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Rain Stops Riots

(By T. C. Bridges.)
Rain has other effects than making rivers to run and crops to grow. Thunder arn is a fertiliser. Each quart of rain that falls in a thunderstorm contains about one-eighth of a grain of ammonia. When 300 tons of rain falls upon each acre, as happened in the great thunderstorm of last July, the amount of fertiliser carried down into the ground is very considerable.

A wet year is a healthy year, and always means a lowered death rate. Yet a big rain coming on top of a dry spell usually causes a temporary yet marked increase in infectious diseases, such as scarlet fever and diphtheria.

Rain in reasonable amount is welcomed by the angler. It improves the colour of the water, makes fish bite, and brings worms to the surface of the ground where they can be easily dug.

Yet at times rain destroys worms wholesale. This generally happens in spring after a long spell of east wind. If heavy cold rain then sets in worms are caught in waterlogged soil. They try to escape, but are drowned in myriads while crossing roads on their way to drier ground.

Rain is destroying that world-famous monument, the Egyptian Sphinx. Formerly Egypt was practically rainless. Now, owing to irrigation and consequent increase of vegetation, there are about eighteen days' heavy rain yearly in the Nile delta.

These days of rain are usually followed by the "Khamasin" the gate from the desert, which, carrying quantities of sand, cuts into the sodden limestone of which the Sphinx is composed and literally whittles away the surface.

A timely shower of rain has often quenched a riot, but a big rain may make or mar the peace of wide districts. In June two years ago matters in India were in a very critical state, and the authorities expected uprisings such as culminated in that very serious upset in the Punjab two years previously.

What made things so particularly critical was the fact that the weather remained dry and burning hot. Then, in the very nick of time, the monsoon burst with its usual thunderstorms and torrents of heavy rain. Within the space of a few hours all danger was at an end, and the fear of riots that might have cost thousands of lives was ended.

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The immense strides which Canada has made in the world's trade within the past decade can only be realized when statistics governing former years are studied. For instance in no year back of 1912 were the imports and exports for a twelve months' period greater than for the five months quoted above. In other words we are now doing considerably over one hundred per cent more business than we were eleven years ago. In 1911 our total import and export trade amounted to \$742,000,000; in 1912 this trade was represented by the figures \$830,000,000, and it was not until 1913 that we crossed the billion dollar mark. I would humbly recommend a course on Canada's trade statistics for our calamity howlers.

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Constitution Makes Turkey a Republic

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL HAVE LEGISLATIVE POWER ONLY.

Constantinople, Oct. 5.—The new Turkish constitution will provide that Turkey be a republic with a president elected for a period of four or five years, it is learned.

The national assembly will have legislative power only, the executive power being entrusted to cabinet responsible to the assembly. A council of state will fulfill the function usually cared for by a parliamentary upper house. The members of this council will be appointed by the president of the Republic.

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Imperial Oil Co. Abandon Borings in Far North

CALGARY, Alta., Oct. 8.—When the deep-toned whistle of the big steamship "Distributor" blew a sonorous blast on August 28, last, 53 miles below Fort Norman post on the Mackenzie River, the million dollar three-year northern adventure of the Imperial Oil, Ltd., came to an end. Aboard the steamship there were a score or more of men—drillers, tool dressers, firemen and mechanics, dog teams, half breed helpers, everybody right down to the camp cats and all outward bound.

To-day the formerly busy oil camps at the edge of the Arctic Circle stand deserted.

The men, under the leadership of Dr. W. A. Richardson, of Vancouver, who was in charge of the medical work and health supervision at the camps, reached Calgary from Edmonton on Sat. 15 and dispersed to various destinations throughout Canada and the United States.

No one, not even the local officials of the Imperial Oil, Ltd., know the future plans of the big company with regard to its far north search for oil. But this is the first year since the northern drive started in 1920 that the camps have been entirely abandoned in the winter. Whether the drilling will ever be resumed is a matter that probably has not even been decided by the eastern directors themselves. At any rate, no oil has been struck except in the original "Discovery" well on the right bank of the Mackenzie River, about 53 miles north of Fort Norman, and just about 100 miles from the Arctic Circle.

Two other deep wells were drilled and came in "dry." They were located on Bear Island, just opposite the "Discovery" well and at "C" camp on the opposite or left hand bank of the big river.

"Yes," said one of the drillers, "last winter seemed a long time up there, but we had signed on for the season so we just stuck it out for the drilling during the summer months. Are you glad to get back? I'll say we are. Believe me, that's going to be a lonesome country up there this winter. There's not even a dog. And the white population of Fort Norman will be just one man this winter, I believe. Last year there were seven counting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police contingent, but I believe they are due to come "outside" this winter also.

The drillers, of course, loyal to their company, would say nothing concerning the depth of the wells drilled or their state, but it was learned positively that the Bear Island well and the "C" camp well are "dry" holes. The original discovery well, rated by the company as a 100-barrel per day well, is still as good as ever, but there is no demand along the river for the oil to make it worth while operating.

In 1921, the company sent in a small but very modern and complete distillation plant to distill gasoline from the crude oil of the "Discovery" well. Gasoline manufactured from the crude oil of this well was used successfully by the Imperial Oil, Ltd., all-metal airplanes in their northern flights during the early spring and summer of 1921. Various "crashes" resulted in the abandonment of the aerial enterprise and the gasoline produced was then used in the motor boats. But the still was not operated at all during the present summer as it was found that the cost of producing the gasoline there was such it could not compete with gasoline brought in around the Alaskan coast to Herschel Island and to the mouth of the Mackenzie River by whaling vessels. This gasoline costs from \$1 to \$1.25 per gallon along the lower Mackenzie River, which gives some idea of the production cost of gasoline from crude oil in the far north when it cannot be sold in competition.

"How did we spend the winter months," said one of the drillers, "well, we were kept pretty busy cutting wood for fuel right through November and December up until January and then we just put in the time till the days began to get longer. We did not have many storms up there and the cold was endurable, but there isn't much daylight in the middle of the winter. Besides, in the winter months, it seems to snow just a little every day and the skies are gray and overcast most of the short time that the sun is above the horizon.

"The first snow comes to stay about the 18th of October, as it did last fall and the big river freezes over solid about the first of November. It is running with slush ice for three weeks before that. I crossed it on good solid ice on November 10 last year.

"But the spring weather is fine. Right through the first of May, we had almost continual daylight. Even in April the long days begin and in the latter part of that month we found it necessary to use artificial light only about two hours of the 24 when we were running day and night shifts. Both last summer and this summer were fine, very hot weather through the summer and practically no rain."

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