

FINDS ARGUMENT FOR PREFERENCE

London Daily Telegraph Points Moral from Tariff and Trade Agreement Lately Reached by Canada and Germany

IT ALSO REFERS TO U. S. NEGOTIATIONS

Maintains That Valuable Opportunities Have Been Lost Since Mr. Chamberlain Launched Reform Crusade

LONDON, March 17.—The Daily Telegraph (Unionist) has on the subject of tariff reform and Canada, in the following: "While there is no immediate occasion for alarm in connection with the new commercial understanding between Canada and Germany—while, indeed, the end of the tariff war will be regarded with satisfaction by all reasonable people—there are, however, obvious possibilities to which we can only be blind at our peril. The worst result of free trade is the effect it has on the country with regard to questions of economic policy. Hit by hostile tariffs in every self-governing market, whether outside the Empire or under the flag, we have always been unable to assume that international business will regulate itself for the best if left alone. This habit was always unwise, as Lord Beaconsfield said nearly seventy years ago. Since the South African war it has been stupid, in view of our persistent neglect of invaluable opportunities which have been well within our grasp. There is no real doubt that national unity or indecision on the imperial aspect of the tariff question will be fatal if much longer continued. We have another warning with the preliminary negotiations between Berlin and Ottawa. May we have two warnings, for the Washington government has just taken a notable step in appointing envoys whose duty it will be in the first case to do all they can to prevent a tariff conflict between the Republic and the Dominion, and who will have next to make a fresh review of the whole fiscal problem as it now exists between the two great nations. When are we in this country—spoiled children of history as in the past we have been—going to stand in the way of objects that are vital to our imperial existence? How long is it to be dependent on the "Molly Maguires" (Irish Nationalists) to be allowed to impede the movement for closer union with the Empire, when every year is rapidly diminishing chances that may never return.

ANARCHISTS MAKE HEADWAY IN INDIA

Recognized That Government's Press Law Has Come Too Late—Sources of the Propaganda

LONDON, March 17.—A special to the Times from Calcutta says: "The Anarchist movement in India recognizes that the Press law has come too late. Anarchism has taken root, and now exists, to a large extent, in the newspapers. A Press law, and doubtless will be useful in dealing with the Anarchist movement, but it cannot put down Anarchist organizations already in being. This can only be done by strengthening the hands of the police, whose difficulties in obtaining assistance from the community are unravelling a conspiracy are notorious. A fairly good case could be made out for an inquiry into the abuses and irregularities of the police, which are well known on the subject even to the police. On the one hand, one is told that the Anarchist organization on the best of Fenian models has been set up, and that it is so well arranged that the rank and file do not know from whom the orders come which they are expected to execute. On the other hand, it is alleged that the crimes are the most heinous, and that the police are brought together by chance. There is, however, some evidence that a part at least of the propaganda conducted from abroad by the Anarchists from Paris which were sent to a Calcutta school were found to contain pamphlets which offered an elaborate justification of political assassination, supported by quotations from the Bible, the Koran, the Hindu Scriptures, and from the Times. Fortunately the character of the packets was discovered before they were sent to the students. This method of disseminating Anarchism obviously requires other checks than a Press law. Further, there is reason to believe that much mischief is being done by literature which would in ordinary times be harmless. It is said that the murderer of Shama-ul-Alam was inspired by the writings of Mazzini and authors of the same type are constantly seized in the course of police raids. The inference seems to be that steps ought to be taken to place the student and ex-student community under more strict supervision than now exists. From the students the Anarchist movement is spreading to the clerical class, and among the persons recently arrested is the short-hand writer to a member of the Bengal Government. This new variety of recruitment is a formidable increase in the perils of Anarchism.

SEEDING IN ALBERTA

CALGARY, March 19.—A report was received today from H. Sorenson of Strathmore, stating that he had started sowing spring wheat on the 18th. Sorenson only came from Denmark last spring, but his agricultural methods have given him exceptional returns from his venture. He expects to crop 1280 acres this year.

WOLGAST vs. MORAN

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 19.—Comments on Ad. Wolgast's announcement in Kansas City to-day that he would fight Moran here in June, Tom McCarty, the local fight promoter, said to-night, no formal contract or written agreements had been signed, but the lightweight champion promises to fight his next bout in Los Angeles. Moran talked it over with me, also," McCarty added. "He said he was willing."

