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GERMAN CONQUEST OF RUSSIA.

German colonists have invaded Russia in such numbers, exclaims a Moscow editor, as to amount almost to a conquest of the country.

In the war with Japan Russia awoke to the fact that German officers led its armies, and that its government posts were filled with industrious and intelligent Germans who had crowded out the slower native element. Now it appears that the Czar's cities and towns are filling up with a people who keep their allegiance to the Kaiser. France and Great Britain may hold Russian bonds — the Germans hold Russian soil. These bonds may depreciate in value to nothingness in time of revolution, but the Germans are on the spot, with rifles in hand to maintain their ground.

OVER 20,000,000 GERMANS.

At the present moment we are assured by Mr. M. D. N. Vergin in the Slavenskiy Vjek (Moscow), of which he is editor, there are in Russia over 2,000,000 Germans, mostly Prussians, distributed in 2,755 colonies and largely by military organization. Among the population whose sympathies are German must be reckoned also the German-speaking Jews, mostly grouped in the western provinces, which cover some 22,000 square miles of territory. These control the trade of the country and have abundant capital, for they are backed by German financiers at home. The Germans form at least one-half of the population of the towns.

HALF CITY POPULATION.

To quote Mr. Vergin: "The last government census, made as far back as 1897, sets down the German residents in Russia as 1,783,000, to which number must be added 1,100,000 Jews, whose language is a German dialect intermixed with a little Hebrew, and whose racial ties and traditions are German and not Russian. This makes close on 7,000,000 Germans in European Russia at that time. This proportion is not appreciated at its true significance till it is remembered that the towns and cities of Russia contain some 12,000,000 inhabitants and that the German and Jewish elements are concentrated almost entirely in towns and the cities. They constitute one-half of the aggregate population. For instance, the paramount position held by German

tradesmen in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Odessa, and Lodz is an acknowledged fact."

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE.

The German influence in more remote districts amounts almost to an autonomy, we are told. On this point the writer observes: "This is particularly the case along the Lower Volga, where the German residents elect civil magistrates who scarcely ever speak a word of Russian in the exercise of their functions. The various German colonies are kept attached by political ties and organizations to their country of origin. In the Viatka and Baltic provinces entire German villages have been received on leases as immigrants. The site of their new home is generally a point of some strategic importance, and they are financed by German banks." Their military and gymnastic organizations are under the inspection of German officers. Thus we read: "Along the Viatka, German social and socio-political institutions have flourished for years—gymnastic clubs, cycling clubs, singing clubs, and rifle clubs whose members are drilled to the use of the service weapon and regularly inspected by German officers. Whole regiments of German riflemen march unrestrictedly through the villages of Russian Poland singing with enthusiasm the stirring chorus of 'Wacht am Rhein!'"

VAST AMOUNT OF LAND.

The writer dwells upon the vast amount of land which the Germans have acquired in Russia, and gives the following instances: "Of the 85 manors registered in the Yurlov district only seven or eight are owned by Russians, the remainder by Germans. In Russian Poland 4,220 out of the total 48,160 square miles are held by Germans in fee simple. In the southwestern provinces of Volhynia, Ukraine and New Russia, Germans possess 4,220 square miles out of a total of 104,770 square miles. In these provinces alone 4,500 dwelling-houses and 1,800 factories representing a value of \$150,000,000 are the property of Germans. The total holdings of the Germans in Russia amount to 31,640 square miles, nearly a sixth part of the entire area of European Russia, 1,581,000 square miles."

THIS WILL MAKE YOU WISH YOUR NAME WAS GAGNON

Native of Quebec by That Name Dies, Leaving a Fortune Estimated at \$8,000,000.

OTTAWA, Mar. 22.—Chief Engineer Lumsden, of the National Transcontinental Railway, has reported to the commissioners as to the comparative prices submitted by tenderers for the National Transcontinental terminal shops at Winnipeg. It is understood that for the whole work the tender of Haney, Quinlan & Robertson is found to be the lowest and this will doubtless be the tender recommended to the government by the commissioners who meet tomorrow. No definite figures are yet available as to the total cost of the terminal shops, but it is known that it will be something under one million dollars. The contract will be awarded this week and work will commence this spring.

