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WILL RE-ARM WITH AUTOMATIC RIFLES

Compulsory Adoption of New Arm Only a Matter of Time—Advantage of the Sjogren System

Special Cable to The Evening Post.

London, April 15.—Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, recently said in the House of Commons that all the chief military nations were agreed that the time had come for re-arming with a rifle embodying an automatic system. The new Sjogren system, a demonstration of which was given at Hendon a few days since, offers such advantages over the ordinary weapon that its compulsory adoption would seem to be only a matter of time.

The particular merit of the Sjogren system is that the soldier is enabled, after firing a shot to keep his rifle at the same level and to correct his aim immediately without glancing away from the object at which he is aiming. Such weapons in the hands of hidden defenders of a position would enable an attacking enemy that successful advance would be simply impossible.

At the demonstration at Hendon it was proved that over eleven hundred shots per hour could be fired, without any of the disadvantages of the ordinary automatic rifle. The new weapon has met with the enthusiastic approval of military experts in France, Germany, and in Austria, and apparently the re-arming of Europe is a step nearer.

After all, it only means a trifle of \$5,000,000 rifle and an expenditure of \$500,000,000, and if the competitive system of armaments is to be maintained, the powers will have to face much larger figures by the time aeroplanes are perfected. A really efficient automatic rifle would be almost as formidable as a military aeroplane, and is apparently much nearer realization.

FAIRBANK'S WILL HAVE CHANCE TO GO

Former Vice-President of United States Will Have Refusal of Post of Ambassador at London

Washington, D.C., April 15.—Former Vice-President Fairbanks will have an opportunity after all to go to London as ambassador from the United States. Ever since his retirement from the vice-presidency the name of Mr. Fairbanks has been mentioned constantly in connection with one of the most important European embassies. From a very well informed source it was learned that the offer of the London embassy to Mr. Fairbanks from being heretofore merely a matter of gossip, had become, in the last day or two, "a moral certainty." This proceeds, of course, come from the theory that President Taft will not give Dr. Charles W. Eliot the time to consider the offer of the London post to him that was at first proposed. It was learned recently from a very high administration authority that when Dr. Eliot replied to the offer to him that he was extremely doubtful of being able to accept, President Taft urged him to take plenty of time to consider it, and that the matter was left open, although the President was not at all hopeful of Dr. Eliot's ultimate acceptance. At the White House no information whatever was forthcoming regarding the London embassy.

From the same source which gave the information regarding Mr. Fairbanks it was also learned that Robert Bacon had declined the embassy at Paris. Mr. Bacon has had the honor under consideration for some time, but has concluded that he does not care to enter the diplomatic service. It is understood that he could have had any one of several of the most attractive European posts, but that he prefers to return to active business. He gave up his interest in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. nearly four years ago and became assistant secretary of state.

IS NORDICA ENGAGED OR NOT

One Report Says She Is to Marry New York Clubman But Singer Both Denies and Affirms

Special to The Evening Post.
New York, April 15.—It was reported current in this city today that Madam Lillian Nordica, the opera singer, is to be married to George W. Young, a New York banker and member of several prominent clubs. Conflicting statements were received from Brantford, Ont., in one of which Madam Nordica was quoted as denying that she was engaged to Mr. Young, while in another she was said to have confirmed the rumor of her engagement.

Saskatchewan Telephones
Regina, April 15.—It was learned yesterday that the negotiations for the purchase of the Bell Telephone Company system by the province of Saskatchewan are at last taking definite shape, and that within a short time an announcement of the transfer may be made.

AWAIT INQUIRY INTO NAVAL ACCIDENT

Destroyer Blackwater Was Sunk Off Dungeness by Steamer Hero

London, April 15.—The announcement as to the inquiry into the sinking of the destroyer Blackwater, sunk April 6, is awaited here with considerable interest. The Blackwater was sunk off Dungeness by the result of a collision with the British steamer Hero. The crew of the Blackwater was saved. The Hero had her bows stove in.

