

NEWS OF WORLD

ROYAL COMMISSION SAILS FOR CANADA ON BOARD ALSATION

AUSTRALIA WINS AGAIN

Princess Arthur Lays Cornerstone of British Columbia Building

The main body of the Dominion Royal Commission will sail for Canada to-day by the Alsation. They will land at Rimouski, from whence they will be conveyed to St. John's, Newfoundland, by the Canadian Government steamer Earl Grey. The chairman, Lord D'Abernon, known until the recent birthday honors as Sir Edgar Vincent, is unable to sail on account of illness and will accompany the commission in three weeks. In the meantime, Sir Alfred Bateman will preside at the sittings in Newfoundland and the Dominion of Wales. Between August 2nd and the end of the month, the commission will cover the East as far as Montreal and Ottawa, and will proceed to Toronto early in September, taking the trip via the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, reaching Winnipeg about the middle of the month, and subsequently visiting Regina, Edmonton, Calgary, Banff and Vancouver. They will conclude their tour at Victoria on October 11th. The members of the commission will then disperse in different directions, two possibly returning via the Panama, while others will travel to Prince Rupert, and see something of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The popular vote in the Manitoba election compiled by the Free Press, in forty-five constituencies out of forty-six as follows: Opposition candidates, 66,832; Roblin candidates, 64,211; Independent candidates, 7,148. Total 138,201. In 1910, the Roblin Government polled 50.77 per cent. of the total vote; Liberals 47.58 per cent. and Socialists 1.56 per cent. Relative figures for 1914 are: Roblin, 47 per cent.; Liberals, 48.35 per cent.; Independent Socialists and Labor candidates, 5.17 per cent.

After having been held up for several months owing to the builders' strike, the foundation stone of the magnificent new buildings for the British Columbia Building, which is being laid by Prince Arthur of Connaught, a congratulatory cable from the Governor-General to the Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Lewis Harcourt, expressed His Royal Highness' anticipation of visiting the beautiful western province.

The Vosstliche Zeitung, quoting a section of Lt.-Col. Frobenius' book, "Germany's Fateful Hour," so highly praised by the Crown Prince, which refers to Great Britain's intention to attack Germany at a favorable moment without a declaration of war, says: "The book has hitherto received little notice, but has caused an excitement. Now, thanks to the Crown Prince's telegram, it will have great success. It is great and most convincing success, however, that the official quarters may at last take steps for regulating the political demonstrations of the Crown Prince, in order to avoid possible embarrassment in consequence of the discrepancy between his utterances and the aims of our responsible statesmen."

The present strength of two units of the permanent force, the engineer corps and the army service corps, is to be reduced by the Minister of Militia, it was announced yesterday.

The number of both units as at present constituted are considered too great, and Col. Sam Hughes intends to reduce both of them to a workable size. The Canadian army, which is now one-third as great numerically as that for the whole British army, in spite of the great disparity in the size of the Canadian Empire.

These units were constituted in their present strength ten years ago. "The Minister of Militia has always contended that they were unnecessary and a waste of money. The present reduction is a good time to do so. This does not mean, however, that the officers and men whose services are dispensed with as far as these two units are concerned will be out of positions since, according to military law, they must be given an opportunity to transfer to other corps.

The present strength of the army service corps is about 156, and of the engineering corps about 300. The itinerary for the Western trip to be taken by Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia has been announced. The Vice-Regal party will leave Ottawa on July 23, arrive at Victoria on August 20, and will be back in Ottawa on September 6. They will visit Fort Arthur, Fort William, Kenora, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Banff, Field, Revelstoke, Kamloops, North Bend, Vancouver, Victoria, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Regina, Broadview, Brandon and Toronto.

Australia yesterday followed up last year's success in the McKinnon Challenge Cup competition by again winning that trophy, though in actual points scored she was tied with England, the overseas dominion gaining the silverware through being the highest scorer at the longer range of the two shot over. Any of the British Dominions are entitled to enter for the trophy, and Canada, England, Australia, India, Guernsey, Ireland and Scotland had teams in the field. The Australians won the cup by scoring three more points than last year, when Canada, as on this occasion, was fourth, her aggregate score yesterday being 20 less than last year. Australia received nearly 50,000 votes for the second trophy.

