

London Advertiser

LONDON, FRIDAY, MAY 8.

A GREAT START.

It may sit next to a man he does not like at a ball game and become fairly good friends with him before the game is over. He would fight if anyone wiped felt on him at any other time, but at a ball game he'll stand for having his coat decorated with dust from human hoofs. It's the drama in baseball that "gets" everyone. Baseball is a gladiatorial struggle without bloodshed (unless it be the umpire's blood). At times that primordial lust for victory makes us blind, and we are apt to be ready to turn thumbs down as the Romans did, no matter what the cost.

The first league game of 1914, in which the London team appeared, was a contest worthy of the vast concourse that spread itself over the green acres of the ball fields that has been the theatre for the display of more human emotion and human striving than any other spot in London. Training camp advance notices and the city's famous loyalty to its players, together with the happy proclamation by the mayor of a half holiday, brought the city to the park. Hundreds were the guests of the directors, but thousands from office, shop, factory, kitchen and parlor, too, gave the players their united support.

Last and best, we humbled Toronto! Now bring on Ottawa, and the rest of 'em!

PRINCE ALEXANDER.

CANADA is again given a gracious compliment by the motherland. Prince Alexander of Teck, brother of Her Majesty the Queen, is to succeed the Duke of Connaught. A young soldier, who has had no experience with governments, he is set the task of winning his administrative spurs in a country which will welcome every friendly word he utters, every kindly nod to watching crowds. The Connaughts have won the hearts of Canadians; they are said to take leave of the nation with sincere regret. In the illness of the Duchess, the magnificent man who is her husband, found Canadian hearts full of sympathy. His charming daughter, the Princess Patricia, has been tantalized, feted, and photographed to no end. Her beauty of face and manner have been undimmed through it all.

Prince Alexander will be a dashing, romantic type. He will also, no doubt, have much of his royal sister's common sense and democracy, a combination that will appeal to Canadians.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

IT TAKES a good deal of courage to stand the first loss, is a remark frequently made, with the addition, "and I wish I had taken it." The application of the Canadian Northern is the most important matter with which Parliament has dealt for years. One of the most important provisions is that made for foreclosure.

Provision is made for one director to represent the Government until default. The Canadian Northern Railway system is composed of thirty companies as given in the first schedule, and the number of companies in which stocks are to be transferred, as given in the first part of the second schedule is eighteen, and the mortgage securities and stocks to be transferred, subject to certain charges, as given in the second part of the second schedule number eleven, or in all forty-nine different subject matters of supervision, all large. This is an enormous contract for one man.

While everything is satisfactory, perhaps there is no need for even one man; but suppose default happens, and the provisions made for foreclosure have to be resorted to, what will Parliament have to face? In the first place, provision is made by which the governor-in-council can appoint directors in the place of those elected by the shareholders, and obviously the position of the Government would be that of mortgages in possession, liable to account for every cent to the railway and its creditors. The right to foreclose is given to Parliament, and if Parliament authorizes it, the governor-in-council may declare the equity of redemption of the Canadian Northern foreclosed. The effect of this would be, that not only the stock, \$10,000,000, held by the Government, but \$60,000,000 still held by the Canadian Northern, would also be wiped out. The Government would own the Canadian Northern system, subject to all the rights of the provinces and others, including creditors. These claims would represent many millions of dollars, affecting ten thousand miles of railway, and affecting the forty-nine various railway interests referred to. Here is room for the most serious thought. If an individual finds it best often to have the courage to stand the first loss, should not the Government pause with long and anxious care, and seek to study out what the result might be? Should the Government not try to see the end from the beginning? The guarantee of forty-five millions is a large transaction, compared with what the country would be involved in, if everything does not go smoothly, and default happens, and foreclosure is resorted to.

It is plain that foreclosure is much more to be dreaded than the guarantee of the \$15,000,000. It means taking over thirty railways, and involves forty-nine large railway transactions, set forth in the schedules. Is the country prepared to add to its Government-owned railways ten thousand miles? Is the Government prepared to assume all the remaining liabilities of the Canadian Northern, involving the forty-five millions multiplied several times? It would be in a large measure adopting the principle of Government-owned railways.

The remaining question is: Is there not a middle course? Let us hope if the guarantee is given there will be no default, but why not provide some remedy less extensive, less far-reaching and hard to estimate? Could there not be a first

charge given on a definite part of the railway, equal in value to the forty-five millions? Could not to this be added bonds of undoubted value, so that the railways set forth in the first schedule could, in case of default, each stand on its own bottom, and the creditors of each look to it for payment?

It should not be overlooked, that while Parliament is given the power to foreclose, it is only the power to foreclose, subject to all the obligations and debts then existing. It is not a first mortgage the Government is getting, but a blanket mortgage of the various equities of redemption now held by the railway, and which cannot be financed by the methods heretofore sufficient for the requirements of the Canadian Northern. It would, therefore, be wise not to assume, if it can be avoided, the necessity to take control of the whole railway, but to secure, if even less adequately, the \$45,000,000 guarantee in some other way not equivalent to making Canada a country of Government-owned railways.

THE GOSPEL AND THE BAR.

A SPEAKER at the Trade's and Labor Council meeting, Wednesday night, said that ministers should "preach the gospel and not so much material for the morning papers." It would be interesting to have this critic state exactly what he means.

Is there a difference between reading and annotating the gospels and preaching them? Certainly there is. To preach the gospel means more than to tell merely what it is; it means to illustrate it for the present day, to suggest its application to the business of this age as well as to all other ages. Of futile things there is probably nothing more futile than to keep repeating formulas without exemplifying them. Another feeble futility is to preach without practising. As an old poet said of the good parson: "Christ's love and the apostles twelve be taught, but first he followed it himself." Our friend criticizes ministers for watching hotel bars; but what about driving money-changers out of the temple, taking up the policeman's duty?

