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CANADA AND GERMANY MAKE UP

After so much beating of the war drum, the German-Canadian trade agreement is a refreshing reminder of the identity of interest among all nations.

The agreement is a victory of peace for this country. Great Britain had bound the self-governing colonies to discriminate in commercial matters against no countries with which she had favored nation treaties. These treaties stood in the way of preferential trade within the Empire. Prior to 1896, the Canadian Government had pressed for their denunciation, but the Imperial Government had refused to risk the disruption of existing trade relations with the favored nations. The Laurier Government cut the Gordian knot simply by introducing a preferential tariff. The British Government had either to terminate the treaties, or refuse Canada's proffer. The treaties were denounced. Germany at once retaliated by applying her maximum tariff to Canadian imports. The German surtax in 1903 was Canada's response.

Germany's export trade with Canada was hard hit. It fell from $9,750,000 to $6,250,000 in five years, according to a statement in the Berliner Tageblatt. For some time Germany has been making overtures to Canada, and it looks as though the Franco-Canadian treaty had finally determined the Berlin Government to completely surrender. The agreement is virtually a return to the status quo. Canada drops the surtax, so that German goods enter this country on the same terms as those of the United States and other countries outside the British Empire, with which we have no trade treaties. Germany in return gives Canada the advantage of her minimum tariff upon a long list of products, chiefly those of the farm and forest. The new relations will not be so close as those recently established between Canada and France, but they will greatly increase the volume of profitable exchange.

ANOTHER TRY FOR THE SOUTH POLE.

Capt. R. E. Scott, who is to lead this year's British Antarctic expedition, has had experience in exploration in that region. He will start determined if he does not himself reach the South Pole, to make it easier for some other British subject to accomplish the feat.

Explaining his plans to a London audience the other day, Capt. Scott said he hoped his ship, the Terra Nova, now in the London docks, would start in June next and reach the Antarctic in November. After landing twenty-two men in McMurdo Sound, the quarters used by Shackleton, he hopes to go where no one has yet landed, King Edward's Land. There he will leave a party of six. The expedition will take about twenty ponies, twenty-five dogs and some motor sledges. With these he hopes to get a good deal of provisions two or three hundred miles to the south before settling down for the winter, which starts about May.

Capt. Scott's main dash for the pole will probably begin in October of next year. He will have to cover over eight hundred miles, and he will probably be able to do no more than ten or fifteen miles a day. That will bring him to the middle of December before he gets to the pole, if he gets there at all. If all goes well he hopes to be back about the middle of March, 1912. With the various means of traction he should be able to carry a great quantity of food south over the great ice barrier and make a big depot there, and from that place he hopes not only to send or go with a party to the South Pole, but also to send other parties in various directions.

The explorer is evidently a man who is not easily discouraged. He says if he cannot reach the pole at the first attempt he hopes to do it the next year, and if he fails then he hopes the young men who are going with him will want to try a third time. He is confident that once they get their base established his party will not leave that place until the thing is done.

VETO OR BUDGET?

The new British Parliament assembled yesterday, but adjourned until Monday next, after the election of a Speaker and the swearing-in of members. There is nothing significant in this adjournment; it merely follows a custom. Conjecture will be rife for at least another week. Perhaps the King's speech will furnish a clue to the course of procedure. Certainly the cabinet has guarded the secret well.

The Radical press is not less emphatic than Mr. Redmond himself in insisting that the House of Lords shall be dealt with before the budget is reintroduced, or any other legislation attempted. Even if Mr. Balfour has promised to aid in passing the budget, as reported, the Government could not accept the offer, and defer the question of the veto, without alienating the Nationalists and Laborites, and risking a split in the Liberal ranks. The only condition upon which the budget could be given precedence without disrupting the progressive forces would be the assurance of the King's consent to create new peers to carry the veto bill if necessary. More than once the very threat of a new creation has brought the House of Lords to its knees. It is a power scrupulously constitutional. Professor Dicey calls it "that further custom, which though of comparatively recent growth, forms an essential part of modern constitutional ethics, by which in case the peers should finally refuse to acquiesce in the decision of the lower House, the crown is expected to nullify the resistance of the Lords by the creation of new peerages." The King, whatever his personal inclinations, will probably be governed by the advice of his ministers in such a crisis. He knows that the peers and their followers will not in any event raise a cry against the crown, because aristocracy and royalty are interdependent. But he might forfeit the goodwill of many who are opposed to the pretensions of the peers if he stood between the upper chamber and the mandate of the people. Today the monarchy enjoys the confidence of all classes and parties, as never before. The King is considered too astute to invite any disturbance of the present happy relations.

The German coon has come down. But he should have come down before he was hurt.

Perhaps Mr. Asquith hasn't as much trouble as the cable correspondents have piled up for him.

A question still unanswered: How does Mr. Borden propose consulting the people on the naval question?

There is a split in the Alberta Government. Cabinet ministers are more prone to fight among themselves when they have no Opposition to fight.

Professor Lowell, of Arizona, has photographed a new canal on Mars. Some Martian astronomer may report a like discovery on this planet when we dredge the Thames.

