

SHEFFIELD CHOIR REACHES THE COAST

CORDIAL WELCOME IN VANCOUVER YESTERDAY

Dr. Coward Talks of Advertising Value of Tour of Empire Choralists

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, May 15.—At two o'clock yesterday afternoon the special train of seven cars bearing the 220 members of the Sheffield Choir drew up on the side of the steamship Zeelandia and was welcomed by a gathering of 3,000 citizens of the terminal city while the 6th Regiment band played airs which reminded the visitors of their homes. Mayor Taylor and the members of the city council were present and extended to Dr. Coward a hearty greeting. Here, as everywhere on their trip, members of the choir found friends and acquaintances waiting to greet them.

The choir has traversed Canada and the large cities of the Eastern and Middle States without any case of illness or accident. Eighty per cent of the members have been present at all concert held, and some of them have never missed a rehearsal or concert. They are a happy party, keenly desiring to see the city of Vancouver and to see the people of the West. Many of them are seriously thinking of coming to Canada when the tour is being completed in love with the country. Thousands of pounds have already been invested in various parts of the Dominion by members of the choir, and at least one little home will end in a wedding when the tour is done. Coming from the centre of the choral singing in England, the Sheffield choir has delighted many a ship's captain of its soloists.

The newspaper men met Dr. Henry Coward, the famous leader of this great body of singers, and his principal soloists, and they were most hospitably received and their trip was extended to them throughout.

Speaking to a Times representative Dr. Coward said:
"The trip is costing a lot of money and none of our members but will return home after spending a great deal of their own means. But we feel it worth the money both to us and to the country. If your government had voted the money to pay our expenses it would have been a fine investment for every member of the choir. It is indeed a glorious land. I am glad to see the Rockies no more with peaks in his soul and any imagination could help being impressed with their grandeur and magnificence. There is not a doubt that this tour is well worth the money. It is a real thing and that this reciprocity in music will help to bind closer the bonds between all parts of the Empire."

CAMPAIGN FAILS

Seattle, Wash., May 15.—The whirlwind campaign to raise \$600,000 for the Young Women's Christian Association building, ended Saturday, falling \$250,000 short of the desired amount.

BUILDING OPERATIONS AT OTTAWA TIED UP

Builders Laborers Strike for Increase of Three Cents an Hour

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 15.—Four hundred builders' laborers went on strike Saturday demanding 28 cents an hour, which the contractors refuse to pay. The men have been getting 25 cents an hour. The agreement at the latter figure expired May 1, and negotiations have been in progress since. All building operations are tied up. \$6 great is the amount of men out that Labor Hill was unable to accommodate. The men of them had open-air meetings on Center Square.

PRESENTATION TO ODD FELLOW

Winnipeg, May 15.—Before returning to Vancouver Samuel Phipps, master of the C. P. R., formerly of the Victoria, was the recipient of the Victoria's jewel, on behalf of Minnieha Lodge, I. O. O. F., Winnipeg, of which he has been a member for 27 years.

GERMAN EMPEROR ARRIVES IN LONDON

IS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED IN METROPOLIS

Aeroplanes Welcome the Royal Party on Arrival at Sheerness

London, May 15.—The German Imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with Emperor William, Empress Auguste Victoria and Princess Victoria Louise, arrived in London last night. The party entered London to-day and were welcomed with an enthusiastic greeting, which fully demonstrated the Emperor's personal popularity with the English. The German royal guests are here for a week's visit to King George and Queen Mary, and will be present at the unveiling of the national memorial to Queen Victoria, the Emperor's grandmother.

The King and Queen and other members of the British royal family met the visitors at the Victoria station and all were driven to the Buckingham Palace. Enormous crowds thronged the route.

Sir Edward Grey, the German ambassador, and other diplomats, were present.

The national memorial which the statue crowns and completes, stands directly in front of the palace, the Queen facing down the hall. The memorial proper is a stately monument of marble and bronze, which it has taken nine years to complete at a cost of upwards of \$1,000,000. The unveiling will take place to-morrow by King George, who will be accompanied by the Emperor and other members of the German royal family. The Emperor's arrival in London is a welcome event, and the Emperor's visit to the British capital is a mark of the friendly relations between the two countries.