The Blackwater had a displacement of 550 tons and was 225 feet long. She had a complement of seventy men and was capable of steaming twenty-five knots an hour.

ENGLISH CAPITAL FOR PROJECTS HERE

Sylvester Swetenham Is in Montreal on His Way to the Pacific to Invest in Propositions Here

Montreal, April 15.—Sylvester Swetenham, brother of Sir Frank Swetenham, who is associated with business interests in the United States, is here on his way to the Pacific coast. In an interview yesterday he stated that a company of influential capitalists is being formed in London to develop a new halibut fishing industry between Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands, where the finest halibut fishing grounds in the world lie, and for the opening of extensive new canneries near the mouth of the Skeena River.

The capitalists associated with him are most influential, and they are prepared to put into the venture, Mr. Swetenham said, the sum of two million dollars. Mr. Swetenham, who is a member of the Carlton Club, said a good many London clubmen come out to Canada to have a little sport ostensibly, but they had other and more serious purposes in view. The majority are looking for favorable openings for investment, not the kind of things that are likely to be unloaded upon them by ordinary promoters, but enterprises that are likely to give immediate returns, and will prove permanent sources of profit.

Railway Judgment

Ottawa, April 15.—In delivering judgment yesterday in an application of the Export Lumber company of Ottawa for authority to have a Canadian Pacific railway spur into its yards across the Grand Trunk Pacific railway right-of-way, the railway commission laid down the principle that a private company in which there is not a public interest cannot use the property of one railway corporation for its private gain and that of a competing company.

Law and Medicine
Regina, April 15.—A delegation will wait on the government with a view to securing some measure of financial assistance for the establishment of a law school and a medical teaching faculty here. It is felt that despite the university going to Saskatoon these branches must of necessity be located at the capital.

MISS ILLINGTON WILL FORSAKE STAGE

Declares It Is All Sham and Hypocrisy and That She Wants a Real Home and Babies

Chicago, April 15.—"I have taken the initial steps to obtain a divorce from Daniel Frohman so that I can marry Edward J. Bowes," said Mrs. Daniel Frohman at the Auditorium Annex.

Mrs. Frohman, who is on the stage as Margaret Illington, has just returned from New York where she said she went to consult her attorney on the divorce.

"I don't care to say what the charges will be or to talk about the divorce matter, except to say that I am going to get it just as soon as I possibly can. I want to be married to the man I really love and settle down to domestic life. I am going to have eleven children every year," said Mrs. Frohman, with a merry laugh.

"I hate the stage. I hate everything connected with it. It is all sham and hypocrisy. I want to live myself. I want to be real. I do not want to be living as other people all the time. 'The stage is no place for a real woman. The hotel is no place for a woman. What do you see? You see sham, hypocrisy. 'All the women think of is dress. Look at the big hats. They are hideous. The gowns are hideous. These are the women who do not care for home and children. What they seek is show. 'It is the same with the stage. It is all show and ambition. My husband broke me down by his ambition for me. He worked me until the physical strain was too great and I had to leave. I shall never go back. 'As soon as I am freed I shall settle down with the man whose ideal accord with mine. He is wealthy, but he is a domestic man. 'We shall have our own little home and I shall try to forget there is a world. I want the world to forget there ever was a Margaret Illington.'"

Langford and Barry
Albany, April 15.—Sam Langford, of Boston, and Jim Barry, of Chicago, fought 10 rounds last night at the North End Athletic Club, with honors about even. The men fought at catch weights. The first nine rounds were slow, neither man extending himself, but in the last round they were lively mix-up.

U. S. WILL SEIZE MANY BARRELS OF WHISKEY

Alleged Violations of Internal Revenue Law by Distillery Gives Government 8,000 Barrels of Whiskey

Special to The Evening Post.

