

FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

FINANCIERS ROASTING THE ADMINISTRATION

Wall Street is Exceedingly Bitter Against the Government—"Trust Busting" Blamed for the Present State of Affairs

(New York Journal of Commerce.)

Financiers never talked more bitterly than they are talking today. Many of them profess to have been driven to desperation, and avow that the consequences, be they what they may, are on others' heads. Patience has been exhausted. John D. Rockefeller's utterances are typical of what can be heard every hour in Wall street. Indignation has veered round against the president, but the attorney-general, whose uncalculated flippancy at such a crisis is condemned in unmeasured terms. For the head of the legal machinery of the country to talk with gaiety of being able to bring down a "fine mess" of game is sure deplorable. The White House does not contain a ticker, of course, and the cantrips of Wall Street may have no interest for those entrusted with the destinies of the nation, yet after all the slaughter of securities has not been the sport of speculators and has become much too serious a matter to be talked of with gibe and jest.

The ill-will of Wall street may be a valuable political asset, if so, the administration is today rich beyond precedent. Were the violent expressions that now fill the financial atmosphere indicative only of disgruntled gamblers, the position would not be grave, but within the last two weeks men of responsibility, men who have done much in building up this United States, have been compelled to withdraw their allegiance from the politicians who seek to carry favor at any cost, even at the cost of the constitution. This change of sentiment has not been blazoned abroad, but it is, especially in circles not given

to irresponsible prattle, in a subtle, inconceivable thing, hard to diagnose, but those in closest touch with men and affairs are impressed with what has been borne upon them in recent days. "If the administration be determined to plunge the country into disaster, let them go ahead. We have done what we could to stave off trouble, and we have protested in vain." That is the sort of ultimatum now being delivered throughout the financial district.

This attitude may be petty and childish. It may not be worthy of men who aspire to financial and industrial leadership, but that it is the general attitude of day is indisputable and it is thus entitled to be chronicled as a fact since it will assist in rendering possible an intelligent opinion on the present situation and afford a hint of what may be the outcome of the policy now being followed with almost malicious avidity.

"While these temporary depressions are deplorable, they are after all only flurries in the great march of progress in business lines in the United States," says Don. H. Bacon, ex-president of T. C. & L., who has returned from a trip round the world. General conditions are too strong and the country is too active, progressive and virile for business to remain cast-down for any great period."

WHAT THE VISITORS THINK

Visiting British journalists have contributed the following signed articles to the Victoria Colonist after having spent three weeks journeying across Canada from Quebec to the Pacific coast.

With regard to the natural resources of Canada, plenty of volumes have been and will be written, and still the tale will not be fully told. I think, however, that the expression of an opinion on the part of all-governing portions of the Empire, none has more clearly shown itself in every detail of the expression of an opinion on the part of the highest order, than the Dominion of Canada. With regard to the future of Canada, only the records of its visitary world attempt exact prophecy. It is enough for us to know, as Britishers the world over to know now, and admit with affectionate pride, that Canada has introduced a new life into the life of the world. The clear sunshine of the British Empire, the clear sunshine of hope to weary thousands in overburdened Europe. Some young nations have been launched into the world through the noisy surf of a great gold-rush, and with the seductive handicap of a climate which moves men only to love and pleasure. But God fashioned Canada for another sort of destiny than this; and Canada has shown that neither pleasure nor yet the mighty dollar, have usurped the rightful first place of duty and good citizenship in the life of her sons. Canada passed triumphantly a quarter of a century ago, through the sort of ordeal which proves sterling men and weeds out weaklings. By the voice of her great minister, Sir John Macdonald, Canada chose then once and for all, the path which leads to greatness, the policy of assertion of the claims of posterity the rights of the larger duty, without checking merely the activities of the present. From that day, as I see it, the march of Canada toward great self-reliance and independence has been steady, unbroken, assured. Of late years, the Dominion has gone even farther, and in her attitude toward the mother country, the great mother of young nations, has set a noble example to the whole Empire; are more, a friendly lead, which I for one believe that our children will recognize as one of the greatest of the first steps toward the equality of nations, which is going to make the British empire the most beneficent influence for progress and well-being that humanity has ever known.

I am not in a position to say that this tour through Canada has been a revelation to me. It has been the kindest of confirmations of all the boasts and hopes that I have been expressing about Canada since I passed through the country fifteen years ago. And what a subject, what a theme, for pride and hope! I wish that all the writers and all the teachers and lawmakers of England could come to this point of view that matters. The one drawback would be that England would lose a number of her writers and teachers and lawmakers, for they would feel, as I do, the strong pull of desire to remain in this beautiful new land, and play their part in its development. And yet, again, we should not lose them for the making of a good Canadian must always mean, not a loss, but a gain to that ancient centre of the empire of which Canada forms so magnificent a part.

