

## BILL IS SENT TO U.S. SENATE

Finance Committee Reports Reciprocity Measure Without Recommendation—General Debate Today

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The bill on the Canadian reciprocity agreement was today sent to the U.S. Senate, when, in accordance with agreement, Chairman Currier of the Finance Committee reported the bill without recommendation. Favorable and adverse views were presented by senators, and the way was cleared for the long series of discussion in open session.

Messrs. McCumber and La Follette submitted reports outlining their individual views against reciprocity, and Mr. Williams presented the views of himself and Messrs. Stone and Kern, favorable to the measure. The debate will begin tomorrow with speeches in opposition to the bill by Senators Curtis and McCumber.

The exchange of views on the bill was general. Mr. Dixon expressed surprise and regret that the committee had not been able to bring in a recommendation for or against the bill. Senator Heyburn stated the facts regarding the motion in committee to report adversely, and said that he had been lost by a tie vote of 7 to 7, thus rendering an opposing report impossible while the same time approaching very near to one.

Mr. Gore introduced an amendment which would place Canadian flour, meats, and agricultural implements on the free list, but said he would not press the provision if it became evident that its adoption would imperil the bill.

**Dakota's Opposition.** Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, in committee filed a minority report, giving sixteen reasons why he opposed the bill. All were based on the contention that by opening the markets of the United States to Canadian farm products, the proposed bill would have the effect of letting the prices of American products down.

"We no sooner enter upon new and better conditions, when we are securing for our labor and for capital invested in farms and farm property a more fair and just remuneration," he said, "than we find ourselves confronted by this measure, which will operate as a check against any further progress, and will even deprive us of the gains we have made in the last few years in the upbuilding of our home markets."

Senator McCumber predicted that by this bill the country would again check its agricultural development and send hundreds of thousands of the sons and daughters of farmers to crowd the cities.

The report dealt extensively with the prices of wheat on both sides of the international line. Mr. McCumber found that to be 10 cents a bushel less in Canada than in the United States. He believed Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan provinces to be capable of supplying enough wheat to feed the world, and prevent the immediate decline of American prices to the Canadian level. The result would be, he said, to lose all the advantages derived in the past from the protective tariff.

**Latest Trade Figures.** Secretary Knox has supplied the Senate Finance Committee with the latest figures regarding imports into Canada from the United States, with the purpose of strengthening the argument in favor of adoption of the reciprocity agreement. They set forth a much larger trade in the commodities that would be affected by reciprocity during the year ended March 31, 1911, than the figures upon which the pending bill was based, which were those for the preceding year.

It is stated that on these last returns the total remission of duties by Canada on American products would be \$2,364,000, instead of \$2,561,000 during the preceding year.

The heaviest remissions are in the free list, and particularly on agricultural products, which are a few thousand dollars under \$2,000,000. The greatest remission of duties would be on fruit, vegetables and live animals, but an increased trade is shown in cottonseed oil and seeds. Farm products show a uniform increase.

On the mutually reduced list, including manufactured articles, the total remission of duties would be more than \$180,000 as compared with \$178,000 the previous year. Agricultural implements form an important item in this list, as well as motor vehicles.

Canada's world trade also increased during the year from \$655,081,000 to \$718,215,000, the United States continuing to hold the front rank with exports to Canada of \$284,885,000.

Canada's exports to the United States showed no increase, though her imports from the United States were nearly sixty-two per cent. of her total imports.

## VITERBO SENSATION

Women Witnesses in Camorrist Trial Testify that They Have Been Offered Bribes

VITERBO, Italy, June 13.—Something of a sensation was occasioned at the Camorrist trial this afternoon by the testimony of three women witnesses, who said they had been offered money by the wives of some of the prisoners and also by Alessandro Lioy, one of the lawyers for the defense, to deny depositions previously made by them and to swear falsely.

One witness named Ada had refused to see Lioy and had notified a police official of the attempts made to have her commit perjury.

Lioy jumped to his feet and shouted: "War!"

The president of the court instructed the police official to tell what had happened. In the meantime the prisoner

from the cage inveighed against the women, calling her a whore.