Ottawa's city clerk, John Henderson, has been asked to aid in the quest of an heir to a fortune of eight million dollars. This morning he received a letter from Abel Gagnon, of Kelowna, British Columbia, stating that the writer was prosecuting a search for the heirs of an old man named Gilbert Gagnon, a native of Bale St. Paul district, Quebec province, who died in California five years ago, leaving a fortune of \$8,000,000 with no will. San Francisco papers have advertised for heirs for several years, but no one has yet turned up to claim the property. Specific search is now being made for heirs and as no one in Bale St. Paul district seems to know anything of the deceased millionaire, information is being sought in various cities for possible heirs bearing the name of Gagnon. There are thirty-six persons of that name in the Ottawa city directory.

DR. INCH HINTS THAT HE MAY RETIRE

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 22.—Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education, when seen this evening in reference to the rumor that he was to retire from the service of the province, said that he had no statement to make in regard to the matter other than that what had appeared in his annual report. He recognized the fact that he was getting along in years and in the ordinary course of events he did not expect to remain much longer in office, and it was that thought that was in his mind when in his report to the lieutenant governor he had alluded to his long service in the cause of education. The university senate met this afternoon and passed a number of accounts and transacted some business of a routine nature. A committee composed of members of the senate living in Fredericton was appointed to take up with the government the question of establishing a chair of agriculture in connection with the university. If necessary they will call a special meeting of the senate to receive their report.

In the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening the E. J. Andrews basketball quintette will clash with the Algonquians in the final of the series of games for the city championship. Doubtless a large crowd will attend as the match should be fast and interesting.

BIG LINER HAS TERRIFIC TRIP

Vancouver Puts Into Halifax

Provincial Budget Makes a Most Gratifying Showing

HALIFAX, March 22.—After a terrific passage of eleven days from Liverpool the White Star liner Vancouver arrived here today and reported having had her decks continuously swept by great seas. One lifeboat and two ventilators on the forward deck were smashed and other damage done. The wind blow with hurricane force and mountainous seas swept over the ship, threatening to engulf her. For hours on Friday last the storm raged with such fury that the steamer could not make any headway. She landed one hundred passengers here and then proceeded to Portland.

Provincial Budget

Premier Murray presented the provincial budget in the house of assembly today, making a very gratifying financial showing. The total revenue was \$1,738,497, the largest in the history of the province. The chief items, apart from federal subsidy, were: Mines, \$888,015; successive duties, \$78,046; and crown lands, \$30,881. The increase in revenue over the preceding year was \$462,200, and but for the Steel-Steel dispute, which unsettled industrial operations, it would have been much larger. The premier forecasted within a short time the government would receive at least a million dollars from coal royalties revenue alone. The expenditure was \$1,624,759, leaving a surplus of \$113,738. Road appropriations amounting to \$712,171 were unpaid at the end of the fiscal year, leaving an actual balance of \$38,000 in spite of large demands made for technical education, encouragement to agriculture and immigration upon which the government embarked last year.

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INTERESTING DISCUSSION

A successful meeting was conducted last evening by the Epworth League of the Carlton Methodist Church. The subject for discussion was "The social and political question arising out of the immigration problem." Rev. Jacob Heaney gave a splendid address, touching on the different points involved in the matter. Some of the young people in attendance took part in the discussion. The book lately published by the superintendent of the All-Mission Society in Winnipeg entitled, "Strangers Within Our Gates," appeared prominently in the discussion.

DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY MATTERS WERE GOING

TORONTO, Mar. 22.—Henry F. Darrell, the young stock broker and yachtsman who disappeared mysteriously on Friday, January 15, and was supposed to have been drowned in the bay, has been located by his family, in Chicago. A letter was received today by Mrs. Darrell, from the absentee, in which he stated that he was travelling for a firm in Chicago and had no present intention of returning to Toronto. He stated that the reason for his departure from home was the antipathy to the way things were going in the business. He simply took the notion to leave town and apparently covered his tracks thoroughly.

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