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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF DIVORCE DECREES

Hard Times Supposed to Be One of Reasons for Domestic Trouble in New York State This Year.

New York, July 17.—County Clerk Schneider submitted yesterday his semi-annual report to the Board of Estimate, which shows that the number of divorce decrees for the half of the year ended June 30 is nearly twice the number issued last year. Commenting on that fact the County Clerk said:

"I know of no other reason than the old adage that when poverty stalks in through the door love flies out of the window. I think the hard times are responsible."

The figures in the report are all the more remarkable because the decrees issued this year are for the Borough of Manhattan only and do not include The Bronx. The number of decrees of absolute divorce signed between January and June 30 last year was 540, while the total number last year during the same period for both Manhattan and The Bronx was only 372.

The county clerk estimates that if the court business that is being handled by the court at the present time, the majority of the women sued by their husbands were blondes. It was estimated also that the great percentage of the women were defendants especially in undefended cases, especially in undefended cases, were under 25 years old, while the majority of men divorced by their wives were between 35 and 45 years old.

NO COLORED TEA

Sufficient Ground for Barring Leaf From United States Rules District Court Judge.

New York, July 17.—An opinion handed down in the United States District Court yesterday by Judge Hough upholds the right of the United States General Board of Appraisers to exclude from the country importations of tea that are found to contain color. The application of the tea test, the judge declares, shows that importers of green teas often use blue lead such as is used in blue lead pencils to give the leaves the proper tinge.

Even if an importation of tea is of the highest grade in all other respects, the judge finds, it can be excluded under the law if found to contain color. The judge's opinion dismisses the suit brought by Carter, Macy & Co., tea importers, against George S. Browne and the General Board of Appraisers, which the Board had declared illegal. A considerable quantity of "young tea" imported by the plaintiffs had been excluded because of color. The plaintiffs appealed to the tea board, which consists of general appraisers, but this body upheld the examiner.

Then Carter, Macy & Co. appealed to the court to enjoin the Board of Appraisers from using the tea test, their attorney, Joseph H. Choate, Jr., arguing that the test was not in accordance with the customs of the trade. As to the examination of the Carter Macy tea, the judge says that the test revealed the presence of Prussian blue in small quantities, and while there was no proof that the color in such quantities was deleterious to the weight of tea.

"The customs authorities of this country have long tried to exclude colored teas," says the judge, "and the Secretary of the Treasury, having power under the statute to enforce the provisions of the act by appropriate regulations, has required examiners and the tea board to use what is known as the Read method to examine artificial coloring or facing matter."

RAILROAD MERGER

Bullfrog and Goldfield Line in Nevada Taken Over by Las Vegas & Tonopah Ry.

Salt Lake City, July 17.—The Bullfrog and Goldfield Railroad, running from Rhyolite and Beatty, Nev., to Goldfield, will be absorbed by the Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad Company. A Clark interest, according to the decision of the stockholders of the latter company at a meeting held in the office of Dana T. Smith assistant secretary of the Bullfrog and Goldfield Company, whose line merges with Las Vegas & Tonopah road from Beatty to Tonopah, assume its indebtedness and practically reconstruct a new line for the purpose of the best parts of both roads and abandoning other sections. The plan has been approved by the Nevada State Railroad Commission and other State officials.

TO HAVE LOWER RATES

State Railroad Commission Obtains Average Reduction of 20 Per Cent.

Helena, Mont., July 17.—An average reduction of 20 per cent. in the general interstate tariff rates of the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads has been obtained by the State Railroad Commission after a conference with the traffic managers of these carriers. The new rates will be effective in twenty days from July 1st in Montana, except the jobbing points which enjoy distributing rates.

OTTO H. KAHN RETURNS

New York Banker Says European Markets Await Decision.

