

GREAT YEAR FOR GERMAN ARMY

MILITARY FINANCE TO BE REVISED

Whole Military Situation Will Receive Attention This Spring

(By Herbert A. White, Berlin Correspondent of the United Press.)
Berlin, Feb. 6.—When the German finance law comes up for discussion at the beginning of April a good many bitter criticisms will be passed in the Reichstag, both with regard to the amount of the appropriation for the forthcoming year and also to administrative questions.

On one point the government is decided. That is that no change will be made either in the numerical or in the offensive strength of the army, except perhaps in the direction of an increase in both directions.

The discussions this year will be more interesting than ordinary because not only will the yearly questions in regard to finance come up, but the quinquennial law regarding the army is due for renewal.

It is not expected that any change will be made on general lines from 1905. A big change, however, is inevitable in matters of finance.

Military finance in Germany remains where it was after the war of 1870. The provision made then utterly failed to foresee the modern developments of Germany, and in consequence at the present time it is utterly insufficient for imperial needs.

The forthcoming quinquennial law will put the army finances on a broader basis and will provide sufficient for the yearly needs of the army without recourse to state loans.

Germany enters the present year with 4,000,000 trained soldiers available for war and 6,000 field units. Besides these there will be a reserve of 3,000,000 partially or superficially trained men.

In many departments considerable innovations are forthcoming. For one thing new drill regulations both for cavalry and foot will come into force which will alter largely the whole of German tactics. The new cavalry drill has made an end of divisional formations and has established the brigade as the unit of manoeuvre. Evolutions have been simplified and while the shock cavalry tactics are maintained to some extent, the regulations now recognize that frontal attacks by masses of cavalry can no longer be of any influence in a battle fought by troops of all arms.

One feature this year will be the building of airships. Although Germany is already supreme in the air, building will proceed faster than ever during the next few months. At present the army fleet consists of dirigibles and there are some other dirigibles in private hands capable of being requisitioned in war. In the next few months building regulations for dirigibles will commence and before long Germany hopes to have a dozen of these.

Altogether 1910 will be a year of great progress for the German army and the end of the year its supremacy over other European armies should be more pronounced than ever.

GERMAN SURTAX GOES OFF ON MARCH 1ST

Large Increase in Trade With Canada Will Probably Follow

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The removal of the German surtax on March 1st will mean a fairly substantial reduction in tariff taxation though it will not necessarily result in a reduction of the customs revenue in view of the fact that there will probably follow a largely increased importation of goods from Germany.

Since the surtax first came into force, 1907, the additional rate of duty imposed on German goods has brought into the treasury the sum of \$12,986,468. The abolition of the surtax therefore practically means a reduction of customs duties by \$2,900,000 a year. In 1907-08 the surtax added \$2,856,159 to the customs revenue and in 1908-09 it added \$1,857,866. That the removal of surtax will be followed by a large increase in trade with Germany is certain. In 1905 Canada's trade with Germany amounted to \$14,380,323, including imports from Germany amounting to \$12,282,637 and exports to Germany \$2,097,686, but as soon as the surtax became operative there was a large falling off of trade between the two countries. In the following year the imports decreased to \$8,175,004 and exports to \$1,819,223. The downward tendency has continued up to the present. Last year the imports into Canada from Germany amounted to \$6,050,355 and exports were \$1,476,552 or a trade of half of what it was before the tax went into force.

AVIATION MEET.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Chicago is a candidate for the international aviation meet of 1910. The opening of the campaign to bring the big event to this city was marked by the organization of the Aero Club of Illinois, composed of 1,138 citizens of Chicago. The organization of the club is preliminary to the obtaining of a charter from the state and the affiliation of the association with the Aero Club of America.

The president of the club is Octave Charute, while the first vice-president is James N. Plew, who managed the flights of Glenn H. Curtis. Plew says the organization intends to equip aviation grounds with buildings for machines and accommodations for members in one of the suburbs.

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FORTY DOLLARS FINE FOR HOTEL LICENSE

Decision Against Thomas McManus in Liquor Case

Thomas McManus, proprietor of the California hotel, who appeared on remand in the police court on Wednesday charged with supplying liquor to an intoxicated man, was fined \$40, in default of payment distress, or in default of distress one month's imprisonment.