The police officer said the mothers and wives of the accused Camorristi had tried to take several of the witnesses to Lioy.

Lioy was highly indignant and asked the official if he knew of anything against him, to which the official replied that he knew Lioy had spoken with Ericson's mistress at an inn in Viterbo. The president of the court ordered the proprietor and chambermaid of the inn to be interrogated on this subject.

At this point Lioy became furious and said he would not permit himself to be made the constant object of inquiry. He preferred to abandon his post. Lioy then took off his lawyer's gown and left the courtroom and the president suspended the sitting.

## ELECTION RIOTS

Contents for Seats in Austrian Parliament Attended by Disorders—Crowd of Candidates

VIENNA, June 13.—General elections for the Reichsrath were held today. There were 516 seats, for which 2,981 candidates contested, the extraordinary number of candidates being due to the bewildering variety of parties arising out of race differences and party dissensions.

Interest centered in Vienna, where the Christian Socialists, or anti-semites, heretofore the predominant party, are on the defensive and have become disintegrated. Of 200 pollings known to-night, 94 will require re-ballots, indicating that re-ballots will be characteristic of the whole election.

Violent scuffles occurred in Vienna. Finally the police dispersed the rioters with a sabre charge.

The returns show that the Christian Socialists have been beaten, nearly all their candidates in Vienna losing.

Those elected, including their leaders, will have to face re-ballots.

## WAY IS BLOCKED FOR INSURRECTOS

Army Under Orozco Prevented by Federals from Entering Chihuahua—Possibility of Bloody Conflict

CHIHUAHUA, June 13.—Four thousand federal troops commanded by three generals are patrolling the streets here, determined that the victorious insurrecto army under General Orozco shall not enter the city. Orozco's force extends north along the river 30 miles with headquarters at Suez.

The insurrectos make no effort to conceal their anger. They say while reports come of the capture of the federal army under General Orozco, in spite of peace, are being kept in the field on short war rations.

An incident of the strained relations between the two armies occurred today when a federal lieutenant who shouted "Viva Mexico" was shot and killed by an insurrecto who had smuggled himself into town.

While wonder is expressed that Mexico City does not promptly straighten out the tangle, Governor Gonzalez anticipates no serious consequences. He said that during the federal troops will evacuate and the insurrectos will be allowed to enter Chihuahua.

However, General Orozco, Madero's foremost military chief, when interviewed at Suez frankly expressed displeasure at the authorities' failure to turn over the city to his forces. It was given out at his headquarters that since the insurrectos in Northern Mexico practically had begun and won the war, they should be the first to enjoy the victory.

Many of Orozco's followers have declared that if the federals do not soon evacuate the insurrecto army will enter in a body. General Villar, commanding the federals said today he was acting under orders from Mexico City. These orders were that he should patrol the city and maintain outposts to prevent the entrance of any armed troops. A government official high in authority said: "The difficulty soon will be ended."

All the insurrecto's desire is to be allowed to enter the city led by a brass band, carrying their arms and with flags flying and march through the streets. "Victory" means to his forces the return of the city to his control.

It is generally believed the federals will evacuate within a week. The only fear at present is that if the insurrectos entered armed they might seek revenge on the people and interests that opposed them during the war.

## Mr. Borden's Tour.

OTTAWA, June 13.—The tour of the western provinces upon which R. L. Borden starts from here next Thursday night will keep the Conservative leader hustling. Eighteen days will be taken for meetings and addresses. Itinerary call for thirty-nine addresses in that time. On three days he is billed to speak at meetings in the morning, afternoon and evening. At Winnipeg on Monday night there will be a monster demonstration of welcome to the Conservative leader.

CHICAGO, June 13.—After purchasing transportation and making arrangements to leave with his wife and child for his home in Kansas City, John C. Kling, the veteran catcher of the Chicago National League club, who was traded to the Boston Nationals, suddenly changed his mind. He held a conference with President Russell of the Boston club at 7:30 o'clock and at 8:30 he was on the way to Pittsburgh with the team. Kling says he will receive a large bonus from Boston for accompanying the team.

