

GOSSIP OF LONDON  
IN MAIL LETTER  
An Interesting Speech Delivered  
by the Secretary  
for War.

MAINTENANCE OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY  
Government Acting on the Policy  
Foreshadowed by Sir Henry  
Campbell-Bannerman.

London, 28th July, 1906.  
An interesting speech was delivered last night by the secretary for war on the subject of the maintenance of the imperial army. The task of providing land forces for the United Kingdom is comparatively small, but when 200,000 troops are required for the whole empire, to recruit these and keep them up and draft them here and there across the seas, was a task of tremendous magnitude. It is the duty of the public both at home and in the colonies who are in sympathy with the government and assist them in keeping up the ground forces to the extent that down unstained to those who come after us. The present government was keenly alive to imperial responsibilities and would seek to inspire confidence and loyalty by showing that a strong army and navy were being maintained without extravagance and that the public were getting the fullest value for their money.

The government is acting on the policy foreshadowed by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in his great speech the other day and the peace conference of international parliamentarians. Last night the statement was made that the navy estimates are to be revised, and that the world is to be led by England's courageous example to stop the mad game of piling up armaments which the cost of the strength of the nations, and only subjects the people to the intolerable burden of paying for needless waste. The shipbuilding programme originally arranged for four Dreadnought battleships is to be reduced to three, and instead of five destroyers there are to be two. Submarines are to be eight instead of twelve, and the estimates for the year ending in 1907 are £2,500,000. This saving has the approval of the Sea Lords of the Admiralty, so that there is sufficient guarantee that efficiency is not to be sacrificed for economy and that the relative strength of our navy to others is being maintained. At present our navy is equal to any three enemies combined. Our battleships which are the main strength number 35 against the combined battleships of France, Italy and Germany, which number only 51. We can build a battleship in two years, while Germany would take three and a half years—thus we have the start of the most brilliant fleet. If other nations follow our commonsense lead, the whole world will soon be relieved of the alarming expenditure which is being incurred if they don't, we can overtake them without any risk of being beaten in ship building. With Russia's fleet out of the reckoning and Japan and France our staunch allies, there is an opportunity of retrenchment which the nation and the whole world will welcome.

It was Cromwell who brought the first navy estimates to parliament. But in his time instead of 25,000 men, the British navy cost only £400,000. His fleet which destroyed the Dutch, boasted 50 large ships of the line, with 50 smaller men-of-war, carrying 3,000 guns and 1,000 men. The British navy was developed by King William III and by the beginning of the 19th century, England had 75 ships and in 1810, the navy had increased to 120 ships and 140,000 men. With the fall of Napoleon our navy was at a standstill until the Victorian era when steam took the place of the wooden walls, and although we have 20,000 men in the colonies, the cost of the steam fleet has been going gradually higher, until the nation begins to wonder whether it is not better as Lord Lansdowne expressed it, the other day, to eat the field in fear of invasion than to starve in absolute safety.

The great thing about the new naval policy is that the automatic increase of shipbuilding at the rate of some 400,000 is stopped and France and Italy and Germany will doubtless follow suit. After the enthusiasm for peace and arbitration displayed by the representatives of the international congress, the retrenchment must follow. Mr. Lloyd George, president of the board of trade has been the hero of his countrymen in Wales, when he supported the peace and spoke to them in Welsh. The incident has been happily seized by a "Punch" cartoonist, who representing the Welsh cabinet minister as King Edward I at Carnarvon Castle holding up his son when he named the Prince of Wales, saying, "Your Man!" It is taught in the school history books that King Edward gave the five tribes of Wales the motto of the King of Bohemia who was killed at the battle of Cressy. The Welsh are delighted to see in the Punch cartoon that the historic myth has been discarded and that at last it is recognized in England that King Edward said in Welsh, "Ich Dien" which means "Your Man!"

TROLLEY MEN HAVE  
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Success.

The second annual picnic under the auspices of the Capital Division 100, of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America took place at Sidney Wednesday and proved a grand success. After the threatening weather of previous years, Wednesday dawned fair and bright and the hearts of the conductors and motormen were gladdened at the prospect of a glorious day. With the promise of fine weather a large number took the first train from the city leaving at 8 o'clock, while at 10 o'clock two engines were required to start the train load from the station. With six coaches and several fat cars all filled with a good one, it was not nothing compared to that of 2 o'clock when the train was littered packed. The service was very good and a quick run was made every trip.

