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AUSTRIA MAKES MOVE TO END WAR

London, July 25.—The important developments today in the Balkan situation was a demand presented by the Austrian representatives at Athens and Belgrade for an immediate cessation of hostilities, together with a warning that Austria will not allow Bulgaria to be greatly humiliated. It was declared in Vienna tonight that should Greece and Serbia still oppose an armistice a Roumanian army, acting as a mandator of Austria and Russia, will prevent any attack on Sofia, and that Austria will take even more energetic steps, if necessary, to stop the war. Should it be true that Austria and Russia have thus agreed to co-operate, the pressure exercised doubtless will be effective.

In the military sphere the principal news is that the Serbians have invested the fortress at Vidin, Bulgaria, which is situated on the Danube, 130 miles south of Belgrade. The fall of the fortress cannot long be delayed, in fact, a Belgrade despatch reports that General Kutupchew's troops already are beginning to surrender. Vidin, which has a population of 15,000, will be Serbia's biggest capture during the war.

No news was received today from the Turkish side, but it is reported that the Porte has ordered the mobilization of three army corps in Asia Minor.

Sofia, July 25.—The French Minister here was requested today by the Bulgarian women in Philippopolis, to send the following telegram to President and Mme. Poincaré:

"Bulgarian mothers, whose sons are on the battlefield, implore Madame and Monsieur Poincaré, with tears in their eyes to save us from the Turkish massacres which threaten Philippopolis. Your intervention is our last hope. Accept our sincerest thanks and eternal gratitude."

The important town of Banako in Macedonia, where missionaries have established a large settlement, has been burned by the Greek troops, according to an official Bulgarian report.

It is stated that the marriage of Prince Arthur of Connaught to the Duchess of Fife will be celebrated in October before the Prince's father returns to Canada, to take up his duties of Governor-General of the Dominion.

THE PROVINCIAL COAL TRADE

The editor of the Mining Record in his annual review of the coal trade, published in the Halifax papers, said there should be an increase in shipments, 1913 over 1912, of over half a million tons, but he did not see where it is to come from. In saying there should be such increase he had in mind the accepted theory of a natural increase of ten per cent yearly. The probability is that up till the present time he is still unseeing. The net increase in shipments by the larger companies for the five months ending May is less than five thousand tons. At this rate of increase the half million goal by the end of the year will be far off. The big decrease, comparatively at Springhill and at Westville largely discount the increases in Cape Breton County and at Stellarton for anything like substantial increases during the remainder of the year. Though the shipments of the Dominion Coal Company do not loom large as compared with 1912, the outputs are a long way ahead, which means that much coal is in bank available for future shipments. The Acadia Coal Company is making a very fine showing, and though shipments suffered a check the latter part of June, through the unfortunate fire in the "Slopes," the chief producer, the increases in shipments will soon begin to tell again. All the of collieries which do not show decreases will not do much better than hold their own, and so it is quite possible that the doubt as to obtaining a natural increase may be confirmed. And yet at the same time there is room for some surprises, in Cape Breton and Pictou Counties.—Mining Record.

MEXICAN SITUATION SERIOUS.

Mexico City, July 24.—Unofficial advice received here persistently report that the town of Torreon, in the State of Coahuila, has fallen into the hands of the Constitutionalists. The officials of the Mexican Government deny the report. The Torreon garrison consisted of more than 3000 officers and men as well as a number of cannon, and if the report that the town has capitulated be true, it is assumed here the garrison must have revolted and aided the rebels.

INVASION OF THE BROWN TAIL MOTH

The St. John Globe says:—If there were hundreds of brown tail moths in the swarm which visited St. John on Sunday night, there must have been millions that came in on Monday night. In fact the invasion is assuming a serious aspect and although it is true that all the specimens captured were males, there is no way of being absolutely sure that there were no females. To show the immense numbers of the insects, Mr. A. Gordon Leavitt told the Globe that with the aid of several ladies and gentlemen he had collected under one electric light as many as three hundred and sixty-five specimens, all males. He visited a number of other electric lights during the night, but did not attempt to collect any moths. He reports that in most instances the wires and the poles were perfectly white. When the terrible destructiveness of these pests is borne in mind it is a little appalling to think that in four years the progeny of a single pair of insects, barring accidents, will number no less than 166,875,000. No effort should be spared to prevent the moths from getting a foothold in this province.