AVANCE OF "HEIRA"

SEATTLE, March 19.—Lured by the prospect of seizing an estate valued at \$400,000, left by Jacob Brackmann, who was killed in the Wallington avalanche, bogus heirs have made repeated demands for Brackmann's

CUTS OFF POWER OF "UNCLE JOE"

Resolution for New Rules of Committee Is Finally Passed By House of Representatives on Vote of 182 to 160

SPEAKER BARRED FROM COMMITTEE

Insurgents and Democrats Carry Their Point After a Hard Struggle—Final Outcome of Contest Uncertain

WASHINGTON, March 19.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon's eight years of tenure as speaker of the national house of representatives ended today. Following three successive victories in as many days the democratic-insurgent forces today administered the most humiliating defeat the Cannon ranks have ever known. After eight years of rule as absolute czar of the house, Speaker Cannon saw his authority over-ruled by a vote of 182 to 160. It was nothing less than a reflection of national opinion. The first defeat of the day came when the speaker sustained a point of order against the Norris resolution for a committee of fifteen to amend the Nebraska resolution to be out of order. Mr. Norris appealed from the speaker's ruling, and Representative Dalsell, of Pennsylvania, made a motion to table the appeal. Mr. Dalsell's motion was defeated by a vote of 151 to 164. Insurgents and Democrats joined in a wild demonstration when the result of the vote was announced. Speaker Cannon fought bravely to the end. The conference of Republican leaders and insurgents held in the ways and means committee room of the house, and the speaker's agreement. It was announced that the fight was on, and that the whole matter would be determined on the floor of the house. The speaker was the subject over which the conference was held. The regulars insisted that he should be retained as a member of the rules committee, or at least that he should have the opportunity of declining the place, if he so desired. The insurgents, however, insisted that he should be removed from the committee, and that the speaker's chair should be vacant. This was voted down, and immediately introduced a resolution declaring the speaker's chair vacant. This was voted down, and while "Uncle Joe" is still nominally the speaker of the house, his power has been taken from him. The outcome of one of the wildest days the house of representatives has ever witnessed will be determined when the house reconvenes next week. At 12:15 P. M. on March 19, President Taft again declined to comment in any way upon the fight of the Republican insurgents and Democrats against Speaker Cannon, and the change of the rules committee. The president felt it to be known that any statement purporting to come from him at this time is unauthorized and erroneous. Mr. Taft has been deeply interested in the fight at Washington ever since it started, and has eagerly sought information of the latest manoeuvres on the legislative battle field. As he read tonight of the insurgent-Democratic victory, there was nothing to indicate what his feelings may have been. The president has let it be known all along that his interest in the fight has centered in the effect it may have on his legislative programme.

TO PROTECT SEALS FOR CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT

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DEMAND FOR ALL KINDS OF REALTY

Fort Street Business Site Realized \$22,000—Local People Buy Acreage in North Saanich

The past week, while being productive of no very big sales, has been characterized by a steadily growing inquiry for local property of all kinds. A number of acres in the residential area have been bought for no wrong purposes. The demand for lots for building purposes has been great as at any time in the present business. Business properties are also much sought after, and a few important inside properties have been sold on the market during the last few days. Heisterman Forman & Co., report the sale of a lot and building on Fort Street for a sum in the neighborhood of \$22,000. The purchasers were Messrs Moore and Hall of the Victoria Chemical company. The same realty firm has also been responsible for the sale of fifty acres of agricultural land in North Saanich to local people, the price being \$10,000; seven acres of land on Quadra street for \$11,000; lot in Victoria West for \$1,000; and a lot in the York estate for \$1000. W. Inch has just negotiated the sale of 83 acres of land in the Cadboro Bay district, the purchasers being local people. Gillespie and Hart report the sale of a lot on Christie street in the Fairfield estate at a cost of \$1,100. In outside property local agents are doing a considerable business. Stewart townsite lots are greatly in demand. During the past few days there has also been a growing inquiry for Alberni lots.