Two days' time was allowed the hotel-keeper to pay the fine, the allowance being given at the request of Frank Higgins, who defended McManus, and announced as the magistrate had not answered one of the points of his defence he would appeal the case to get a decision on that particular point.

The complaint was brought by License Inspector Handley, who with two constables saw the man served with a glass of beer in defendant's saloon. For the defence the proprietor said he had given his bartender instructions not to serve intoxicated men. The bartender's evidence was that he had not noticed the man's condition.

The magistrate in giving his decision said there was no question as to the intention of the law. The licensees must see that his instructions are carried out. He read from similar cases and a judgment by Lord Russell which said the penalty could only be inflicted on licensees, and that the bartender's contention that he had not noticed the condition of the man did not release the proprietor of the saloon from responsibility.

BOY SHOOT BROTHER WHILE "PLAYING BEAR"

The Little Fellow Did Not Know That the Old Rifle Was Loaded

Portland, Ore., Feb. 16.—To-day Robert Schildmeyer, four years old, is dead, having been accidentally killed by his brother four years his senior, in their home at Riverdale yesterday.

The boys had been "playing bear" in their home. Suddenly Gustav picked up a chambered rifle and pointing the weapon at the head of his little brother, pulled the trigger. With a shriek of pain Robert sank to the floor, a bullet piercing his head just below the left temple. Death resulted almost instantly.

Coroner Kenningworth made a thorough investigation of the shooting, assigning the child's death as due to the accidental discharge of the old rifle.

ALBERTA'S PREMIER ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Statement Regarding Railway Bonds Endorsed by the Province

Edmonton, Feb. 16.—Premier Rutherford in the legislature replied to questions asked by Mr. Bennett, of Calgary, and Mr. Boyle, of Sturgeon. He replied to Mr. Bennett that the guarantees of the province had been endorsed since the last meeting of the legislature on 195 miles of the G. T. E. branch lines, 280 miles of C. N. R. and 250 miles of Alberta & Great Waterways railway. The bonds for the G. T. E. and C. N. R. were for \$19,000 per mile at 4 per cent interest, and on the A. G. W. for \$20,000 per mile at 5 per cent interest. As for miles of the lines constructed, the G. T. E. has 50 miles graded and 25 miles steel laid, the C. N. R. has 37 miles graded and 19 miles steel laid, the A. G. W. 5 1/2 miles graded.

In reply to Mr. Boyle, the premier stated that the government was not aware of the subscribed capital of the A. G. W., but at least \$50,000 was paid up and deposited in the Merchants' Bank. The directors are W. R. Clarke, president, Wm. Bain and G. P. Minty. A government railway engineer has been appointed in R. W. Jones, C. E.

The bonds of the railway had been sold to J. P. Morgan & Co. at par Canadian terms, and the total amount realized on the bonds was \$7,400,000.

A large delegation of representatives of the districts of Glouchen, Calgary, High River and Lacombe, waited on members of the cabinet to enter a protest against the agricultural college being affiliated with the university and situated at Strathcona.

FOSTER'S LABEL SUIT

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The \$50,000 slander action of Hon. George E. Foster against J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe, was not reached in court this morning.

LAST HEARD OF FALSE CREEK

VANCOUVER GETS If Long-Talked Plans Do Not FINAL EXTENSION

Materialize at Once Bill is Dead

An evergreen problem with which the city of Vancouver has been wrestling at intervals since 1904 is that of the False Creek foreshore. An act obtained in that year gave the city power to acquire any property it needed to carry out a scheme of improvement for that portion of the waterfront, there being in contemplation a plan of utilizing it for harbor purposes, the C.P.R. having shut off the Burrard inlet waterfront, and have a union depot for any future lines of railway which may enter the city. The Great Northern has acquired a big slice of the foreshore on the south of the creek.