On the arrival at the picnic grounds many located themselves in comfortable hooks where they spent the day content with the outing, while at the grounds the committee charge at once, and shortly after the arrival of the first train the baseball match was started and resulted in a win for the Oak Bays by the score of 22-14. Before the conclusion of the match the second train had arrived and the children's races were run off.

An adjournment was then taken till the arrival of the afternoon train when the main attractions were commenced. In this the committee proved the right men in the right places, and the events were run off in very fast order, and the spectators were not kept waiting for a race to take place. The management of the races reflects credit on the committee, and the events which they attended to the welfare of the spectators. In the races there were many competitors and in some cases the race had to be divided into heats, in order that all might have an even chance. Some of the races were very evenly contested while others proved very interesting.

The 100 yards race open to members of Division 100 for the Wenger cup was won by A. Dewar who by winning yesterday is now the permanent holder of the cup. Dewar was also successful in winning the prize for married motormen and conductors.

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OFFICE STAFFS—1st. Lorraine and Jones; 2nd. Wilks and Blake; 3rd. Davidson and Gardner.

Quarter Mile Race, Ladies—1st. L. Cameron; 2nd. Miss Pease; 3rd. Mrs. Dunlop.

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COAST DROGHERS SCARCE.

Another instance of the scarcity of lumber vessels in the coasting trade between Puget Sound and San Francisco, was noted yesterday by the Columbia Contract Company of Portland, which will place the tug Samson and the barges Wauchoo, Wallcut, and Wastung in the coasting trade, making about two trips a month between either Oregon or Washington ports and San Francisco. The barges will

TOLD BY HIS LOOKS.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The directors of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank today repudiated the Chicago Title & Trust company as receiver, and took action to remove George Gibson, the present receiver, and to have the receiver set aside as illegal. All the directors except the two Stenslands were present at the meeting and sentiment was unanimous in favor of supporting Receiver Gibson. The directors repudiated today that Police Inspector Shipps has found one of the values taken by President Stensland which he left at home on his flight. In the bag was a notebook containing minutes of a meeting of the directors where extradition treaties do not exist, or that difficulty would be experienced in extradition proceedings.

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Panic reigns in both Chile and Valparaiso. Refugees from Valparaiso are flocking to Santiago.

Large areas of Valparaiso are either destroyed or material damage says half the city was probably heavy.

Telegraphic communication from Valparaiso is cut off.

The earthquake occurred at night and the panic-stricken fugitives followed in Santa Cruz.

Valparaiso suffered no serious damage.

Various firms in Europe are offering to help the victims of the earthquake.

Among the places reported to have been visited by refugees from Valparaiso are: Quilque, Illapel, 50 miles from Valparaiso, and other small towns.

They are made of stone and are very combustible, as was the case with the houses in Valparaiso.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 18.—A speech received from Valparaiso says that the reports there show that earthquake continues at Valparaiso, where the fire originated in the P. O. and is rapidly spreading.

northern portion of the city. A speech adds that it is official news from La Serena, Chile, that much damage was done at Valparaiso, and that many persons were injured.

A storm is reported in the Valparaiso. The disturbances even in Tacna, the northernmost town of Chile. Loud thunder rumbled were heard at La Serena.

The villages of Illapel, 50 miles northwest of Santiago, and Valparaiso, about 300 miles north of the city, each having a population of 6000, were destroyed.

Shock at Santiago. Santiago, Chile, Aug. 18.—The quake lasted three and a half minutes and telephone lines were interrupted for some time, and there is no news regarding the extent of the damage done in the province.

In Santiago several persons killed or wounded. A few were out, but these were promptly quelled by heavy showers and earthquakes.

Practically all of the population of the city. The observer telegraph was rendered useless in the hospitals and jails. News is interrupted today. A railroad is interrupted.

Tidal Disturbances Continue. Honolulu, Aug. 18.—Tidal waves continue mildly. The island steamer Noku, while en route on Thursday of the northern of the island of Hawaii, in a cal was carried forward by a wave, and there is no news regarding the extent of the damage done in the province.

Galveston Gets News. Galveston, Texas, Aug. 18.—Galveston has been wrecked by earthquake and fire, and the few buildings escaped serious damage from quakes have been either burned or destroyed. Great excitement prevailed in the city. The people are panic-stricken and attempts at organization have been futile. Martial law has been proclaimed and an effort is being made to restore order.

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