FISHERMEN DROWN

TOKIO, March 19.—Many fishing boats have been lost in the heavy fog along the coast. It is reported that not less than 50 of these craft have been wrecked and 800 fishermen drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO FINANCIER DEAD

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OTTAWA, March 17.—After the storm the calm. The House of Commons hung out the white flag today and there was perfect peace in the chamber. The tract of hostilities was welcomed by both sides. The greater part of the time today was taken up with a discussion on apples. Mr. Fisher thought the best apples in the world were grown in the province of Quebec. This drew upon his head all the assembled wrath of the representatives of the various provinces. The peaceful and pacific provinces of British Columbia entered its protest, the eastern cliffs, laved by the stern Atlantic sang the song of their apple orchards blossomed and into a veritable fruit garden. But Mr. Fisher did not resent anything, and finally his bill passed. It was entitled "An act to prevent the introduction or spreading of insect pests and diseases destructive to vegetation." Alex. Hagart brought up the matter of the appointment of a new judge of the court of King's Bench of the province of Ontario. The appointment was made by an act of the Manitoba legislature. He said that some weeks ago Mr. Aylesworth had given an assurance that the province would receive the representations of the bar of Manitoba as to the necessity for a new judge being named pending the arraignment of work. He added that the legal fraternity of Winnipeg and other people interested were anxious that the vacancy should be filled at an early date. Mr. Aylesworth, in reply, said that the provision had been made in the new judge by the Manitoba legislature over fifteen months ago, but that the act passed could not come into effect until a proclamation was issued. Such a proclamation could not be made until February 9th last. As the appointment could not be made until the salary was provided by the federal government, it could not be said that there was any delay in the matter. The House spent some time in committee on Hon. Mr. Fisher's bill to amend the provisions of the act relating to insect pests and diseases destructive to vegetation. Martin Burrell said that good work was being done by the provincial government of British Columbia in protecting orchards from pests. In many respects the people of the province were doing better than the East in the care and protection of orchards from insects and pests. Mr. Burrell quoted from a speech made by the minister of agriculture in which he said that in quality and flavor the fruit of Quebec was superior to that of any other province in Canada. He admitted this claim. The member for Yale-Cariboo then gave figures as to what is being accomplished in the Columbia, and stated that the Dominion fumigation station in that province was not up to the mark. In view of the fact that the Dominion fumigation station in British Columbia was not sufficient to meet the requirements, and he would have taken steps last year to enlarge it, but for his intention to introduce this bill. He must insist, however, on giving the palm in fruit production to Quebec province, which both as to quality and flavor produced the best apples in the world. Nevertheless, he appreciated the quality of British Columbia fruit. It is now considered certain that the Hon. Sydney Fisher will shortly resign his seat in the Commons for the county of Bromo and go to the senate as the senator for the division held by the late Mr. Baker. Mr. Fisher would like to enlarge the portfolio of agriculture and thus give to the Upper House the cabinet portfolio, but he has been calling for the leadership of the Upper House, which is practically assured, Mr. R. C. Smith, K. C., the batsman of the Montreal bar, who was a candidate against H. B. Ames in St. Antoine in 1908, who is the counsel for the transcontinental commission in the Lumsden inquiry, will run for Bromo in the Liberal interest. Mr. Harry Mills, Mr. Walter Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Draper, and Mr. C. C. Whittier, from Chicago, are visitors in town.

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Discussion on Minister Fisher's Bill Dealing With Introduction of Spread Insect Pests and Diseases