So preaching for the morning papers is a crime! The papers make a business of giving news, things worth while hearing about. A minister must not preach anything new, he must make no timely application of old truths, never place them in a new light as reflected in the things that want doing today! This is a curious doctrine.

The fact is we do want preaching of the gospel in the genuine sense of the word, backed up with plenty of practice.

We want ministers with the courage of conviction, who will attack the bar and other social wrongs. Ontario is going to have a chance this year of deciding between national temperance and national intemperance. The ministers should help in the coming campaign, and put themselves actively on the right side, politics or no politics. No good man has the right to hold back from the work to be done on any plea of rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. That does not mean rendering to the liquor ogre the lives of women and children, the reason and honor of manhood. Preach and apply the gospel.

Let's hope yesterday is to be a precedent in 1914 baseball weather.

Next to the problem of the high cost of living that of naming the baby is the most complex.

Mrs. Fan was present in large numbers, scoring the game and disproving the slander that she does not understand.

Do the license commissioners of South and Centre Huron run the provincial secretary? Mr. Hanna has said almost as much.

Mrs. Pankhurst says that the only thing in creation that woman should fear is man. Wonder if she has heard of cows, mice, June bugs and noises in the dark?

The Duke of Connaught intended no affront in passing through Glencoe. His Royal Highness is the prisoner of an itinerary, whenever he goes, through doubtless he often wishes he could "do" the country informally.

Col. Roosevelt, while in Brazil, narrowly escaped death through disease and accident, and lost three of his party, one by drowning, one by violence, and one by madness. The Colonel himself is in bad physical condition as a result of his experiences. This time he was up against the real thing, but as always he was game, and Canadians are glad to know that he is safely back again, if a little shaken.

YOUR GUESS.

[Omaha Bee] When it comes to forecasting what is going to happen next, anyone's guess is as good as any other fellow's guess.

THE ENGLISH WAY.

[Cleveland Plain Dealer] Ambassador Page's London landlord has raised the rent. And yet some people think that England is slow in adopting American ideas of progress.

WOW!

[Indianapolis News] The announcement that the United States is going to quarantine against Cuban fleas ought to be mighty cheering news to the dog.

HURRAH!

[Cleveland Plain Dealer] A Boston physician says his heel-heeled shoes will cure backache. Three cheers for Boston! Sooner or later it may be demonstrated that narrow skirts will relieve bowleggedness.

FREE WHEAT AND THE RAILWAYS

[Ottawa Free Press.] Free wheat would be ruinous to Canadian railways, said Mr. Frapp, and it is to be presumed that his hearers believed him. Perhaps the hon. member does not know that last season nearly fifty per cent. of the crop that was exported went through American territory by American railways, and from American ports. Of course, the wheat was under bond. This means that the Canadian farmer gained nothing, while

---and the Worst Is Yet to Come



the Canadian railways were far from ruined. If a million has come to Canadian farmers through free wheat, would it have hurt anyone?

FAIR EXCHANGE OF FAVORS.

[Montreal Star.] ... Francisco Villa seems to have the one virtue of gratitude. He rightly thinks that the nation which allowed him to murder its own citizens with impunity should not be interfered with if it now wants to kill a few of his fellow-countrymen whom he doesn't like.

A SURPRISE IN CHICAGO

[Hamilton Herald.] "Bathhouse John," the notorious ward boss, alderman and grafter of Chicago, had far more female votes in the civic elections yesterday than the number polled by his chief opponent, who was a woman and a moral reformer. The mistake which women suffrage advocates often make is in assuming that the majority of female voters can always be depended upon to vote for the right.

STAGGERING NEWS.

[Philadelphia Ledger.] "When Bilkins heard that his uncle had left him a fortune, what steps did he take?" "Uncertain ones."

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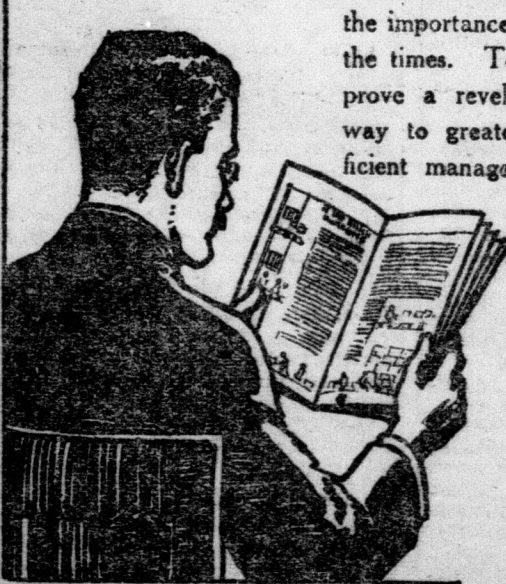
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IMPORTANT TO KNOW.

[Puck] Mrs. Luberty—Here's some pills, Murty, that Mrs. Hogan was rather kind to over for yez. She says they'll either kill or cure yez. McLuberty (who is ill)—Begorra, did she say which they would do forst?



SUSPICIOUS OF UNCLE SAM. [Toronto Star.] There is disquiet in Panama. One source of perhaps serious trouble may be that all Latin-Americans will be disposed to suspect that Uncle Sam, having built the Panama canal, is now moving down and proposes to occupy all the intervening territory. They will say that the canal was but an arm he threw out to hug the lower part of the continent to him.