BUILD CRUISERS FOR COASTAL PROTECTION

London Times Believes Over-Seas Dominions Can Best Serve Empire in This Way—Smaller Type of Vessel Better Investment Than Dreadnought—Old World News.

Canadian Associated Press.

London, April 17.—The Times dealing with the Dominions and their naval defence programs says the principle whereon naval organization can best proceed was laid down very clearly by Lord Milner in Toronto, viz: "It is not a question of shifting burdens, but developing fresh centres of strength." The Times thinks the purpose served by British warships in many outlying seas may be served with equal benefit to the Empire by Canadian or Australian ships, and believes that cruisers instead of Dreadnoughts would be a better investment for Australians.

By-Election Goes Liberal.

London, April 17.—The East Edinburgh by-election held today resulted in the election of the Government candidate. The vote was: Gibson, Liberal, 4,527; Fort, Unionist, 4,069.

For All Red Route.

Wellington, April 17.—A deputation from the conference of chambers of commerce submitted to Premier Ward its resolutions including a motion for the establishment of an All-Red route and another dealing with the desirability of compulsory military service. Sir Joseph replied that the proposals would be submitted to Parliament at the coming session, which would effect a complete and far-reaching change in the Dominion's defence system.

Tore Down Union Jack.

Christchurch, New Zealand, April 17.—Today's navy league meeting was attended by five thousand persons, but a number of extremist Socialists refused to allow the speakers to be heard. An overwhelming majority of those present were in favor of the government's action in offering a Dreadnought to the Mother Country. A few extremists tore down the Union Jack, but since have been stated that it was done in a moment of excitement and no insult to the flag was meant.

Canada In the Forefront.

Paris, April 17.—The annual report of the British Chamber of Commerce here calls attention to the extent whereof the trade to Canada has been hampered during the past year, prior to the ratification of the Franco-Canadian treaty whereto great importance is attached as showing that the Dominion is coming into the fore front of the battle for the world's trade.

GENERAL STRIKE IN FRANCE.

May Day is Awaited With Apprehension—Prison Officials Included.

Paris, April 19—There is every indication that the 1st of May will be marked by impesing labor manifestations in Paris and the provinces. The labor unions are holding secret meetings in all parts of the country, but so far their plans have been successfully kept dark.

For the first time the protest of manual labor will be backed up by organizations of state employees and functionaries, including those of the postal and telegraph service, state railways, school teachers, some of the police unions and even the associations of prison wardens and turnkeys. Under the circumstances a general strike would be exceptionally serious.

The government is quite as reticent regarding its plans as the labor leaders. The Conservative element has great confidence in the prime minister, believing that M. Clemenceau is a man of prompt action and ready to meet any emergency. At the ministery of the interior no information can be had, but the American correspondent learns from an influential deputy that the government is fully prepared to meet a general strike, no matter what day it breaks out. Soldiers have been chosen to take the place of strikers in telegraph offices, the postal service and at the telephones, and a sufficient number of soldiers, expert in railway affairs, can be called upon to insure a regular train service.

The deputy added: "I understand that the government has been told by its legal advisers that a universal cessation of work on the part of its various employees in conjunction with the labor unions constitutes a conspiracy pure and simple. If M. Clemenceau decides to accept this opinion, the leaders can be immediately arrested as well as the state functionaries. The next logical step would be the seizure and confiscation of the funds of the various associations and unions, which would cripple them for 20 years.

"I hope matters may not reach this stage, but I am sure the government is ready, no matter what happens."

ALDERMEN ARE UNSEATED

Voted Money as Finance Committee for Mayor's Expenses to France.

Montreal, April 19.—The Court of Review on Saturday rendered an important judgment, unseating and disqualifying seven of the leading members of the city council from sitting as aldermen for two years. Those affected by the judgment are Aldermen L. A. Lapointe, G. W. Saddler, J. G. A. Martin, James Robinson, E. Guay, L. A. Vallee, and D. A. Fraser. They were all members of the finance committee of the city council, and the court held that they had violated the city charter by voting a sum of money toward the expenses of Mayor Payette and assistant city clerk Beauset, who accompanied the Mayor to France to represent the council at the Champlain celebration. An appeal has been taken against the decision, and the aldermen will be able to sit until the appeal is decided.