Nothing but talk has ever resulted, however, and it has been necessary to come to the Legislature from time to time to get an act to keep alive the city's powers in that regard. The limit was first 1907, then 1908, next 1910, and this session a bill has been before the House extending the time limit for five years longer. When the city's representatives came to private bills committee on Wednesday they reduced their demand to one year, but the committee, after all that there was to say pro and con, told the city that it would extend eight months further, the original bill, as much amended, to become null and void if something is not undertaken within that time.

Mayor Taylor, City Solicitor W. A. Macdonald, K.C., and Aldermen Stevenson and Hepburn were present on behalf of Vancouver, E. V. Bodwell, K.C., appeared on behalf of the False Creek Property-owners' Association. The Great Northern railway which appears last year with the city, is at cuts with them now, standing pat on its own rights, and did not lend any more than instruct the private bills committee on Wednesday they reduced their demand to one year, but the committee, after all that there was to say pro and con, told the city that it would extend eight months further, the original bill, as much amended, to become null and void if something is not undertaken within that time.

The city representatives explained the situation at this time. At last election the general plan for a scheme of improvement had been endorsed by the ratepayers, and it was now desired that a year longer be allowed the city to carry on and complete its arrangements. The council had been elected on a platform that they must settle the question this year.

r. Bodwell said the city had put up the same story every time they came for an extension of time. The property owners were being held up in any plans they might desire to make or in the sale of their property by the fact that they were liable to expropriation at any time, and at a time which might never come, judging by the rate at which the city was proceeding. The proper thing for the city to do was to expropriate the property now, seeing they had to do so eventually to carry out any scheme, and then go ahead with the formulation of a scheme. This they ought to be able to do inside of ninety days.

How many acres by the Dominion government to persons claiming by pre-emption?

How many acres have already been granted outside the reserve to the E. & N. railway to compensate it for the lands that had been granted above?

Does the government intend to allow all persons claiming the coal rights under the land granted to them within the E. & N. railway reserve to appear on the 11th February to present and make good their claim, who now make such claim by virtue of their squatters' rights or pre-emption right notwithstanding that the time limited by the act has passed for making such application under the Island Settlers' Rights Act?

What is the date of the notice that appears in the Colonist of the 6th of February warning persons to appear before the government on the 11th of February to make good their claims under the Island Settlers' Rights Act?

How many acres does the government propose to grant as compensation?

Has this proposed compensation land been examined and valued by an expert on behalf of the government?

What is its value?

Hon. Price Ellison answered as follows:

1. Have no record of the company's dealings with squatters.

2. Have no record of the company's dealings with pre-emptors.

3. No information in the land department.

4. \$469.

5. Unable to say.

6. No.

7. No valuation made.

8. No.

9. No.

10. No data.

11. No.

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13. No data.

14. 15 and 17. The matter is under consideration.

The second set of questions was addressed to Hon. Mr. Bowen as under:

VALUABLE CARGO ON LONSDALE

THOUSAND TONS FROM EASTERN CANADA

The Canadian-Mexican Liner Brought 4,000 Tons of Goods for B. C.

Four thousand tons of valuable goods Lonsdale, arriving Tuesday. The steamer had every inch of cargo space filled and a small quantity had to be left behind owing to lack of room. On the deck were piled large nitric acid pots weighing 16,000 lbs. each for the Victoria Chemical Works, and a quantity of other heavy steel goods. The first consignment of pipe for the Esquimalt Waterworks was also among the cargo.

The bulk of the freight brought by the Lonsdale came from Europe and crossed the isthmus by the Tehuantepec railway. It consisted of wines, spirits, fancy groceries and almost everything that is used on this coast. The most interesting consignment, however, was 1,000 tons of canned fruit, vegetables, fish, clams and other products of Eastern Canada, which were shipped from St. John, N. B., and packed chiefly in Ontario. This it has been proved can be carried cheaper by the Mexican route than overland, and in the commencement of a business which has enormous possibilities.

As well as the cargo which came over the railway the steamer has 500 tons of salt and a quantity of coffee collected by the steamer Salvador from Central American ports. This steamer is operated by Symonds & Co., the owners of the steamers Lonsdale and Georgia, and is proving very successful.