Washington, April 15.—As a result of an investigation into charges of violation of the internal revenue law, John C. Capers, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, issued formal instructions yesterday to Collector P. L. Goldberger, of Baltimore, Md., directing him to seize the Carroll Spring Distillery Company's plant, one of the largest registered grain distilleries in Maryland.

The seizure, which will involve the Government taking possession of nearly 8,000 barrels of whiskey based upon a long investigation which has been under the personal supervision of Commissioner Capers, who himself visited the establishment three months ago when the violations were first brought to his attention. After the investigation Revenue Agent L. B. Perkins was directed to detail special gaugers and inspectors to make a special investigation for an extended period.

This investigation lasted nearly three months, the result being, it is alleged, that violations were being committed to cause the forfeiture of the plant, its contents, and the contents of the warehouses. Commissioner Capers declined to give any of the details as to the charges of fraud, but it is understood that they involved discoveries of new whiskey in old barrels, the substitution of new whiskey for old whiskey, and the reversal without the payment of one dollar and ten cents a gallon to the Government, the substitution of gin for whiskey in some instances and in some cases the use of successive washings and other evidences of what it is claimed worked a direct fraud upon the United States in that it deprived the Government of its revenues upon the product of the distillery.

MORE TROUBLE LOOMS UP FOR TEDDY

Shipwrecks, Lions, Revolution and Other Matters of the Kind Await Mr. Roosevelt at Mombassa

Special to The Evening Post.

Aden, Arabia, April 15.—The steamer Admiral with Theodore Roosevelt and the members of his party on board came in here this morning for a short stay. All on board are well.

Still More Terrors
Mombassa, British East Africa, April 15.—A cable received today from Mr. Roosevelt declining an invitation to a public reception and a dinner makes it evident that he has decided not to stop in Mombassa, and this knowledge has given rise to much disappointment here.

Mr. Roosevelt asks in this message that he be met at the pier by his special train, and he be conveyed direct from the steamer to the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, in the Pongwe river near the mouth of the Pongwe. Mr. Roosevelt will be Sir Alfred's guest for the first fortnight's stay in the protectorate.

The steamer Admiral, with Mr. Roosevelt and the members of his party on board, is expected here at daylight of April 21. At the present the monsoon is blowing vigorously. Last Sunday the barque Sussex was totally wrecked and its reefs at the entrance of the harbor.

There has been a sudden outbreak of smallpox at Nairobi. Forty deaths have occurred at the quarantine camp, and three cases are reported from the Ju Ja ranch, the property of George McMillan, who will be Mr. Roosevelt's host during a portion of his stay in this section.

Major Louis L. Seaman, has returned here from a hunting trip up country. He says the game is excellent, and the prospects good. Major Seaman is just about to leave for Uganda on an elephant hunting expedition. Three lions have been interfering with the night work at the Makindu station on the railroad. It is believed that the plans of the Roosevelt party permit Roosevelt to spend a night at this station. The police authorities have taken measures to strengthen some of the outposts on the northern boundary of Kenya province, where the inhabitants of the wilderness country north of the protectorate have been showing signs of unrest.

FIRST ROUND FOR POOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Edmund Pelletier, of Montreal, Beaten by the Cuban Champion

Ottawa, April 15.—Alfred D'Oro of New York and Edmund Pelletier of Montreal, met here Tuesday night at the first part of their 600 ball pool match for the Canadian championship, now held by Pelletier.

D'Oro was in great trim while Pelletier was off color, the Cuban winning by 161 to 66. The men were to play 125 balls a night until Friday, but D'Oro, who has had 149 to his credit, fell down on a side cut to corner and left Pelletier safe. They then had to open a new frame and concluded the final as above. Their totals of course, will count to the 600 score.

Died on Street.
Vancouver, April 15.—Dan Haggerty, a logger, aged 45, was found dead on the corner of Carrall and Cordova street yesterday. Heart disease was the cause of death.

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