The arrangements for the unveiling of the memorial have been completed under the general supervision of Colonel Sir Frederick Ponsonby, the King's secretary. The war office is in charge of the arrangements for the great military display which will be a feature of the programme, and the Archbishop of Canterbury has prepared the religious services.

In anticipation of the coronation London is already becoming filled with visitors from abroad and from the country. The metropolis, in fact, is already receiving warning of what the coronation may be expected to be at the coronation next month.

The unveiling of the Queen Victoria memorial will naturally serve material to increase the number of early arrivals for the coronation. It is estimated that probably 1,000,000 visitors will be in London by Tuesday. In addition to the opening of the Queen Victoria memorial on Tuesday, the Emperor and Empress will attend a court ball next Friday night. They will leave England in the Hohenzollern on their return journey Saturday.

CHILD MAULED BY BEAR AT CALGARY

Succumbs to Injuries Inflicted by Animal Which was Kept by Fireman

(Special to the Times.)
Calgary, May 15.—Lucille the 20 months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. F. Morrey died on Saturday night as a result of mauling received from a bear that was kept in a yard adjoining fire headquarters on Friday. The child strayed to the fire hall menagerie and was pulled away from the big bear with which it was trying to play. A fireman took the baby home and left warning that it was not to be allowed in the yards again. Somehow the infant strayed in again and no one saw it until a fireman noticed the bear mauling its helpless body. Chief Smart had the animal killed at once.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

(Special to the Times.)
Grantell, Sask., May 15.—Frank Houck, a German farmer, living 30 miles from here, has been accidentally shot and killed. Houck was taking a loaded gun from his wagon when the weapon was accidentally discharged, blowing off part of Houck's head.

BODY FOUND IN RIVER

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, May 15.—A. B. Hirst, of a body supposed to be his, was found floating in Red river at the end of Fort Rouge avenue yesterday. It had been in the water several days. A letter from P. W. Hayman, Empire hotel, Vancouver, to his father in London introducing Hirst, was found on the body.



THE CIRCUS HAS COME TO TOWN

CANTON SITUATION AGAIN SERIOUS

THOUSANDS OF PERSONS FLEEING FROM DISTRICT

Many Rebels and Suspects Decapitated—Bodies Left Lying in Streets

(Special to the Times.)
Hongkong, May 15.—There are alarming rumors of a revolutionary uprising at Canton and the surrounding districts planned for to-morrow. Europeans in Shanghai, the foreign district of Canton, are prepared to leave. The restlessness is widespread and tens of thousands of persons are fleeing from the district.

The revolt is said to cover a wide area and to be led by relatives of high Chinese officers who have been educated in Japan. More than 11,000,000 is said to be available to the rebels.

The leaders of the revolution in Formosa and Amoy declare that they have enough dynamite to blow up the city of Canton.

Decapitations of rebels and suspects occur daily in Canton. The relations of those executed to not have removed the bodies from the streets and as a result there is a horrible situation.

Two British gunboats, one French, one German, one American, and one Italian are now at Canton. Another German gunboat is going to the city. Two Maxim guns and a supply of ammunition.

The political unrest is general throughout South China and awaited with apprehension.

TRIBUTE TO HEROES

Regina, May 15.—Special memorial services in honor of Inspector Fitzgerald and Constables Carter, Kinney and Taylor of the R. N. W. M. P. who recently perished in the Far North, were held yesterday morning at the barracks when Rev. Canon Hill paid a glowing tribute to the men who died while engaged in the faithful performance of their duty.

PREDICTS BUMPER CROP

Toronto, May 15.—Premier Sifton, of Alberta, is at the King Edward on route for England for the coronation. He spoke this morning enthusiastically of a bumper wheat crop in the west this season. "So far," he said, "I have been the best looking season we could possibly ask for."

