
nipeg is one which will come up dur-
ing the next two weeks before the
Methodist General Conference at Victo-
ria, to which hundreds of delegates
are already speeding on their way.
The question is involved in the re-
arrangement of the missionary depart-
ment, which is a question of great
importance to the church.

Another problem coming before the
delegates will be that of the advis-
ability of electing an associate gen-
eral superintendent to relieve Rev. Dr.
Carman of some of the burdens now
pressing upon him. The desirability
of giving a larger grant from the
superannuation fund to the widows
and children of ministers, who are de-
pendent upon it, will be another im-
portant question. At present a man
in the active service of the ministry
receives about \$10 per annum for
every year of active service. The pro-
posal now is to put everybody in a
position to enjoy the benefits of the
fund permanently and not only those
who had been for the specified num-
ber of years in the work.

When the platform proceedings had
ended the party returned to Edmon-
ton, Luncheon at King Edward.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the guest
of honor of the Liberal Association of
Edmonton at a luncheon in the King
Edward Hotel yesterday afternoon,
following the reception of the civic
and U.P.A. delegation in the Board of
Trade rooms. The luncheon did not
commence until a late hour and was
not over until four o'clock, the time
of departure for St. Albert. Speech
making was consequently eliminated
from the program, but full justice
was done to an elaborate menu.
Music was furnished throughout the
luncheon by Turner's orchestra. One
hundred and fifty business men were
in attendance.

Premier Sifton was chairman and
after proposing the health of the
King, proposed the health of the
guests of the day in the words: "Here's
to the health of the King's greatest
premier, to Canada's greatest citizen,
and to the health of the Liberal party."
Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The toast was received with tre-
mendous applause, three times three
cheers being given to Sir Wilfrid
Laurier could reply. Sir Wilfrid in
a few words stated that owing to the
lateness of the hour he would defer
his reply until he reached St. Albert.
Seated at the head table, on Pre-
mier Sifton's right were: Hon. C.
Laurier, Hon. Frank Oliver, Hon. C.
W. Cross and Hon. H. B. Dawson.
Hon. Senator Roy and Hon. Duncan
Marshall.

APPEALS HEARD ON
CITY ASSESSMENT

Four Edmonton Judges Present Their
Views Before Judge Lees, of Weta-
kiddin—Judgment Is Reserved—
Similar Cases Before Judge Noel
Some Time Ago.

His Honor Judge Lees, of Weta-
kiddin, Tuesday afternoon, in the Dis-
trict court, heard the appeal of four
Edmonton judges from the assess-
ment of their income by the city. The
appellants, Mr. Justice Scott, Mr. Jus-
tice Giesbrecht, Mr. Justice Giesbrecht
and Mr. Justice Taylor, were represent-
ed by C. D. Mount, of the firm of
Emery, Newell & Bolton, and City
Attorney Down appeared for the munici-
pality.

It was contended by counsel for the
appellants that the income of the
judges could not be taxed by the
municipality, exemption being claimed
on the ground that the judges were
civil servants. Cases were cited
in support of the contention, and it
was shown that the income of civil
servants might be assessed by a munici-
pality.

A decision of the privy council in
an Australian case and the decision
of the Supreme Court of Canada in
upholding the judgment of the Sup-
reme Court in England that the
income of civil servants, were quoted.

The judges residing in Edmonton
for the great part of the year for
the last four years against taxation.
The previous cases were tried by His
Honor Judge Noel, who reserved
judgment in each instance and had
not yet given his verdict.

SONS OF ENGLAND CONVENTION

Supreme Lodge in 80th Annual Ses-
sion at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—The thirtieth
session of the Supreme Lodge Sons of
England opened here Tuesday after-
noon under the presidency
of Supreme President T. A. Smith, of
Chatham. There was a large at-
tendance of delegates, who were given
an excellent welcome by Controller E. H.
Hinchey in the absence of Mayor
Hopewell. The chief business of the
convention was the presentation of
the report of Supreme Secretary J. W.
Carter. The financial statement show-
ed that in 1909 the Supreme Lodge re-
ceived \$100,000 in contributions, and
expended \$110,000, and the 1909 receipts
were also greater than the expenditures.
A loyal address to King George was
submitted as the first order of business
by Rev. Canon Chambers, of Mon-
treal.

EARTH CURRENTS EFFECT WIRES

East and West of Fort William Lines
Are in Bad Shape.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—The
funeral of Samuel M. Fasset, at one
time one of the best known photo-
graphers in the United States, was
held here yesterday from the home
of his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Delano.
Mr. Fasset was born at Dayham,
Canada, in 1825. At the age of
twenty-five he went to Chicago, and
there took up the study of photog-
raphy under Daguerre, the originator
of the daguerreotype. For several
years he was associated in business
with Daguerre, and then established
a studio of his own. Mr. Fasset
numbered among his sitters hundreds
of prominent public men. Later he
was appointed photographer to the
supervising architect of the Treasury.
Mr. Fasset's wife was the painter of
the great picture of the Electoral
College, which hangs in the Sen-
ate gallery wing in the Capitol.

PLUMBER BACK IN OTTAWA.

Says He Is Not After Saskatchewan
Liquor-Licensing Governmentship.

Ottawa, Ont., August 9.—J. G. Tur-
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