Canada is spending more money for naval defence than either Australia or New Zealand. There are politicians and journals in this country who try to convey a contrary impression.

The Ottawa Journal has had not a word to say on the naval question since Mr. Borden struck his colors to the Winnipeg crew. The Journal, owned and edited by the president of the Ottawa Conservative Association, has been an eloquent and forceful advocate of a Canadian naval service, but it is completely flabbergasted for the time being.

Some of the British campaign literature shows an impudence unknown in this country. The following circular was issued in the interests of Hon. J. Mills, Unionist candidate in the Uxbridge division of Middlesex:

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE LIBERALS COME INTO POWER.

In five years there will be no Ireland, no colonies, no navy, no church, no public houses, no beer, no money, no work, no hope—nothing but chapels, Germans, lemonade, and lies.

The rioting in Prussia against the new election law is not without excuse. The Prussian Government refuses to abolish open voting for the Prussian Diet, although the Reichstag, the Federal House, has been elected by secret ballot for many years. The Prussian Government also refuses to abolish the class franchise by which the working class is limited to one vote for one man, while a member of any other class has two or more votes, according to his occupation, rank and wealth. The Kingdom of Prussia is governed by an oligarchy representing the Junkers, who correspond to the English squirearchy. The conditions show how far Germany has yet to travel before it becomes a really democratic country.

A FORM OF POPULARITY.

[Washington Star.]

"My husband is one of the most popular men in his club," said young Mrs. Torkins, proudly.

"I'm sorry to hear that," replied Miss Cayenne. "It indicates that he never wins."

AFTER-DINNER ORATORY.

[Vancouver Province.]

After-dinner oratory as a whole will appear to the future historian of our civilization as a survival of barbarism which prescribed that a hundred men shall sit around a table and be bored to death by a half-dozen of their own number, who are nearly frightened to death. The ordinary citizen of good education and sound moral training can say more foolish things and break more rules of grammar during a ten-minute speech at a banquet than he will be guilty of the rest of the year in his private capacity.

HARMLESS.

[St. Thomas Journal.]

Letting the women vote as to whether they want to vote can do no harm, anyway.

THE HOBO.

[Greenwood Ledge.]

It is a long time since we read about a hobo being operated upon for appendicitis.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

[Literary Digest.]

There is a lawyer of Nashville, well known for his absolute probity and high-minded sense of honor, who was once consulted by an individual, not long in Nashville, but whose reputation for sharp practices had preceded him from another city. The caller was endeavoring to justify as well as he might his conduct in a certain real estate transaction, when suddenly the attorney interrupted him with:

"I think you have acted like a confounded scamp, sir!"

"Is there any charge for that opinion?" sarcastically inquired the man, as he rose to go.

"Yes, sir!" shouted the irate lawyer. "Five dollars, sir!"

Dropsy—

Given up by Doctor

"I had dropsy, and was told by my family physician that there was no chance for me. My family also gave me up. My limbs and body were swollen one-third larger than natural, water collected around my heart and I had to be propped up in bed to keep from smothering. I took Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy until I was entirely cured. This was in 1902, and I am now able to do any kind of work on my farm. My cure was certainly marvelous."

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THE MEAN THING!

[Illustrated Bits.]

"You're so conceited, Connie, that I believe when you get into heaven the first question you'll ask will be, 'Are my wings on straight?'"

"Yes, dear, and I shall be sorry that you won't be there to tell me."

A DEFINITION.

[Chicago News.]

"What is love?" she asked.

"Love," he answered, "is a brand of insanity that makes a man call a 200-pound woman his tootsy wootsy."

CLASSIFIED.

[Boston Transcript.]

"Patch is nothing but a social cannibal."

"What do you mean?"

"He lives on his friends and relatives."

A VALID REASON.

[Lippincott's.]

The Count—Vat! Economize?

The Countess—Yes. Father says we are living beyond his means.

JUST WISHED TO KNOW.

[Puck.]

Virginia—Papa, Harold and I are engaged and will be married this fall.

Her Dad—Well, I suppose it's all right. Does he look like anybody I know?

WHEN THE TROUBLE STARTED.

[Houston Post.]

"John, I have decided to have Mrs. Sewswell cut out my dresses after this."

"I have decided to cut out about half of them myself, dear."

REVENGE!

[Milwaukee Sonatag Poste.]

"Great heavens! The professor is smoking an abominable cabbage! Does he buy his cigars from you?"

Cigar Manufacturer (in the background)—"Certainly. I have an account to settle with him. He gives my wife singing lessons."

BESSIE'S DILEMMA.

[Kansas City Journal.]

Bessie—Oh, Mabel, I am in an awful dilemma! I've quarrelled with Harry, and he wants me to send his ring back.

Mabel—That's too bad.

Bessie—But that isn't the point. I've forgotten which is his ring.

THE LARGEST THERMOMETER.

[Optical Journal.]

The largest thermometer in the world, twenty feet high, with figures big enough to read a block away, was made in Rochester for a Boston druggist. The glass tube was sixteen feet long, and ten tubes were broken in the process of making before a perfect one was secured. The instrument is very accurate, and registers from 35 degrees below zero to 115 degrees above.