## INCREASE OF MANY MILLIONS

Assessment Roll of Victoria City Shows Great Growth in Value of Tax-Bearing Property

The increase in the assessable values of lands and improvements for the last year, as shown by the figures which were submitted to last night's meeting of the city council demonstrate in the most emphatic manner the growth of the city. Last year the combined assessable values were \$27,890,232 of which land values accounted for \$26,299,102 and improvements \$1,591,130.

This year the figures are: Land, \$46,489,580 and improvements, \$18,462,080, a total of \$64,951,660.

The city assessor, Mr. W. W. Northcott, has been delayed in his work of preparing the assessment roll this year because of the necessity, arising out of the case of B. J. Perry vs. the Mayor, of preparing a roll of registered property owners only. In his work this year Mr. Northcott was assisted by Messrs. Mitchell and Griffith who were appointed by the council as an independent board of assessors to assist the city assessor.

The court of revision to compile the assessment roll and hear complaints against the city assessor's findings will be held on July 17.

Because of the referendum which carried on the date of the last civic elections, favoring the taxation of land values only, and the exemption of improvements, the present council will without doubt, adopt the policy of the single tax system. With a twenty-mill rate for taxation on land values only the required amount can be secured this year for general revenue, a rate which will be smaller by nearly six mills than last year when the tax was levied against land, as well as improvements. However, the rate will not be struck until after the court of revision has revised and finally settled the assessment roll.

## HONDURAS AFFAIRS

Charge of Arms and Ammunition Imported by Government—Opposition to Morgan Loan

MOBILE, Ala., June 13.—The Norwegian steamer Harald sailed this morning for Ceiba, Honduras, with about 1,000 rifles, bayonets and ammunition. The clearance papers show that the vessel is bound for the port of San Pedro de Yague, and that the cargo is for the Honduran government.

CEIBA, Honduras, June 9.—Via New Orleans, June 13.—Rumors of another revolution in Honduras are laughed at here. The country is quiet and prosperous. A notice was issued by the municipal police system. There is general opposition to a ratification of the Morgan loan.

NEW ORLEANS, June 13.—To make representations to congress against the ratification of the Morgan loan for \$4,000,000 to Honduras, Dr. Policarpo Bonilla, formerly president of Honduras, left here tonight for Washington. Bonilla characterizes this proposition as an outrage against Honduras, and asserted that his country never would accept it unless forced to do so at the point of the bayonet. "Honduras is willing to meet her debts, but does not care to be sold on the block to a big financial syndicate which might desire the selfish exploitation of her resources," he said.

## NICARAGUAN UNQUIET

Explosion at Fortress and Rumors of Filibustering Expeditions Disturb Country

PANAMA, June 13.—Travelers arriving today from Rivas, Nicaragua, state that when they left there June 6, there was much excitement on the part of the government and populace. The explosion at the fortress at Managua, coupled with rumors of filibustering expeditions against the government, has caused alarm. A strict censorship is in force at all cable and telegraphic points. According to current reports many arrests of political suspects have been made.

It is also reported that General Mena, minister of war, has had a falling out with the Conservatives because of the failure of the latter to carry out an alleged secret agreement that Mena should immediately assume the presidency and after a term of four years be succeeded by Emiliano Chamorro.

Mena, it is said, is now inclined to lead the faction of politicians who are anti-American and opposed to accepting an American loan.

NEW ORLEANS, June 13.—According to reports reaching here today by steamer from Bluefields, the political situation in Nicaragua is growing worse and revolutionary talk in Bluefields is openly in favor of General Mena, who is expected to come to the front within a short time as the leader of a new movement.

## Frightened by Bomb.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Two hundred Greeks in five-story tenement on East 11th street were routed from their beds and driven in panic to fire escape early today, by a bomb explosion in the grocery store of Frank Zivello, on the ground floor. The explosion shattered the walls of the building, but did not harm any of the tenants. Zivello admitted to the police that he had been paying blackhanders in small sums for three years. Recently he determined to ignore the letter and on Sunday night a bomb was set in front of his store but went out before it exploded.

## KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Albany Chemical Works Scene of Disaster—One Man Killed, One Missing and Six Injured

ALBANY, N. Y., June 13.—One man is dead, one is missing and six others are in a serious condition as the result of an explosion in the distilling room of the Albany Chemical Works on Van Rensselaer Island, this afternoon.