Trawler Sunk; Three Drowned.

Falmouth, April 18—Trawler Westward Ho was sunk in a collision with the steamer Picton in the English channel, and three members of the crew were drowned.

FOSTER'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Better Weather Conditions Will Prevail After April 21st, but Temperatures Will Continue Low Till the 26th.

Washington, April 19.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent 16 to 20, warm wave 15 to 19, cool wave 18 to 22. This was expected to be a cold period with frosts further south than usual and severe storms on many parts of the continent. The heaviest rains of the month were expected with this storm wave.

Next disturbances will reach Pacific coast about 20, cross Pacific slope by close of 21, great central valleys 22 to 24, eastern states 25. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about 20, great central vallegs 22, eastern states 24. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about 23, great central valleys 25, eastern states 27.

This disturbance will bring a recovery from the unusually cool priod but temperatures will continue too low for good crop weather. The storms will continue to be severe but rainfall will decrease. Last disturbance of April will reach Pacific coast about 25, cross Pacific slope by close of 26, great central vallegs 27 to 29, eastern states 30. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about 25, great central valleys 27, eastern states 29. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about 28, great central valleys 30 eastern states May 2. This disturbance will bring temperatures up to normal, good crop weather will be restored, rains will not excessive and the storms will become less severe. At the close of April the crops will be generally a little late but not in first class condition, but the normal weather of last part of April and first part of May will soon put crops in fair condition.

I am expecting drouth in some sections to be detrimental to all crops particularly oats and corn and a little too dry for winter wheat. This would have a tendency to advance prices but grain is already too high. The great speculators are manipulating the markets and therefore crop weather effects do not show up in the markets.

Next bulletin will give general forecasts of May crop weather. My April forecasts proved good for first part of April except in vicinity of Washington, D. C.

"DIAMOND MAKER" CAUGHT.

Swindled Englist Merchant Out of Thousands.

Paris, April 19—Henri Lemoine, the diamond maker, was arrested here today. Lemoine is the man who created a sensation last summer by pretending that he could make diamonds. After he had deceived a good many people, he was arrested in Paris on complaint of Julius Wernher, an English diamond merchant, who had advanced him large sums of money, believing in the genuineness of his process. Lemoine brazened it so well that finally the magistrate who had his case in charge released him in order to give him a chance to show that he really could make the gems. By various pretences he postponed the test until the magistrate's patience was exhausted and then he disappeared. That was on July 17. The indulgent magistrate lost his position and Lemoine was tried in default and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. Since then reports have been received that he was in Italy, in Turkey, and so forth, but he managed to evade justice till today.

TO RETURN TO ERIN.

"Irish Home Going" Project.—50,000 to Return to Native Land.

Mason, April 19—"Ireland for the Irish, 1910—Meet me at Killarney." With this as their slogan, the friends of the proposed "Irish Home Going" movement in 1910, want not less than 50,000 of the sons and daughters of Erin to make the pilgrimage to Ireland, for an industrial revival of the country.

The occasion promises to be the greatest epoch-making event in the history of Ireland, backed as it is by the encouragement and support of prominent members of the Irish race.

The home going movement to Ireland has assumed such proportions that confidence is expressed in the success of the undertaking.

Among those who have pledged themselves and are lending their aid to the movement is Richard Croker, the former Tammany chieftain.

The principal motive underlying the proposed pilgrimage is the development of the natural resources of Ireland and the upbuilding of its industries.

MYTHICAL RAILWAY COMPANIES.

203 Charters Granted and Only 25 Used in 20 Years.

Ottawa, April 29—A return tabled in parliament on Monday shows that for two decades, 1888 to 1908, exclusive of the Canadian Pacific, the Grand Trunk and the G.T.P. charters have been granted for the construction of 63,809 miles of railways in Canada. Of 203 companies incorporated, only 25 have constructed any portion of the railways authorized and 86 charters have elapsed. Eighty charters have been given one extension of time, 42 have received two extensions, and 18 three extensions or more. Since 1900, 117 charter have been granted of which 26 have already lapsed.