TRURO POLICE MADE BIG CAPTURE.

(The Morning Chronicle)
Truro, July 24.—The finding of a package of dynamite, a revolver, a bunch of fuses, a pair of rubber boots and a rubber coat on the Pictou line of railway near this town, on Wednesday morning had as its sequel in the arrest this afternoon by the Truro police of five men, who were prowling around the railway yards. The police consider they have made a very important arrest and connect the men with the many daring burglaries which have been committed in the surrounding country during the last few weeks. An examination will be held tomorrow morning.

The discovery of the bundle of burglar's accessories aroused the suspicion of the police. This afternoon two men were seen in the railway yards evidently searching for something. They were immediately put under arrest, and on further search of the yards by the police, three others were brought into custody. One man gave his name as Roy Ross, St. John, another as John McCudden. He, however, will not give his address, but is supposed to belong to Bangor. The others refuse to reveal their identity. The one giving his name as Ross had a coat, rubber coat, pair of rubbers, and cap which were hidden near the track. A letter addressed to Ross found in the coat, associated the clothes with him. One of the burglaries with which the police connect them is that of Acadia Station, about ten days ago the station being broken open as the safe rifled.

OFFICIAL CEREAL CROP REPORT.

A cablegram received today from the International Agricultural Institute gives the following official estimates of the 1913 cereal crops. The final estimates of the 1912 crops are here given for the purpose of comparison.

	1913	1912.
Wheat	bushels.	bushels.
Bulgaria	64,301	63,750
Spain	119,100	109,784
Eng. and Wales	55,080	
Italy	138,417	155,721
Rye		
Belgium	21,964	22,519
Spain	25,024	18,867
Barley		
Spain	63,742	63,994
Eng. and Wales	46,450	
Hungary (a)	75,609	
Oats		
Belgium	44,042	33,134
Spain	25,259	21,680
Eng. and Wales	86,378	
Hungary (a)	91,932	
Italy	33,719	26,642

(a) Not including Croatia and Slavonia.

The total wheat production of the countries so far reported to the Institute, including those reported last month is 1,361,866,000 bushels or 109.2 per cent of the total production of the same countries last year.

T. K. DOHERTY, Chief Officer Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, July 19, 1913.

NOVELTIES FOR THE COMING EXHIBITION

Fireworks by Day as Well as by Night for Visitors to the Provincial Fair at Halifax. Horse Races, Women's Work Department.

Manager Hall has decided to make a change in the fireworks display at the forthcoming Provincial Fair at Halifax by which a more interesting and thrilling spectacle will be presented with special features and novelties never before seen. The Pyrotechnics at night will be on a magnificent scale but there will also be fireworks by day. This seeming paradox will be a reality and during the afternoon show on the Grand Stand pyrotechnical balloons will ascend and explode with loud reverberations and display of brilliant colors.

The biggest field of horse ever seen on the track of the Provincial Exhibition is expected at the Fair, which opens on September 3rd, and will continue to the 11th. The second payment for the Stake Races has been made and the horses heard from number sixty-two for the six races of this class. This is a very large showing and argues well for good sport. The final payment will be on August 15th and on that date also will close the entries for the other eight races which make up the seventeen of the races of the days of the Exhibition Meeting.

Rule IX as published in the Domestic Department of the Prize List will not be enforced this year as many of our exhibitors may have had their work ready for exhibition before seeing list. The reason for making this rule is that if work were allowed to be washed it is impossible to tell if it were of recent date, as it may have been done one year or ten years ago. It is also to teach intending exhibitors to keep their articles clean while working. In all probability, however, this rule will be enforced in 1914.

Do not forget that judging will begin in the Domestic Department on Tuesday, September 2nd. An exception will be made to Housekeeping, Class 126. Exhibits in this class will be received up to Wednesday morning at 9.30 and judging will begin at ten o'clock.