Fire, which immediately followed the explosion, destroyed the greater part of the plant, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000, and threatened the plants of the Standard and Tacon Oil Companies, where four millions of oil and gasoline are stored.

The missing man is Frank F. Adams, superintendent of the works, who was seen to fall inside the burning building.

INSANE FROM FEAR

Russian Fugitive at Nelson Who Brooded Over After of Being Returned to Czar's Domain

NELSON, B. C., June 13.—Going completely out of his mind through the fear of deportation and the consequent imprisonment and possibly death or worse in Russia, a young Russian named John Smith, and who is in the provincial jail serving a sentence of 18 months for theft, will tomorrow be conveyed to the asylum at New Westminster.

Smith is the man who, while employed as a porter at the Tremont hotel, became infatuated with a Russian woman in this city, and then, early in April, eloped with her and her two children. He took with him, silver, jewelry and other valuables belonging to the woman, and Mrs. F. E. Chapman, wife of one of the proprietors, Smith pleaded guilty to the charge of theft and was sent down for 18 months and ordered to be deported to Russia. In doing so, he was given a full and complete discharge of all his obligations and was free to go where he pleased.

For over a fortnight he was fed through a tube, but gradually became more human. He was examined and declared insane.

The cause of the mental breakdown is said by other Russians to be the fear that at the hands of his sentence he would be deported to Russia. They say about two years ago Smith was a telegraph operator in St. Petersburg. He became a nihilist, and was persuaded to alter a telegram that was to be sent by the government authorities to the czar.

He was confined in jail for four months. Then his friends succeeded in smuggling in a uniform of a high officer of the government. Smith put it on and walked out of the jail. He escaped to England, and then to this country. He was arrested here and sent to the asylum.

CHICAGO, June 13.—Chicago now has the largest bank in the United States. The Continental and Commercial bank, which was consolidated last winter, took over the Illinois Banking association today, giving it total assets of \$265,000,000. The announcement was made by President George M. Reynolds.

Town Destroyed.

DALLAS, Tex., June 13.—The greater portion of the town of Whitehurst, Texas, in Grayson county, is reported to have been destroyed by fire today. Forty business houses and 25 residences in the town were destroyed. The communication is interrupted, authentic details not being available.

Revelote's civil authorities are to immediately enlarge their local jail. John Binney has been unanimously elected president of the Roseland Miners' union.

Lady Smith and Albert will have elaborate celebrations of Dominion Day.

The B.C.R.C. Co. has established a public utility department, with headquarters in Vancouver in charge of Frank Harris, formerly a Mainland newspaper man. All information for the press as to the company's plans will hereafter pass through this department.

Harry Jones has just died at the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, his demise marking the culmination of a series of misfortunes that has seriously afflicted the family during the past few weeks. Mr. Jones died at the age of 40.

When the home of his brother, J. M. Jones, of Cheam, was burned on Empire Day. The fire was accidentally caused by a lighted match being dropped in a cupboard in which oil was stored. The oil ignited and flames and smoke poured out of the house.

On reaching the door the wind blew the flame back, setting fire to his clothing and occasioning fatal injuries. This was the second time this year that the home of Mr. J. M. Jones had been destroyed by fire, it having been previously burned on New Year's Day, the fire supposedly originating from a defective flue. The two calamities have left the Jones family destitute.

## PARTIAL STRIKE IN PROSPECT

Seamen at Some British and Continental Ports Decide to Stop Work—Steamships are Delayed

LONDON, June 13.—Reports concerning the shipping strike are contradictory. In London tonight very little seemed to be known concerning the threatened action of the "International Seamen's union, and the shipping federation in taking the matter coolly. The secretary of the federation expressed the conviction that there will be no international strike, although he admitted the possibility of partial strikes at different places. This view he bases on the seamen's lack of funds and organization.

Havelock Wilson, leader of the strike at Southampton, in a speech tonight asserted that ten thousand men would go out immediately. It is also announced that all the Tyne yards the strike will begin tomorrow.