Need a Proper Spanking.

North Bay, Ont., April 19—William Hanley, aged 10, and Justin St. James, aged 9, who have been giving the police and their parents much trouble, were today sentenced to terms in the industrial school, Hanley to four years, and St. James to two. Their last escapade occurred last night, when the store of Brennan & Company was burglarized, and watches and jewelry stolen. The policeman discovered juvenile footprints in the soft mud near the basement window, which had been forced, and upon searching the boys at home, found the stolen articles. One week ago the boys ran away from home and were brought back from Ottawa. The previous week, they had been caught robbing a store.

Shooting Accident at Lethbridge.

Lethbridge, April 19—A man named McGillis accidentally shot himself yesterday with a revolver. He will recover.

VETERAN FUR TRADER LEAVING FOR NORTH

Colin Fraser Proceeding to Fort Chipewyan Where He will Exchange Supplies for Indians' Fur Catch—Red Men Have Had Hard Year—Fur Has been S rac.

Colin Fraser, the veteran fur trader of Fort Chipewyan, left Wednesday for Athabasca Landing, from which point he will take a river passage to his trading post, as soon as the ice has broken on the Athabasca.

Mr. Fraser received a telegram last night from Hagey's Place half way to Edmoton, which said that the team from the Landing was on its way but that the roads were very bad. The team and driver will arrive here tonight and the departure will be made in the morning. Two trusty men will accompany Mr. Fraser on the trip.

At Athabasca Landing the party will await the opening of the river, when the passage is favorable, three scows will put out, loaded with $6,000 worth of provisions such as flour, lard, bacon, sugar etc., which were shipped to the Landing for Mr. Fraser by Revillion Bros. The scows have been built for Mr. Fraser during the winter months by an old Hudson Bay guide living at the Landing.

The party intend to make the passage to Fort Chipewyan in twenty days, when the spring trade with the Indians will commence. It is not expected that much fur will change hands this season as the Indians have had a most unprofitable winter with the temperature very cold and the fur bearing animals very scarce.

The barter in fur will take about a month after which Mr. Fraser will return to Edmonton withthe season's catch, arriving here probably about the first of July. It will be twenty one years next July since Mr. Fraser became a regular trapper to Fort Chipewyan and he estimates that the catch of furs this year will be as small as he has ever seen.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE CONFERENCE

British Opposition Desire a Non-Partizan Meeting.

Canadian Associated Press.

London, April 20—In connection with Premier Asquith's recent suggestion for an imperial defence conference, in which the government and colonial representatives should take up the question again, where it was left, after the last abortive colonial conference, the desire is expressed by all official members of the opposition that the question should be treated if possible, without partizan bias, and it is stated that Premier Asquith would receive the full and hearty support of Hon. A. J. Balfour if he announced his intention to deal with it in a broad and non-partizan manner.

STEAMERS FAST IN ICE.

Five Boats Unable to Make Sault Ste. Marie.

Sault Ste. Marie, April 19—Five boats are now at Detour, where they have been waiting since yesterday morning. Four of these are in the ice between Sweets Point light and Lime Islands. Attempts were made all day to force a passage, but little progress was made. The steamers in the ice are the Northern King, Northern Light, G. Watson, French and City of Chatham. The Dunham is tied up at the dock until the channel is clear. Late this afternoon the steamer Northern Wave was reported in the ice about ten miles south of Whitefish Point. She was sighted by the lighthouse keeper, and had not moved during the day. The ice is reported solid between Iroquois and Whitefish, held there by a north wind. The situation will not be improved very early unless the weather changes.

A NOVA SCOTIA INVESTIGATION.

Opposition Moves Tor Inquiry Into Spending Departments.

Halifax, N.S., April 19—A political sensation was sprung in the legislature today when the leader of the Conservative opposition gave notice of a motion to appoint a commission similar to the Cassels inquiry to investigate the supplies in the various provincial departments of the government. It is alleged that patronage is rife, and that no system of public tender and contract exists. The motion will probably be debated on Wednesday. Members of the opposition declare that friends of the government have been furnishing supplies to the public departments for years at a profit ranging from 25 to 200 per cent. over jobbers' prices, and that the annual loss has likely been as high as $50,000.