According to the meteorological report for the year ending March 31, 1912, Nova Scotia leads all the provinces of the Dominion in respect to hours of sunshine. Even "Sunny Alberta" had eighty-eight hours less of sunshine during the year than Nova Scotia.

We'll send this announcement to YOU.

If you are interested enough to write for the same immediately to insure your having a copy when issued in a few days.

This official announcement contains most important information of the latest progress of the Maritime Nail Company. As Monitor readers are doubtless aware, we recently offered the 7 p. c. Cumulative Preferred Stock of this Company at par with a 50 p. c. Common Stock Bonus, and this attractive issue was very largely taken up.

Present stockholders will be greatly interested to learn from this announcement that by the opening of its new rod mill in Germany the Maritime Nail Company has effected a large saving in the cost of raw material. This saving means increased earnings and the placing of the Company in an advanced position among Canadian Nail manufacturers.

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PLEASANT SURPRISE TENDERED REV. AND MRS. UNDERWOOD

An event of somewhat unusual interest took place in St. James church schoolroom last evening. Someone had heard that yesterday was the tenth anniversary of the wedding of the Rector and Mrs. Underwood. The word was passed around and a conspiracy entered upon to spring a surprise. First precaution was taken to secure the presence of the couple to be surprised. This was managed by a parishioner, in a casual way, inviting them to tea, care having been taken that it should be a parishioner living far enough from the schoolroom to prevent the seeing of any carrying to and fro. Immediately after tea a drive was proposed, down Granville way, around Beaconsfield and home by way of Church Road. "Such a pretty drive," said the host. Arriving at the town end of Church Road the schoolroom was ablaze with light and through the windows many heads were seen. "Why, what is going on here? It must be something, but nobody has been to the Rectory to get the keys." So said the Rector whilst his wife looked wonderingly. "Better go around to the front door and enquire," said the driver. At the front door it became evident that something unusual was on the tapis. "What is it?" was the query put in many ways by both the Rector and Mrs. Underwood. "Why, you are wanted inside," was the reply on all sides. On entering the room, which was crowded by kindly parishioners, the secret came out. On the platform at the north end was the blackboard bearing the greeting—"Congratulations—ten years married." Whilst immediately beneath was a table ornamented with beautiful flowers artistically arranged, and filled with parcels delicately enshrouded in tissue paper. On behalf of the present Church Warden and parishioners Mr. Edwin Ruggles (who was Church Warden when Mr. Underwood first came to the parish and also when he brought his bride) then explained the object of the gathering and in a brief but felicitous speech asked the Rector and Mrs. Underwood to investigate the parcels lying before them, and to accept the contents with the united good wishes of the whole congregation for "Many happy returns of the day." The Rector was evidently quite moved and, for once, found himself quite unable to talk, getting no further than "On behalf of my wife and myself I thank you very much." The gathering then gave a hearty round of applause, thus relieving the strain.

Personal congratulations, the opening of the parcels, and the serving of refreshments were then in order, after which the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

In connection with the "Surprise" we should like to say, we doubt if an event of the kind was ever carried out with greater success. The presentation consisted of a splendid variety of aluminum ware, together with a number of useful kitchen articles, all just such as a careful housekeeper delights to have.

TO GET RURAL TELEPHONES.

The Provincial Government has engaged the service of Mr. A. S. McMillan, warden of Antigonish County, to assist in putting into operation the Rural Telephone Act passed at the last session of the Legislature.

This Act provides that any community, now without telephone connection, may organize in a very simple manner and obtain connection with the nearest central exchange of the Maritime Telephone Company, by a payment of a switching rate of five cents per message. The Government will assist the enterprise by a bonus to the amount of twenty dollars per mile.

Mr. McMillan has had a considerable experience in telephone affairs, having been for some years the manager of the Antigonish and Sherbrooke line. He will visit any locality where his service may be demanded, and help the farmers to organize and take advantage of the new Act.