Tom Mann, a union official, has arrived at Liverpool to conduct the strike campaign. He says, however, that the precise date has not yet been announced. Another strike leader in Liverpool has asserted that the strike will be in full swing next week.

Judging from the various reports to-night, a strike involving all British ports seems unlikely.

On the Continent

ANTWERP, June 13.—The seamen's union has posted a manifesto proclaiming a strike and inviting all to adhere. As a result of this the coal trimmers and firemen on the Red Star steamship Finland, due to leave for New York on Saturday, refused to sign contracts. German sailors who signed for the steamer Marquette refused to go aboard. The Belgian steamer Tigris, however, left port with a full complement. The burgomaster has summoned representatives of the shipowners to meet at the city hall tomorrow to consider means for settling the disputes.

AMSTERDAM, June 13.—At a meeting here tonight members of the seamen's union unanimously resolved to proclaim a general strike tomorrow.

Not in States

BOSTON, June 13.—The seamen on British steamers now in United States ports will not strike in response to the strike call to be issued in England tomorrow. William A. Fraser, secretary of the International Seamen's union of America, with headquarters here, said the United States immigration laws and the terms of shipment of the men themselves prevented any strike being declared here.

Trouble at Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON, England, June 13.—The long-threatened strike of the seamen's union has been definitely fixed to commence tomorrow.

The striking coal porters today rejected the employers' proffered compromise and demand an immediate increase in wages.

The coming of the American line steamer St. Paul, which should have sailed last Saturday, is proceeding slowly, and it is hoped that the vessel will get away tomorrow. The Olympic of the White Star line, which expects to sail tomorrow, is coaling with imported labor.

To Call Out Firemen.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Matthew Teale, secretary of the American branch of the Sailors' Firemen Union of Great Britain, said tonight that he has appointed committees to go to the piers to call out the firemen in case of a strike as soon as the strike order arrives. The men he said were ready to strike at a moment's notice.

## UNITED STATES CROPS

Weather Bureau Bulletin Shows Adverse Conditions in Corn Country Last Week

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Intense heat, much sunshine and a serious deficiency in precipitation marked the weather of the last week over large portions of the great agricultural districts of the country, as summarized in the weekly crop-growing weather bureau bulletin issued today. In the corn and wheat-growing states west of the Mississippi the severe heat and drying winds, with a general absence of rainfall, were exceedingly trying to vegetation. In the principal corn-growing states west of the Mississippi severe heat caused rapid evaporation of moisture. Nearly ideal weather prevailed in the spring wheat growing states, and the week was unusually favorable. Warm weather continued and good rains occurred in the more eastern portion of the cotton belt where severe drought had prevailed.

West of the Rocky Mountains it was cool during the early part of the week but more favorable temperatures prevailed during the latter part. It was mostly dry, except over the more northern portions, but irrigation water is generally plentiful, and the weather of the week, as a whole, was the most favorable of the season.

## China's Railway Loan.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The Chinese minister today signed the prospectus of the \$30,000,000 Hukwang Railway loan as a preliminary to the simultaneous issue of bonds in New York, London, Paris and Berlin next Thursday. As the contract provides for the construction of branches of the main lines, and extensions on similar terms the amount of the loan will ultimately reach much larger figures. American brokers participate to the extent of one-fourth, and no difficulty is expected in

floating that share. The total amount of the first issue will be limited to \$30,000,000 of five per cent. bonds which will be issued as they are needed. Chinese bonds are selling abroad at 101.

## British Admiralty Seeks Assurance that Strikes Will Not Interrupt—Free Labor Party in Australia

BERLIN, June 13.—Herr Krueger, a retired naval constructor charged with betraying naval secrets, but without treacherous intent, was today sentenced to three months' fortress arrest. It is charged that Krueger delivered to an American firm by which he was employed a confidential detail regarding the Nassau type of German battleship as a basis for the preparation of bids for battleship construction.

## Killed by Highwayman.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., June 13.—Standing with a group of young friends waiting for a car to take them to their homes from a party at his mother's house, Henry Anderson, 19 years old, was shot twice and mortally wounded by a highwayman here tonight and died as he was being taken to a doctor. Two masked men approached the party, and while one demanded \$40 from Anderson, shooting him when he refused as he laughingly thought it was a joke by one of the party, the other held up two other members of the party, taking their watches and small sums of money. Anderson died as he was being brought to town for medical attention. The police and a sheriff's posse immediately scouring the town in automobiles, but at midnight no arrests had been made.