Begins Suit for $500,000.

New York, April 20.—"Prince" John Rex de Guelph, who says he is the son of the present King of England, has broken into the limelight again by beginning an action against the St. Regis Hotel company for $5000,000. The suit was based on an episode which occurred at the hotel on March 26 last, when the "Prince" left there under what he describes in his complaint as "A humiliating circumstances," when he was put under arrest.

Too Early for Seeding.

Stettler, April 20.—Some few farmers in this district have started seeding, but the spring is not sufficiently advanced for seeding to become general. Discing operating are progressing, but the weather is not really warm and continuous. A much arger area of breaking has been done and will be put into crop this season.

Picked Sleeping Man's Pocket.

Stettler, Alta., April 19.—John Schlark, arrested by the Mounted Police at Stettler on Sunday, charged with the theft of a watch from the vest pocket of Francis Tulloch, while the latter was asleep in bed, was brought before Magistrates Gray and Matthias today and sentenced to two months' hard labor at Fort Saskatchewan.

SOCIAL EVIL IN CALGARY.

Calgary Minister Makes Startling Statements — White Slavery Practised.

Calgary, April 19.—"A Clean City" was the subject of the Rev. M. Coone, East Calgary, at the Y.M.C.A. men's lecture yesterday afternoon. He said Calgary was not nearly as free from the social evil as some cities, although not worse than other cities in the west. There were certain conditions in Calgary, caused by its being a new city, but Calgary had now reached a stage when, for the good of its future, it must take steps to stamp out the evil. The problem of the future was the problem of a great city. Keep Calgary as clean as the country, which is usually free from vice. The social evil and gambling dens must go. The police no doubt did all they could, but they could not look to a policeman for a remedy.

No Effort to Stamp it Out.

Mounted Police only recently, that He was told by a sergeant in the for two whole years no one had raised a finger against the social evil and vice in the Calgary district. The people of Calgary today were building their homes on the brink of a volcano more dangerous than Mount Vesuvius, as the social evil would pour its deadly lava into the homes of the people, that would cause sorrow and degradation. It was not long ago that a mother came to him, with horror stamped on her face. She had overheard a conversation of her young children discussing the red light district.

"How could the children help it? They have only to look out of their window to see the hacks driving to and fro, and the houses only a mile away. It affected their imagination and they grew up polluted. There was contamination of immorality on the lips of children as they were growing up, and it was in these children we had to look to for a greater, cleaner city.

"Social evil interferes with business progress," said Mr. Coone. "I have been told it is hurting the business men, especially those in the east end. It is publicly advertised abroad, and in eastern cities, and under the circumstances will the mothers and fathers, hearing this, let their children come out to build up the west. It is not safe to let girls travel alone."

"I was told a short time ago by two gentlemen," continued the speaker, "that they knew of four men in Calgary who were living on the proceeds of immoral women, were being supported well and paid handsomely to trap innocent girls and send them to immoral houses. Calgary is waking up to the fact. The Ministerial Association, doctors and others are waking up to its dangers, and will work together to stamp it out."

"The day has come to take action, and we are going to take action," said Mr. Coone. "The time has come when both sexes should be punished. This would help, and the time is come that the men entering such houses should be punished, besides having their names published in the papers."

FOR PACIFIC END OF G. T. P.

Rolling Stock to be Shipped From Vancouver to Prince Rupert.

Vancouver, April 19—The Grand Trunk Pacific rolling stock and power will start moving through Vancouver next month for Prince Rupert, a contract having been made by the railway company with the Mackenzie Brothers Steamship company for the transportation of 300 passenger and freight cars and a number of locomotives. The cars have been manufactured in the east, and early in May will be used on the main line of the new transcontinental on the completion of the first 100 miles of track to be built from Prince Rupert. It is estimated that eight months or a year will elapse before the last of this rolling stock is landed at Prince Rupert. The method of transportation to the new transcontinental terminus will be by barge from Vancouver. The barge Georgian, with a capacity of 14 freight cars, will be used in the service. She will be able to make three round trips per month at least.