MADE-IN-CANADA EXHIBITION TRAIN

Western Farmers and Their Families Drove Many Miles to See the Exhibit

Enthusiastically greeted everywhere and visited by thousands at every stopping place en route, the Made-in-Canada train has completed its second tour of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The success of the tour shows that the people of Western Canada are not interested solely in their own agricultural products, a charge often levelled at them, but that they are also keenly alive to the great advantages Canada is sure to derive from her tremendous industrial expansion. Wherever the train stopped, addresses were presented by the local municipal councils, and Boards of Trade, and often the press of people trying to board the train was so great that they had to form in line and patiently await their turn.

The local band playing at the station as the train pulled in was of common occurrence, while at practically every place, outside of cities, a holiday was proclaimed covering the period the train was a scheduled to remain. Farmers and their families frequently drove long distances to the nearest point on the train schedule. At Gull Lake nine people drove seventy-five miles to the train, having commenced the journey on the morning of the previous day, while at Bow Island a family of five came by buggy fifty miles from the Milk River district at the boundary. Ponoka sent a carload far and wide, and when the train was in that town two hundred and eighty-four conveyances by actual count had come from the country. No class of visitors was more keenly interested than farmers and their families. They did not hurry through the cars of exhibits, but took time for inspection and asked many questions.

At Winnipeg Mayor Deacon expressed his views of the exhibition in the following words: "It is strikingly suggestive of the great opportunity there is in this country for industries that will make what Canadians require for their own consumption. The home market for cottons, woolsens, iron and steel goods, rubber goods boots and shoes, clothing of all kinds, flour and cereals, and other staple commodities is growing with marvellous rapidity in all parts of Canada but particularly in the Western Provinces, and every encouragement should be given any industry that seeks to meet that need. Here in Winnipeg and Western Canada generally factory life, though it has made great strides during the past ten years, is only in its infancy. There is no agency doing more to promote factory development in Western Canada than the annual visit of the Made-in-Canada Exhibition Train. I would advise all citizens of the three Prairie Provinces to visit this exhibition should opportunity come their way."

Local shopping centres in the West left no stone unturned to take the fullest possible advantage of the visit of the Made-in-Canada Exhibition.

In most places the residents endeavored, quite properly, to reap some advantage from the stop made by the train in their town. Probably the course which yielded best results was where the Board of Trade local council and business men combined in having circulars printed for distribution throughout the adjacent territory. This invariably resulted in bringing a very large number of farmers to the train, and incidentally is an excellent thing for local business, inasmuch as the visitors usually do a certain amount of shopping. This idea is carried out still further by local business men, who are wide awake to the advantage of representing goods which are exhibited in the Made-in-Canada train. In most cases the exhibits are sold locally by some merchants, and the fact that his cards announcing this fact to visitors was placed on the exhibit either by himself or the exhibitor, resulted in trade coming his way. In other words, this method of advertising is always effective. A great deal more, however, remains to be done along this line, namely, taking full advantage of the local trade that is sure to flow in the wake of the Made-in-Canada train.

Special pains were taken to impress the significance of the exhibition on the children, in whom are recognized the future citizens of Canada. In all centres outside the cities prizes were offered for the best essays on "The Industries of Canada, as seen from the Made-in-Canada Train." As a result many of the pupils were seen looking over the exhibits armed with note books and pencils, jotting down their impressions. In this connection the Canadian Home Markets Association, which organized the tour, have borne testimony to the good work of the teachers in preparing the pupils for the competitions.

Another feature of the train which created much interest was the moving picture outfit. Picture displays were given at all night stops, the industrial life of Canada being particularly emphasized in the films. The quaint old landmarks of Quebec, the commerce and manufactures of Montreal, orchards of the Niagara peninsula, surf bathing at Halifax, harvest scenes in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were included. These thoroughly Canadian views were witnessed by thousands, and were much appreciated. In all 231,000 visited the train.

NOTED FINANCIER DIES AT MASSACHUSETTS STATE FARM

Bridgewater, Mass., July 22.—A spectacular career was ended under pathetic circumstances Monday when Cardinal F. King, once widely known as a financier and newspaper publisher of Boston, died a convict at the State Farm here in the very hour that his friends, aware of the approach of death, were making desperate efforts to obtain a pardon for him.

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