STOCKHOLM, June 13.—The address which Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the president, delivered at the sixth congress of international women's suffrage alliance yesterday is to be translated into the languages of all civilized lands and given world-wide distribution. A proposal to this end received an enthusiastic welcome at today's session of the alliance, and funds to defray the expense were voted by acclamation.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORONATION FESTIVAL

Decorated Parade, Flower Carnival and Firework Display to be Features on June 22nd

Final preparations for the Coronation festival to be held in this city are being completed by the managing committee. The events arranged to date are the general parade in the afternoon, the fireworks display on the inner harbor front in the evening, and the street carnival of flowers and confetti throwing.

The procession of decorated autos in connection with the general parade, in which almost every society in the city will enter a float, promises to be one of the features. Two hundred and fifty dollars has been set aside for the prizes for the best float for the second, best car, \$50 for the third and \$25 for the fourth. The auto procession will be first, in order of the parade, thus allowing them to set the pace with the horse vehicles following. No entry forms are necessary in the auto parade. Spectators will be given for decorated carriages.

The general parade will be unrivaled in the city for novelty. All entries must be received by Friday noon as the parade committee will convene in the evening to give each a number and position in the parade. Following the parade, the fireworks will be set off, worth the position allotted to each society in the parade.

The fireworks are to cost \$750. One feature of this entertainment, which will be staged on barges in James Bay opposite the Empress hotel, will be a Niagara Falls scene which will stretch across the full width of the harbor. Another feature will be a reproduction of the actual coronation of the King and Queen, at which time twenty-one guns will be fired in salute. At the same time the band will play "God Save the King," and all those present will be asked to join in and sing.

The principal fireworks will be devoted to aerial displays. This was thought advisable as otherwise spectators are forced to stand in one place. The display will be seen from all parts of the city. The carnival on the Causeway and Government wharves will follow the fireworks, which will continue until midnight and close the day's festivities.

The complete programme has not yet been drafted.

Esquimalt's Methodist Church.—The inaugural Methodist services at Esquimalt were held on Sunday last, when the results of the day fully justified the conference in opening a Methodist church in this district. The services were held in the new hall on the corner of Esquimalt road and Constance avenue. The congregation which gathered there far in excess of anything that had been hoped for and pastor and people were greatly encouraged. A very promising Sabbath school was also commenced when 37 scholars were put on the roll and an Adult Bible class of 22 members also met. The hall is very tastefully furnished and is comfortable in every detail. Heartily singing was a noticeable feature of the services and the comment of the people as they left revealed satisfaction with everything. The services will be continued in the hall every Sunday until definite arrangements for a permanent church home can be made.

The marriage of Miss Beatrice Chipman Skinner, youngest daughter of Mrs. R. Chipman Skinner and the late Judge Skinner of St. John, N. B., to Mr. Walter Scott Burrill of Yarmouth, N. S., took place at St. Paul's, Esquimalt, last Saturday.

Seek Knowledge of Island.—Many members of the British Columbia contingent of the militia now encamped at Kamloops are desirous of leaving of the resources of Vancouver island, and a letter, requesting that data be sent there, has been received by the Vancouver Island Development League. Booklets will be sent forthwith for the benefit of the interested soldiers.

Geis Degree of LL.D.—McGill university has conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. on Hon. Dr. H. E. Young, provincial secretary and minister of education of British Columbia. Dr. Young, through the fact that he is at present acting premier in the province, was unable to be at Montreal for the ceremony, which synchronized with the formal opening of the handsome structure situated at the corner of Pine avenue and University street, known as the new medical buildings. The function was held under vice-regal patronage. Their Excellencies, being present. The Governor-General delivered an address on the close relations existing between the citizens and the university.

For the first time in forty years, Revelote points with pride to two grizzly cubs captured alive and now on exhibition at a local hotel. The grizzlies are ferocious little fellows from their birth.