The laying out of the railway terminal yards at Prince Rupert is to be rushed so that there will be ample room available this summer for handling the rolling stock. These yards have already been planned on a most extensive scale, and it is the intention of the company to make them the best on the Pacific coast. Surrounding the yards, property has been laid out for the special accommodation of the mechanics and laborers who will be employed at the shops. It is not certain that any of the property is to be put on the market at the auction sale of lots to be held in Vancouver on May 25, and if none of it is available at that time, some is certain to be sold during the coming summer. Mr. C. D. Randall, sales agent for the government and the railway, left last night for Prince Rupert to place the reserve prices on lots to be auctioned.

A RABID SOCIALIST STRONGLY REBUKED

Comrade Allan, in Address Before Socialist Gathering in Calgary, Indiscriminately Denounces Existing Social Organizations—Meeting Criticizes Him Severely For Attacks on Religion, Labor and Temperance.

Calgary, April 19.—The Socialist party of Calgary held a good meeting in the Labor Hall last night, but at the conclusion Comrade Allan, who had addressed those present, came in for some very strong criticisms for what was termed his "unwarranted attack against the church, Christianity, the temperance movement and organized labor."

Comrade Allan was the second speaker of the evening, and at the commencement of his address stated that he would confine himself to the class struggle for existence, which was the one great issue of the day.

"On the one side we have organized labor, and unorganized labor," he said, "and on the other side a bunch of political grafters called the capitalist class."

The speaker claimed that the majority of the people did not know what this class struggle was, and although organized and unorganized labor were fighting for the same principles, they were pulling against each other through not belonging to the one party.

Comrade Allan also found fault with the educational system and with the church for not teaching anything about this class struggle for life.

"All our childres learn in the schools today is to love, honor and obey their masters," he said. "Every son of every workingman in Calgary today is born into slavery, and if you workingmen do not turn out and put your shoulder to the Socialist wheel you will be ground down, as you deserve to be."

"The preachers and the Salvation Army tell us of the beautiful land about," he shouted, "but we see nothing of it. Give me what I want here and I will be satisfied. I want the pleasures and necessities of life here and nothing more."

The pleasures of life, he said, were whatever gave the individual man most pleasure. If a man found most pleasure in the saloons, give him all he wanted. Mr. Allan even went further and intimated that if he found pleasure in more questionable places, he should be allowed to have all the pleasure he wanted.

His chief grievance against the Salvation Army was that they brought ship loads of immigrants to Canada to supply the labor market, and were therefore on the side of the capitalist.

"They say that nothing gives them more pleasure than to save a drunkard," he remarked somewhat contemptuously, and then proceeded to ridicule the army and its work in a manner which obtained for him a decided rebuke when the meeting closed.

The church and organized labor were also ridiculed.

"Organized labor," said the speaker, "is organized for the benefit of one class. Everything they do is in the interests of organized labor. Organized labor says settle your troubles by peaceful methods. Do not get into a fight. This was just what the capitalist wanted, and showed how useless organized labor was. The Socialist party, on the other hand, were for the betterment of all classes, and would never give up fighting the capitalist classes.

To illustrate the usefulness of organized labor he cited the strike of mechanics on the Canadian Pacific.

"They called the men who took the strikers' places scabs," he said, "but who were the real scabs? The men who took the jobs or the engineers, firemen, brakemen and conductors who did not refuse to run the trains which brought the scabs here."

Municipal and government ownership were also slated. "They are no good for the workingman," said Allan, "as unless he has a line from some sky-pilot or political grafter, he cannot get a job on any of the government owned works or systems."

Mr. Allen had hardly resumed his seat when protests were voiced. One member of the party regretted strongly having to call the speaker to order for his remarks, while another stated that they had been present to hear an address on Socialism, but were given a "tirade of abuse."

The speaker stated that he wanted no wrong conception of his remarks taken. His position was that he did not believe in reforms and never would.

"Until you get reform you will never get Socialism," cried a hearer, and the meeting ended abruptly.

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