WANT CAR SHOPS

(Special to the Times.)
Calgary, May 15.—The town of Basano, midway between Calgary and Medicine Hat, where the Canadian Pacific Irrigation Company is building a huge dam at a cost of \$7,000,000 to irrigate thousands of acres of land, is to have abundance electric power from the dam. The citizens claim the C.P.R. car shops building will be located there. Turbines are now being installed in the dam to generate 200,000 horsepower and it is claimed this will be the power used. The citizens have been petitioning the C.P.R. authorities for some time relative to car shops.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL CONTESTS

Competitions Will Be Continued When Duke of Connaught Comes to Canada

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 15.—Although nothing definite has been arranged, there is every probability that the next competition for the Earl Grey musical dramatic trophies will be held at Ottawa under the active patronage of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. The Duke has already evidenced great interest in the annual competition started by Earl Grey five years ago. Like Earl Grey he has done something in amateur theatricals himself and it is said that on at least one occasion the two had speaking parts in the same play. It is the intention of the Duke to have the competition continued when he becomes Governor-General.

The first two competitions were held at Ottawa, and then went to Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. The choice for next lies between Ottawa, Halifax and Vancouver and as the transportation of companies to Halifax or Vancouver would come very high it is most likely that the lot will fall to Ottawa. Should the competition be held here under such distinguished auspices it is certain to be a most successful and brilliant event.

TWO KILLED IN RIOT AT CLEVELAND

Fight Follows Attempt to Remove Pastor of Polish Roman Catholic Church

Cleveland, May 15.—A riot in which two persons were killed and ten others injured from stone-throwing and fighting, resulted late yesterday when a mob of about 1,000 men, many of whom were Polish Roman Catholic church members, attempted to remove the pastor, Rev. Ignatius Espinosa, because they were dissatisfied with the way he conducted the affairs of the church.

THREE KILLED

Automobile Run Down by Train in New York State

Utica, N. Y., May 15.—An automobile containing five was struck by a Mohawk and Malone railroad train near Kats' bridge to-day. Three members of the party were killed and two were severely injured.

DR. D. MCCARTHY DEAD

(Special to the Times.)
Orangeville, Ont., May 15.—Dr. Dalton McCarthy, eldest son of County Judge McCarthy, Dufferin, died last night, aged 42. He returned from Los Angeles three weeks ago. M. S. McCarthy, M. P. for Calgary and M. McCarthy, bank inspector, Winnipeg, are brothers.

WILL NOT WEAKEN TIES OF EMPIRE

W. M. AIKEN REPLIES TO TARIFF REFORMER

Says Suggestion That Reciprocity Will Mean Loss of Canada is Absurd

(Special to the Times.)
London, May 15.—W. M. Aiken, M. P., the Nova Scotian, replying to the assertion of W. A. S. Hewins, secretary of the tariff commission, that Mr. Aiken knew that reciprocity would cost the Empire the loss of Canada, said he considered the suggestion absurd.

"No one in this country save Hewins," he went on, "pretends to say this." Such an assertion has not been made by any of Mr. Hewins' leaders, had been conspicuously absent from Mr. Balfour's speeches, and had been denied by President Taft, repudiated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and ridiculed by Premier Asquith.

Discussing the same subject the British Western Daily News says: "This bolting and baring policy of Canada must necessarily bring about a weakening of the Imperial tie and pave the way to the establishment of a Canadian republic. All this might probably be avoided if the Canadian government would consent either to a general election or a referendum on the reciprocity issue. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, though, is always ready to carry through reciprocity in the same relentless fashion that Premier Asquith is bringing about Home Rule."

The Times, discussing the status of foreign consular general trusts that the home government would be prepared to discuss it at the imperial conference, not merely with a clear grasp of the important issue involved, but with a proper understanding of the tendencies in the overseas dominions to regard this as a cause to be advanced.

"We are astonished to observe," the writer goes on, "that Canada recently warned its readers against designs upon Canadian autonomy, which apparently were to be sprung at the imperial conference. No statement of this country is devoid of limits. Canadian autonomy. There are interests of Great Britain alone. Do Canadian and British imperial interests always and are there any questions of foreign policy which can be regarded as of Canadian interests alone? If so, British statesmen would certainly prefer to see them settled by the Canadian government alone."