A. J. DAWSON.

Leonardo da Vinci wrote in his notebook: "You do it if you please, but worse if you cannot what you do not rightly understand." Even Leonardo, despite all his intellectual and intuitive powers, could not have won a right understanding of Canada during a three weeks' lightning trip across as many thousand miles of territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific, nor, though as in our case, he had as guides and counsellors Canada's unswerving sovereign, George V., known to initiates as George Ham. As for me, I landed at Quebec profoundly, yet I hope not invincibly ignorant. In the brief interval, Canada, from a vast geographical fact associated with a number of happenings recorded in history, has become a splendid living reality. Well, indeed, were the several provinces linked forty years ago as a Dominion. That word, which has a suggestion of "divine excess," is as august as the most ardent imperialist can desire. It asserts the importance of Canada as she is today; it is, too, a prophecy for her future greatness. However inadequately I communi-

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HIGH-CLASS DINING CHAIRS.

One of the best assortments of high-class dining chairs in quartered oak, and leather seats, ever exhibited in this city, can now be seen at Amal Brow, Ltd., Waterloo street. These dining chairs are in all the latest designs, and those who are about to purchase, should do their shopping at the above reliable store, as these goods are marked down at very low prices. See ad.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

Owing to an omission on the printed programme at the Fremont's concert last night there was a great deal of mystery surrounding the talented young lady who was about to perform a waltz song toward the close of the evening and many left the building still unacquainted with her name. The young lady was Miss Emma Felix the Nickel's new soprano and her charming rendering was received with continued applause and an encore demanded.

HAPPY HALF HOUR HAS A GOOD COMEDY SHOW

The new bill at the Happy Half Hour was enjoyed yesterday by the largest crowd that has yet visited this popular playhouse, and nothing but words of praise was heard from the patrons. With the exception of one picture they are comedy pictures and the continuous laughter sounding throughout the building showed that all enjoyed them.

Henry Peck a much married man, forced by his wife to sweep, dust and scrub. Peck is a man who has a sport, and the first chance he gets he starts out for a poker game. On his arrival, he is warmly greeted, and just as he gets interested in the game, a woman appears. Her next place of enjoyment is a bowling alley, but she appears again. He next visits a billiard parlor and wins a large sum of money. Finally he visits a theatre to see the Salome dance, and is enjoying it when Mrs. Peck enters and tells him that she has been to the final scene of the dance in his own home. The way the spectators roared with laughter and the laughter of the audience.

From Jealousy to Madness is a strong dramatic story. Daniel Lee, a young man, is another laugh producer as a ball crank enjoying a game all by himself. Le Domino Rouge and Harry B. LeRoy sang the beautiful illustrated song, "I'll Be With You If You Promise To Be Mine," and, as usual, received genuine applause. Those who enjoy a hearty laugh cannot do better than visit the Happy Half Hour for there is plenty to cause laughter in the pictures shown.

HEAR MISS FELIX SING

FANELLA AT THE NICKEL

The Nickel was crowded to the doors and again last night and those who attended saw five of the very best pictures yet shown upon any St. John canvas. The legend of Genevieve of Brabant was a distinct novelty, and opened up a new avenue of pictorial entertainment. There have been fairy tales, fancies, phantasies, and nothing but words of praise was heard from the patrons. With the exception of one picture they are comedy pictures and the continuous laughter sounding throughout the building showed that all enjoyed them.

FINE PICTURE PROGRAMME AT THE OPERA HOUSE NOW

At the Opera House for the remainder of this week, matinee and evening, can be seen The Great Fire picture known as The Nottulm Fire. The life of a fireman is well portrayed. This picture is without doubt one of the most realistic ever seen in St. John. Thrilling scenes, fire fighting, the collapse of several burning buildings and every thing necessary to make a picture of this kind a big attraction are shown.

The False Coiner, another picture of exciting action, showing the passing of the coin, the chase by a detective, the place where the coin is made and finally capture, a full hour of entertainment, full orchestra, illustrated song and specially by Baby Rosa, who is well known to St. John audiences.