MARRIAGE.

[Puck.]

We may sneer at marriage all we like, but what in the world should we ever do without it?

Marriage is the prior fact to widows and orphans, the bulwark of our financial system.

Do you speak of finer things? Then marriage it is which affords ground for divorce, and divorce supplies our actresses with temperament for the emotional roles, while as for the staple of the drama, it is certain that many extreme psychological situations would fall pretty flat if there were no marriage to create scandal by being held too lightly.

And, coming to matters of highest import, it is a fact, however contrary to the popular impression, that marriage has a part to play in society. Provided it doesn't degenerate into a pretext for having children, it is a distinct convenience in those elevating activities which engross our best people.

MAGAZINE VERSE.

[Philadelphia Record.]

"I can't make anything out of this poem of yours," complained the magazine editor.

"That isn't the point," replied the poet. "The question is, can I make anything out of it?"

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WESTERN FAIR TO ADD $1,000 TO PRIZE LIST

Suggestion Met With Favor at a Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The prize-winners in the local milkmen's competition will probably exhibit at the Western Fair. At the meeting of the executive committee of the fair, Dr. Tamlin sent a communication, outlining the method of competition, and suggested that the milkmen's outfits be exhibited at the fair. The idea found favor, and the executive committee referred the matter to the dairy committee to work out the details. It is expected that this will be an interesting feature of the exhibition.

More Room Required.

The question of more room was discussed at some length. It is necessary to have a building for hardware exhibits, and for an art exhibit. The executive thought the buildings were needed, and the matter will be brought up at a meeting of the general board.

Increasing Prize List.

It was recommended that $1,000 be added to the prize lists. At the annual meeting the feeling was that this much should be added to the list, and the executive seconded the suggestion.

The general board will also deal with that matter.

Niagara Power.

An estimate of the probable amount of power to be taken by the board when Niagara power comes was also discussed informally. No definite information was to be obtained yet, but it will be obtained shortly, when a further discussion will take place.

The different committees were struck and will be approved of by a general meeting on Saturday. The changes were not numerous.

Estimates Prepared.

Subsequent to the meeting of the executive, the financial committee met, and prepared their estimates for the year. The salaries were also adjusted. Their report will also be considered Saturday.

Those present were Mr. W. J. Reid (president), Mr. Geo. G. McCormick, John Pringle, Col. Gartshore, Ald. J. H. Saunders, and A. M. Hunt (secretary).

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES

$2.50 Per 1,000 Feet Likely To Be the Rate Next Summer.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 16.—At a meeting of the board of managers of the Lumber Carriers' Association, certain bylaws of the association, it is said, were so changed as to conform with federal anti-trust laws.

The meeting was held behind locked doors and was attended by 23 or 25 of the 28 members of the board.

The old bylaws of the association, it is said, provided specifically for the maintenance of uniform rates for carrying forest products on the great lakes, and though these bylaws have been in effect for some time, their elimination was accepted without dissension.

No official statement was obtainable relative to rates for carrying lumber during the coming season, but it is understood that shippers will find individual members of the association quoting a rate of $2 50 per thousand feet from the head of the lakes to Lake Erie points.

LADY ROBERTS ARRIVES.

New York, Feb. 16.—Lady Sybil Grey, daughter of Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada, arrived in New York yesterday on the White Star liner Baltic, accompanied by Lady Aileen Roberts, daughter of Field Marshall Lord Roberts.

This is the first visit of Lady Aileen Roberts to New York. She will be the guest of Lady Grey in Canada.

W. E. MIDDLETON DEAD.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—W. E. Middleton, deputy grand master of Quebec Grand Lodge, A., F. and A. M., died at Buckingham yesterday. Mr. Middleton was 45 years of age, and is survived by a wife and four children. He was manager of the Bank of Montreal at Buckingham.

COAL CO. CHARGED WITH A CONSPIRACY

Said to Have Limited the Output in Order to Enhance the Prices.

Halifax, Feb. 16.—Yesterday General Manager J. R. Cowans, of the Cumberland Coal and Railway Company, and General Sales Agent Alexander Dick, of the Dominion Coal Company, were put on trial in the supreme court by Stipendary Magistrate Fielding. They are charged with conspiring to unduly limit the output of coal in order to enhance the price.

The defendants were placed on trial, and bail was set at $2,000 each, $1,000 each in themselves and $1,000 by another.

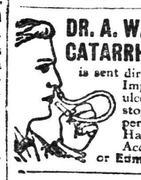
Each defendant was found com- that the application to have the depetent to give bail for the other and this was done. His honor intimated fendants sent up on other charges was not granted, the reasons being stated in his reviews.

W. B. A. Ritchie asked for certification in order to allow the witness fees to be collected. He was informed that the attorney-general and the crown prosecutor must first be asked to make the certification.

The prosecution was instigated by the striking mine workers.

How to Pop Corn.

It is done in different ways, but the most approved method is to pop your corns with Putnam's Corn Extractor—corns pop out for fair, and stay out, too, when removed by "Putnam's." Try this painless remedy yourself.



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