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PEOPLE DO NOT ENDORSE GREY'S FOREIGN POLICY

Shuster Discusses Persian Situation Upon Arrival in New York

ENGLAND MADE MISTAKE

Buffer State Between India and Russia Removed and Prestige of Nation Suffered Severe Blow by Part in Russo-Persian Trouble.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 22.—W. Morgan Shuster authorized the following statement on his arrival today:

"I am more than glad to get home again. I have been away less than a year, but the time seems much longer. I was particularly pleased with the reception given me in London, and I left there more than ever confirmed in my original belief that the British people have little sympathy with the immoral and disastrous foreign policy of their present government. The past year has witnessed three acts of international brigandage each perpetrated by Christian nations against Mohammedans and each more shocking to the accepted principles of humanity and justice than the preceding one. Compared to the cynical brutality with which the Persians have been treated, even the Tripolitan outrage pales. The Russian government had not a single spark of justification in either law, morals or fact for its barbaric cruelty towards the Persian people, and the British government must be judged by its acquiescence in the acts of its partner in crime.

"England dealt civilization and progress a foul blow when she set to work to create a strong Russia after the Japanese war. The British people are beginning to realize this now and they will see it still more clearly in the next ten years. In its endeavor to out-point Germany in the European diplomatic game the British foreign office has paid a stiff price for something which will never be delivered, Russian support against Germany.

"The eyes of the British Foreign Secretary have been so glued on Europe for the past few years that he has completely overlooked the British Empire in Asia. One result is that there is no longer a buffer state between Russia and the Indo-Persian frontier. Another is that 72,000,000 Mohammedans in India have so far changed their feelings toward England as to no longer afford an offset to Hindu agitation. Another result is that England has lost caste as the friend and helper of struggling peoples, and this untoward manifestation of waning national prestige is being felt among all classes of the British people themselves.

"I have had many questions asked me about the capacity of the Persian people. I can only say that I think that the element among them fighting for a change in their state is a decent government to look up to instead of being the serfs of a wholly heartless and corrupt monster, deserved better of fate than to be forced, as now, either to sulk back into a decent government or to be hunted down and murdered as revolutionary dogs.

"The constitutionalists in Persia were never given a chance by England and Russia to show why they could really stand the day that they played a dawning capacity for their task and even expressed the desire to prove themselves an independent nation, by that same token their fate was sealed.

"The destruction of Persian nationality is a crime and a great loss to the world. The practical assimilation of Persia by such a nation as Russia is a further menace to Europe and to real civilization."

WOULD HAVE BIG APPROPRIATION FOR THE U. S. NAVY

Representative Levy Proposes
Doubling Annual Addition to
Fleet with Initial Appropriation
of \$20,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Representative Jefferson Levy, of New York, celebrated Washington's birthday by proposing a change in the two battleships a year programme in the House. He introduced a bill, empowering the President to build four battleships annually each to cost less than \$5,000,000 exclusive of armament. Mr. Levy would have the ships carry "as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any vessel of their class, and to have the highest practicable speed and the greatest practicable radius of action." The bill would appropriate \$20,000,000 to start the work. It was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

MARRIAGE QUESTION IS READY

Cabinet Decides Terms of Reference to Supreme Court on Marriage Law.

Will Ascertain if Parliament Has Power to Enact an Amendment and Validity of Mixed Marriages.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The cabinet has fixed on the terms of the reference to the supreme court on the question of the marriage law. The text of the order in council is as follows:

"The committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, advise that pursuant to section 60 of the Supreme Court Act, the following questions are referred to the Supreme Court of Canada for hearing and consideration, namely:

1—(A)—Has the Parliament of Canada authority to enact in whole or in part, Bill No. 3 of the first session of the Twelfth Parliament of Canada, intitled, "An act to amend the Marriage Act."

The bill provides as follows:
1—The Marriage Act, chapter 105 of the revised statutes, 1906, is amended by adding thereto the following section:
3—Every ceremony or form of marriage heretofore or hereafter performed by any person authorized to perform any ceremony of marriage by the laws of the place where it is performed, and duly performed according to such laws, shall everywhere within Canada be deemed to be valid notwithstanding any differences in the religious faith of the persons so married and without regard to the religion of the person performing the ceremony.

(B)—The rights and duties, as married people of the respective persons married as aforesaid, and of the children of such marriage, shall be absolute and complete, and no law or canonical decree or custom of any province or territory shall have any force or effect to invalidate or qualify any such marriage or any of the rights of the said persons or their children in any manner whatever.

(C)—If the provisions of the said bill are not all within the authority of the Parliament of Canada to enact, which, if any of the provisions are within such authority.

2—Does the law of the Province of Quebec render null and void unless contracted before a Roman Catholic priest, a marriage that would otherwise be legally binding, which take place in such province.

(A)—Between persons who are both Roman Catholics, or—
(B)—Between persons one of whom only, is a Roman Catholic.

3—If either (A) or (B) of the last preceding question is answered in the affirmative, or if both of them are answered in the affirmative, has the Parliament of Canada authority to enact that all such marriages whether—
(A)—Heretofore solemnized, or—
(B)—Hereafter to be solemnized shall be legal and binding.

NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE OPENS

Speech from the Throne Expresses Satisfaction at Safe Return of King and Queen from India.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22.—Last June general elections were held for the legislature of Nova Scotia resulting in the return of 25 Liberals supporting the government and 13 Conservatives in opposition, the largest opposition in provincial affairs for twenty years. The first session of this legislature which has a five years' term was opened today.

Introduce Home Rule Bill Soon

London, Feb. 22.—It has practically been arranged that Premier Asquith will introduce the home rule bill in the House of Commons on March 20.

ONLY WANT OWN COLONY

Italy Simply Taking Possession of Provinces Owing Civilization to Ancient Roman Occupation.

Rome, Feb. 22.—General Paolo Spingardi, minister for war and Admiral Pasquale Leonardo-Cattolica, minister for marine today thanked the members of the chamber of deputies for their manifestations in honor of the army and navy and their speeches were greeted with a great ovation. Signor Marcora spoke saying that the Italians through the valor of their soldiers were simply taking possession of the provinces of the ancient Roman provinces which owed their civilization to Rome and had been thrown back into barbarism again by usurpers. These provinces would now enter into a new era of civilization which they would receive from Rome.

REASSURING NEWS RECEIVED

Lord Strathcona Personally Answers Cable from Government—Holding His Own and is Cheered by Message.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Reassuring news as to the condition of Lord Strathcona, the veteran Canadian High Commissioner, in London, reached the government today by cable. The news of Lord Strathcona's illness received a few days ago gave rise to considerable anxiety in ministerial circles.

WANTS INFORMATION REGARDING GRAND TRUNK RY. MATTERS

Questions are to be Put with Reference to the Arbitration Board Relative to the Intercolonial Railway.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Mr. Davidson, member for Annapolis, has given notice of the following questions:
1—When was the arbitration board provided by Chapter 16, 4, Edward 7, respecting arbitration between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Railway Co., relative to the Intercolonial Railway appointed?
2—What matters are still undetermined that were referred to that board?
3—How often have extensions been obtained under the fourth section of said chapter and when was the last extension?
4—What explanation, if any, is given for the delay in closing this arbitration?
5—Are the Grand Trunk still continuing the alleged violation of the agreement with the Crown as to the routing of freight?
6—What sums of money have been paid by the Crown to arbitrators and to counsel and solicitors up to the present time and what are the names of the recipients of the respective amounts?
The references are to the agreement whereby the Grand Trunk undertook to route certain freight over the Intercolonial.

THE TARIFF BOARD BILL PROGRESSES

Liberals Display Acrimony Rather Than Acuteness in the Debate.

Bill Was Practically Completed—Evening Sitting Enlivened by Several Disputes—Pugsley Occasions One.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The day has been spent on the tariff commission the Liberals keeping up a steady fire of objections. They managed their business with acrimony rather than acuteness however, and had the chagrin of seeing a first class train plucked up under their noses by their opponents. "And they shall hear the evidence of persons who appear before them for the purpose of making it voluntarily and who have not been so summoned."

DRIFT IN RAGING SEA

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Bodies of Six Have Been Found

Colgate, Okla., Feb. 22.—Six dead men have already been taken from Mine No. 5, of the Western Coal Mining Company at Lehigh, in which fire broke out and it is believed that there are still from thirty to forty men entombed in the lower shafts.

SMALLPOX IN ONTARIO

Board of Health Will be Asked to Take Steps to Prevent Spread of the Disease from Lumber Camps.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—It is probable that an early date a strong petition representing the concrete opinion of all the towns of eastern Ontario and the Ottawa Valley will be sent to James Whitney, demanding that the Provincial Board of Health take immediate action to afford adequate protection against smallpox from the lumber camps. The disease is prevalent in many sections throughout this end of the province, a condition which prevails every winter and in the opinion of medical men it is brought in primarily by men returning from the shanties.

ADRIATIC IN RAGING SEA

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LAURIER MAY RETIRE FROM LEADERSHIP SOON

THE MARRIAGE IS DECLARED TO BE VALID

Judge Charbonneau Decides in Favor of Wife in Hebert Case.

Judgment Said to Be Vindication of Canadian Marriage Law—Government Case to Proceed.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Mr. Justice Charbonneau gave judgment this morning in the famous Hebert marriage case in favor of the wife. He practically holds that any officer authorized to solemnize marriage can marry any two persons who observe the ordinary formalities, including a marriage license, no matter what their religion may be.

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Hon. George P. Graham, Elected at South Renfrew, Successor?

MALONEY POPULAR, TOO

Former Minister Defeats Dr. Maloney by Majority of 291 Votes with Several Small Polls Yet to be Heard From.

Renfrew, Feb. 22.—Hon. George P. Graham, ex-minister of railways and canals, who lost his seat in the House of Commons in the election of Sept. 21, when he was defeated in Brockville by John Webster regained a place beside Sir Wilfrid Laurier today when in the by-election in South Renfrew, necessitated by the resignation of T. A. Low he scored a victory over Dr. Maloney, the Conservative candidate. With only a few small polls to hear from, the Liberal majority stood at 291.

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LEGALITY OF WRIT IS FIRST QUESTION TO BE DECIDED UPON

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Gov. Dix tonight ordered the suspension of all proceedings before him in the case of Foulke Brandt until the legality of the writ of habeas corpus granted yesterday by Justice Gerard shall have been decided by the court of appeals.