Five hundred tons of the cargo, in addition to the steel pipe, is slow work, and by working day and night it will take a day or two to remove it. The stevedores worked all last night, but have only commenced to move the heavy material.

Only three passengers came north from Mexico. One of these was Mr. Clark, who is travelling with the pipe consignment, and the others were British seamen who were in distress at Salina Cruz, and who were taken to the British consul.

A full cargo of lumber, grain, salmon and coal awaits the Lonsdale at B. C. points. There is 1,000 tons of coal going to Guaymas, and it is expected that they will leave for the south in about three weeks' time.

The Canadian-Mexican service to British Columbia is just beginning to be felt. Captain Worsnop is at present in the Old Country arranging for the service in the future, and it is very probable that some change in at least one of the steamers will be made. The Lonsdale, however, seems to be very suitable vessel for the business, but two steamers of her size are hardly able to manage the amount of freight which is being secured.

DETS FROM INJURIES.

Nanaimo, Feb. 12.—The death occurred in the Nanaimo hospital Thursday night of Joseph Ashcroft, who was injured by a cow on Marshall's milk ranch on Tuesday last.

It appears that when the young man was tending a calf, a cow which was feeding, raised its head, the point of one horn striking Ashcroft in the face else by the nose. The wound bled profusely and a doctor was summoned who attended the injured man and had him put to bed. Next morning Ashcroft was delirious and he was at once removed to the hospital, where his skull was found to be fractured.

He died on Thursday night, death being due to hemorrhage of the brain. The deceased was a native of Lancashire, England, aged 32 years.

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SETTLERS' RIGHTS IN E. & N. RAILWAY GRANT

Several Questions Asked by John Jardine on a Live Subject

In view of the present movement to finally solve the long-veged problem of the rights of the settlers in the E. & N. railway belt, John Jardine asked two sets of questions in the House Tuesday. The first set was addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and was as follows:

1. How many acres within the E. & N. railway reserve have been granted by the E. & N. railway to persons who claimed the land by squatters' right?

2. How many acres were granted to persons claiming by pre-emption?

3. How many acres in the said reserve have been granted by the Dominion government to persons claiming under squatters' rights?

4. How many acres by the Dominion government to persons claiming by pre-emption?

5. How many acres have already been granted outside the reserve to the E. & N. railway to compensate it for the lands that had been granted above?

6. Do these lands already so granted to the E. & N. railway as compensation lands valued by an expert now?

7. Have those already granted compensation lands been valued by a government officer?

8. Have they been valued by an expert on behalf of the government?

9. What was the value placed upon them?

10. Does the government intend to allow those already granted compensation lands valued by an expert now?

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1. Does the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company own the land in what is called the railway reserve on Vancouver Island which has not been alienated to private parties?

2. If not, who owns it?

3. Does the E. & N. Railway Company own the coal or coal rights under the lands mentioned in question 1?

4. If not, who owns it?

5. Does the E. & N. Railway Company own the coal or coal rights under the land in the reserve which has been alienated to private parties (except those who have obtained grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act)?

6. If not, who owns it?

7. Are there two E. & N. Railway Company's in British Columbia?

8. If yes, which has the right of freedom from taxation under the statutes?

9. If no, why is neither the coal nor the land in that reserve taxed?

The Minister of Finance replied as follows:

1. Yes, as far as we know.

2. The persons to whom the land is alienated.

3. Yes, where such coal or coal rights have been reserved by the company; no, where no such reservation has been made by the company.

4. Where reservation has been made by the company, the persons to whom alienated.

5. It depends upon the nature of the grants made by the company.

6. The persons to whom alienated.

7. No.

8. Answered by No. 7.

9. All the lands within the railway reserve legally liable for taxation have been taxed.

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and cut out the gas supply in the whole hotel. On the arrival of Detective McDonald and Constable Campbell they at once brought the body down. An inquest will be held.

LADY LAURIER FINED.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Lady Laurier's chauffeur was convicted in the police court this morning of exceeding the speed limit and as owner of the automobile Lady Laurier was fined \$25 costs. She did not appear in court this morning, and was not in the automobile at the time the chauffeur was caught exceeding the speed limit.

HOPE ABANDONED.