New York, July 17.—Otto H. Kahn returned on the Imperator after a six weeks absence abroad. In an interview yesterday Mr. Kahn said: "The London market is waiting for the clearing of the Ulster situation, and with the rest of the European market for the decision in the Eastern railroad rate case in this country. If the Interstate Commerce Commission permits an advance in the rate it will have considerable beneficial effect on the tone of sentiment abroad."

STRENGTH DISCUSSES SHARE PEDDLING AND ALBERTA OIL SHARES

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Says Financial Horizon Is Clearing Up

MANY NEW FEEDERS

The Patter of the Ubiquitous Parasite Would be Harmless were the Investing Public Aware of the Simple Rules that Govern Disposition of their Money.

(Special Correspondence.) Toronto, July 17.—The curious and questionable expedient adopted by some of the vendor-promoters of Alberta oil propositions in giving options on blocks of shares to those ubiquitous parasites, the share peddlars, would certainly defeat its end were the public more familiar with the obvious and simple rule that governs the disposition of their money, and no rubric, surely, could be simpler or more obvious than the law of commonsense. The chief source of wealth of the share-peddling bureau, which I commented in Saturday's Journal of Commerce, is the small investor whose ignorance of oil technology and share-peddling makes him a comparatively easy prey, which is all the more deplorable in that the loss of his patrimony, which a swindler of any magnitude or subtlety would scorn to lift, may signify privation to him and his dependants, if nothing more. It seems to me inconceivable that these despoilers could flounce any but the smallest fry, and any man of substance with business experience to boast of who gets plucked deserves no title of our pity.

In order to get first-hand knowledge of what progress, if any, is being made in the province of one of the share-peddling agencies here, I paused by the window and assumed the eager, innocent air of a prospective purchaser. I was invited to sit down and the salesman sidled over to me from his doorway and insinuated, as a tempter might:

"The West of Canada may not be going ahead quite so fast as has been the case during the past few years, but its present progress is still marked and is on a more stable and conservative basis."

"With regard to the money which the Company is at present devoting in the financial horizon, that these expenditures were being dependent particularly to the final stages of the extensive programme compiled two years ago, Sir Thomas stated that these have cost large sums, but are necessary in every part of the original programme being adhered to. When that programme is completed the strategic position of the Canadian Pacific Railway in relation to traffic, both local and in competition with United States railways, will be exceedingly strong."

"The double tracking is being carried out with all possible expedition. The value of the undeveloped mineral resources in Alberta, which form part of the original land grant of the Canadian Pacific, is being realized, and the prospect of natural gas, oil and coal in paying quantities is drawing a large amount of capital into the development of mining wealth from which royalties and traffic."

AROUND THE CITY HALL

Application of Grand Trunk to Lay Additional Tracks Was Refused by Board of Control.

The application of the Grand Trunk Railway to lay two additional tracks from Richmond, streets St. Henry Junction was not granted by the Board of Control yesterday afternoon for the reason, it was feared, these new tracks might interfere with the proposed elevation of the company's other tracks, which has been under discussion for several years.

In presenting a report from G. MacLeod, the municipal and tramways engineer, Controller Cote explained their object of laying the new tracks was to give better facilities for handling trains at Bonaventure station. Delays now occurred which would be obviated with more trackage.

More Tracks More Danger. As Controller Cote was of the opinion there would be practically no danger in having four tracks there in having two tracks crossing, there were gates at each crossing. Controller McDonald differed from his colleague, saying the more tracks the greater the danger to the public.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Severe losses in men and ships have resulted from bad storms in the North Sea.

Paul Cinqevall, the juggler, is to retire after forty-two years on the stage.

Hon. W. B. Nantel, Minister of Indian Revenue, will speak at Borel tomorrow.

Matthew C. D. Borden left a net estate of \$647,386. Dr. Matthew S. Borden, a son, does not share in estate.

Industrial Aid Society reports more idleness in Boston and greater difficulty in placing them than at any time within a dozen years.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was arrested once more while being borne on a stretcher to address a meeting of militants.

The Mobile & Ohio Railroad will construct a new bridge to cost \$5,000,000 across the Ohio river at Cairo, Ill. The Mobile is to spend \$1,120,000 for new equipment.