Queer Old Superstitions of Brittany

The Brittany folk doubtless hold to more old superstitions and traditions than any other people of the civilized world. They have the greatest faith in divination, and a Brittany person would know the number of enemies he has by taking twenty-five new cambric needles, and a question: "How long shall I live?" Then the needles are arranged in such a manner that no two of the needles touch each other, and these needles are water over them to the depth of half an inch or so. The number of needles that cross each other during this process designates the number of the person's enemies.

If the Brittany man wishes to know the length of his life he will gather a fresh leaf, write on it with his finger the name of his enemy, and then place it on a shelf or in some place where it is safe from hand or fire. He will then wait until the leaf is done rapidly the diviner's life is numbered by days or weeks, but if the process of withering is a long one, the person's life is to reach the three-score and ten mark without doubt.

To cure a child of tooth ache or the like is a strange remedy. It is called the "touch of the mole-finger hand." The "mole-finger hand" is obtained in this way: Catch a mole and squeeze it to death in the palm of the hand. While the hand is still warm from contact with the tortured animal the mole is worked by placing the palm on the afflicted part of the suffering child.

One of the oddest of Brittany folk's old superstitions is the magic of the travelling walking stick. The secret of possessing the much coveted stick is set forth here: "Take a stick, straight branch of elder; extract the pith; then substitute as filling the eyes of a wolf, the tongue and heart of a dog, three green lizards, and the hearts of three swallows, all of these having been reduced to powder by the sun as they lay folded between two papers and waxy arrows later. Finally, on top of this paper-drying the drying process—place seven leaves of vervain gathered on the eve of St. John the Baptist, together with a stone of divers colors which is found in the palm of a leech." It is said that this odd-prepared stick, when used, will cure all ailments, and will procure food and lodging wherever its owner desires to stop in his wanderings.

Little Sambo's Essay on a Watermelon

"De water million am de Sweetest fruit on earth, it Am Sweetest dan Honey an' twice as juicy. It hasent no Laigs nor Hans nor feet, fer it is belly all over it. It is little shinin black buttons cominly call et seeds, if a Fellah gets Lonsome all He Has 2 de 2 in' a water million patch an' Then he has de best' company in de Worl'. Its eatin an drinkin and sleppin an playin all in One. Water Millions grows in patches at de hidit wate divide big corn Fieds with fance drags a watch in them. But a Culed boy can autently fin a water million Path anywhur without disturbin de deage either. De oney Trouble about water Millions is dat dey am 2 seance an Small. But dey am Always wuth de time an danger upen a gittin em."

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.

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PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived to day.

Star Soba, 212, Bridges from Bermuda. Windward and Demerara, R. Rodol. Co., Pass and mds.

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VESSLS IN PORT

With Tonnage, Destination and Consignee.

DOMINION PORTS.

Winthrop, Aug. 15.—Cld. schr. Sam Slick for Calais.

BRITISH PORTS.

Bristol, Aug. 14.—Cld. ship Regent (N.S.) for London.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Wilmington, N. C. Aug. 12.—Cld. schr. Lord of Avon, (N. W. Cerner, Demerara.

REPORTS DISASTERS, ETC.

Boston, Aug. 15.—In an effort to extinguish the fire in the cargo of ship Marthaberta (Aus) two streams of water were directed into No. 3 hold today. No blaze has been seen, but the dense smoke arising from the compartment indicates a brisk fire in the lower hold. There is no possibility of the fire spreading and it will be quickly extinguished.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION

New York, Aug. 14.—Star Maranbena (Br) from Para & c. reports Aug. 13, lat. 38.31, lon. 72.20 passed a black and buoy, with No. 1 painted in white on side.

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MARINE NOTES

West India steamer Soba is due today. Wednesday from this port.

DEATHS

LOWRY—Aug. 15, at his residence Ludlow street (west John Lowry, of H. M. Customs. Notice of funeral later.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too late for classification.)

WANTED—BY SEPTEMBER 12, A GIRL for general housework, family of two. Apply 145 Main street. 1185-2-3.

WANTED—ERAND BOY, W. H. HAYWARD CO., LTD., PRINCE STREET. 1185-2-3.

LOST—AT ST. PETER'S PICNIC, TORRY-burn, a gold locket and chain. Finder please leave at Times Office. 1185-2-3.

LOST—BETWEEN ROCKWOOD PARK and Douglas Avenue, a lady's watch with 100 and short chain, with monogram M. G. K. Finder will be rewarded by leaving it at Mrs. Hill's, 122 Douglas Ave. 25-1-1.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN AND GIRL in shoe store. Address G. C. Times. 1185-2-3.

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