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OTTAWA, March 17.—After the storm the calm. The House of Commons hung out the white flag today and there was perfect peace in the chamber. The tract of hostilities was welcomed by both sides. The greater part of the time today was taken up with a discussion on apples. Mr. Fisher thought the best apples in the world were grown in the province of Quebec. This drew upon his head all the assembled wrath of the representatives of the various provinces. The peaceful and pacific provinces of British Columbia entered its protest, the eastern cliffs, laved by the stern Atlantic sang the song of their apple orchards blossomed and into a veritable fruit garden. But Mr. Fisher did not resent anything, and finally his bill passed. It was entitled "An act to prevent the introduction or spreading of insect pests and diseases destructive to vegetation." Alex. Hagart brought up the matter of the appointment of a new judge of the court of King's Bench of the province of Ontario. The appointment was made by an act of the Manitoba legislature. He said that some weeks ago Mr. Aylesworth had given an assurance that the province would receive the representations of the bar of Manitoba as to the necessity for a new judge being named pending the arraignment of work. He added that the legal fraternity of Winnipeg and other people interested were anxious that the vacancy should be filled at an early date. Mr. Aylesworth, in reply, said that the provision had been made in the new judge by the Manitoba legislature over fifteen months ago, but that the act passed could not come into effect until a proclamation was issued. Such a proclamation could not be made until February 9th last. As the appointment could not be made until the salary was provided by the federal government, it could not be said that there was any delay in the matter. The House spent some time in committee on Hon. Mr. Fisher's bill to amend the provisions of the act relating to insect pests and diseases destructive to vegetation. Martin Burrell said that good work was being done by the provincial government of British Columbia in protecting orchards from pests. In many respects the people of the province were doing better than the East in the care and protection of orchards from insects and pests. Mr. Burrell quoted from a speech made by the minister of agriculture in which he said that in quality and flavor the fruit of Quebec was superior to that of any other province in Canada. He admitted this claim. The member for Yale-Cariboo then gave figures as to what is being accomplished in the Columbia, and stated that the Dominion fumigation station in that province was not up to the mark. In view of the fact that the Dominion fumigation station in British Columbia was not sufficient to meet the requirements, and he would have taken steps last year to enlarge it, but for his intention to introduce this bill. He must insist, however, on giving the palm in fruit production to Quebec province, which both as to quality and flavor produced the best apples in the world. Nevertheless, he appreciated the quality of British Columbia fruit. It is now considered certain that the Hon. Sydney Fisher will shortly resign his seat in the Commons for the county of Bromo and go to the senate as the senator for the division held by the late Mr. Baker. Mr. Fisher would like to enlarge the portfolio of agriculture and thus give to the Upper House the cabinet portfolio, but he has been calling for the leadership of the Upper House, which is practically assured, Mr. R. C. Smith, K. C., the batsman of the Montreal bar, who was a candidate against H. B. Ames in St. Antoine in 1908, who is the counsel for the transcontinental commission in the Lumsden inquiry, will run for Bromo in the Liberal interest. Mr. Harry Mills, Mr. Walter Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Draper, and Mr. C. C. Whittier, from Chicago, are visitors in town.

TRACKS BLOCKED BY LANDSLIDES

Southern Pacific Line Obstructed in Shasta District Heavy Rains Causes Slide and Wreck on O. R. & N.

PACKS VICTORIOUS

PARIS, March 19.—Billy Packe, of Illinois, tonight knocked out Willie Lewis of New York in the third round. The fight was scheduled to go twenty rounds.

MADE CLERK OF CLUB

SEATTLE, March 19.—A. G. Wood, who is well known as a hotel man in British Columbia, has been made clerk at the Arctic club, one of the exclusive clubs of this city.

UNION STATION FOR CALGARY

CALGARY, March 19.—It is reported here that the Grand Trunk Pacific has secured an option for the construction of a new passenger station at Calgary, and it is expected that the G. T. P. and Canadian Northern will erect a union station on the property.

GRAIN VIA VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, March 19.—That the grain shipped to southern points through Vancouver by May from Alberta points will be nearly half a million bushels is the prediction of Mr. Porter Worsnop, a local export merchant.

STUCK BY TIDAL WAVE

SEATTLE, March 19.—The steamship Hilonian, of the Matson Navigation company which sailed from San Francisco for Seattle yesterday, was struck by a severe tidal wave Friday morning as she was approaching San Francisco from Honolulu. The wave rose unexpectedly from a calm sea and swept over the vessel, reading as though it had come from the west. It was thought at first that it was a wave of a heavy storm, but the smooth weather remained unbroken. A seaman was dashed to the deck by the wave, fracturing three ribs, but the remainder of the crew escaped injury. The Hilonian is expected here on March 21, after completing her cargo will sail for Honolulu.

ONE SHIPMENTS

NELSON, B. C., March 19.—There are half a dozen new shipping propositions on the list this week. The total tonnage is in excess of the average, and the outlook for mining generally has a decided upward tendency. The Kingbird property, in financial advances. Total shipments for the week are 51,721 tons, and for the year to date 567,981 tons. Smelter receipts to date are 45,691; for the year, 499,887.

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, MARCH 17.—Attempts to renew the street car service caused serious rioting, which continues as this dispatch is filed in the early evening. The American legation, which is under police guard, and all Colombians employed by the American company owning the railway system are in serious danger.

EDMONTON, MARCH 19.—Premier Rutherford, in the House this afternoon gave notice of motion for the House to adjourn until the 26th of May, to allow the royal commission to get through their work.