Mrs. Hattie Willetts, supposed to have gone down with the Empress of Ireland, has been arrested in California in company with two white slaves.

Traffic on the Owen Sound branch of the C. P. R. was held up for several hours when an engine was derailed.

Japan Mail Steamship Co. for half year ended March 31, 1914, made net profits of \$1,276,784, and declared 10 per cent. dividends.

Work of eliminating cross-overs, elevating tracks and constructing tunnels and bridges in Pittsburgh by Pennsylvania Railroad will cost \$5,000,000.

For year ended June 30, 1914, crude oil production in Oklahoma totalled 67,525,990 barrels, valued at \$7,525,000.

Two historic banking houses in London have decided to combine, namely, Coutts and Company, and Roberts, Laibook and Company. Both are private concerns.

Mr. G. Horne Russell, A.R.C.A., sailed for England last night. He will visit several of the famous continental galleries before returning to Montreal in September.

The Montreal police have arrested the principals in an extensive "wire tapping" game which has been going on here in connection with the recent race meets.

The Allan steamer Sicilian, which put out in Queenstown on July 9, with disabled machinery, sailed yesterday for Montreal, the damage having been repaired.

The latest attraction to be offered at one of Montreal's amusement parks is a troupe of one thousand educated bees, known as Professor Barrett's Educated Bees.

West Pullman shops of Pullman Co. are taking on suspended employees, and now have 18,000 men, compared with regular force of 13,000. Western Steel Car Foundry at Hegewich, Ill., has re-employed 1,500 men.

The Grand Trunk Railway has requested permission from the Montreal civic government to add two new main tracks to those which they already have leading out of Bonaventure Station.

Counsel Folk, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, says that directors of New Haven should be prosecuted under state jurisdiction in New England, as well as under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Depositors of Atlantic National Bank, Providence, which failed more than a year ago, were paid 10 per cent. of their claims this week. Fourth class claims declared by receiver, other three amounting to 50 per cent.

Pres. Alexander of National Bank of Commerce, chairman of Civilian Control Commission, says none of the \$31,600,000 Claffin notes now held by 3,000 banks and investors will be paid at maturity.

Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Co. has orders for 10,000 tons of rails from the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., and the Southern Railway is expected to lose with West coast coal, iron and railroad Co. for about \$2,000,000.

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GREAT NAVAL REVIEW IN PROGRESS TODAY Fleet Represents Most Powerful Naval Force Ever Brought Together in English Waters - American Ships Unable to Attend.

(Special to The Journal of Commerce) London, July 18.—Over 200 vessels comprising the greatest fleet the world has ever known, assembled at Spithead to-day for the King's Inspection. The ships, which include all classes from the largest dreadnought to the smallest destroyer, are ranged in two main lines extending over a distance of forty miles. This fleet represents the most powerful naval force which has ever been brought together. These waters, including, as it does, a dreadnought, 34 pre-dreadnoughts, 24 armored cruisers, 7 protected cruisers, 24 cruisers, and 78 destroyers, as well as mine-sweepers, repair ships, auxiliary and other kinds of war craft, are King George, who has been in England since the morning of the outbreak of the war, is in the day his proposed visit to the great British fleet.

The Lords of the Admiralty to the British fleet in command of the United States Navy. The Academy practice squadrons of the American ships Missouri and Illinois present at the naval review at Spithead, unfortunately could not be accepted. The engines of the United States warships have been repaired and could not be ready to receive orders to leave Gravesend on such short notice.

Suit of state of Mississippi against Standard Oil of New Jersey, Standard Oil of Louisiana, Standard Oil of Kentucky and Standard Oil of Ohio, charging restraint of trade, was compromised for \$60,000.

President Wilson was suffering from "too much dinner" yesterday. He dined with Secretary of the Interior James McLaughlin, and the two men had a slight attack of indigestion followed the dinner.

Western Maryland Railway Co.'s financial report for the next year, prepared and arranged by its bankers, according to a director, who says the interest on the first mortgage bonds will be paid 100 per cent.