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE

Bedford, Que., May 15.—Fire which ravaged a considerable portion of the residential section of the town, broke out in the home of Mrs. Z. Walker and spread with lightning-like rapidity to adjoining houses. Notwithstanding the efforts of the local volunteer fire brigade, some time elapsed before the blaze was under control. The total loss is \$75,000.

ABYSSINIA HAS NEW EMPEROR

Grandson of Emperor Menelik Proclaimed Ruler—Will Be Crowned Later

Addis Ababa, Abyssinia, May 15.—Prince Lijl Jassan grandson of Emperor Menelik was proclaimed Emperor of Abyssinia yesterday. The coronation ceremony will take place later. Prince Lijl was proclaimed heir to the throne May 18, 1909, when he was 13 years of age. Two days before he had been married to the Princess Mesmanis Onoke, the seven-year-old grand-daughter of the late Emperor John and a niece of Empress Taitu. At the same time Ras Tessaema, who had taken over the affairs of the empire because of incapacity of Emperor Menelik, was appointed guardian of the heir apparent. The regent died on April 13 last. Menelik was born in 1844 and has long been in ill-health.

NEW POLICE COURT

Prince Rupert, May 15.—New police court and police office accommodation will be provided at once, and while the building will be but temporary, it will be a vast improvement on the present limited quarters.

The new house of justice will stand at the rear of the government lot opposite the corner of Third avenue and Fulton street. This was decided at a meeting of the police commissioners.

The report presented by Chief Vickers shows for the month a total of \$1,578.22 for police salaries, nearly double the amount of last month's expenditures. This has been due to the disturbance created during the strike.

Chief Vickers made special mention of the commendable conduct of the police, and the mayor as chairman of the commission agreed that Chief Vickers was to be commended for the creditable manner in which all matters coming under his care had been dealt with.

PEACE PROSPECTS GROW BRIGHTER

GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE CONCESSIONS

Report That Insurgents Will Be Allowed Four Members in Mexican Cabinet

Mexico City, May 15.—Peace again loomed big on the horizon of Mexico's internal affairs to-day and led Foreign Minister Del Barret, as he started for the national palace at an early hour, to remark: "We believe that we are making great progress toward peace."

Will Make Concessions.
Juarez, May 15.—Indirect assurances that the federal government is inclined to accept the propositions submitted unofficially within the last two days by the insurgents for peace were received here to-day by Rafael Hernandez, one of the go-betweens in the negotiations.

The government is believed to be ready to re-organise the cabinet and give the insurgents four members but remark: "We believe that we are making great progress toward peace."

More definite statements giving the attitude of the government are expected to-day.

It is not believed that Col. Rabago, who last night was reported to be marching on Juarez, will provoke any engagement at this time, though the insurgents are taking no chances and are preparing to meet him.

Some reports have it that Rabago, Villanueva and Terrazas are not far from Chihuahua and a week's march from here, awaiting orders. The belief exists that the federal government will not in that case send marching orders in view of the probable success of the present negotiations.

Resume Negotiations.
El Paso, Texas, May 15.—The end of the revolution in Mexico seems near. Judge Carbajal, federal commissioner, this morning received telegraphic instructions from Mexico City to proceed with negotiations along the lines proposed by Rafael Hernandez yesterday and based upon Madero's demands.

The telegram to Judge Carbajal is believed to be signed by President Diaz himself and it is rumored contains a formal acceptance by the president of the propositions suggested.

Shortly after the receipt of the message from Mexico City, Judge Carbajal got into communication with Dr. Vasquez Gomez, confidential agent of Madero, and the latter was informed of its nature.

Steps were taken at once to resume in a formal manner the negotiations interrupted ten days ago. It now seems probable that before nightfall representatives of the revolutionists will take up the problem of restoring peace.

The message from Mexico City was very long and partly in cipher and its translation required some time.

It is known that the demands of the revolutionists upon which their proposition for a resumption of peace negotiations were based, were taken up in detail and from the good and pleased expression of Judge Carbajal it was manifest that negotiations were anything but unfavorable.

An air of relief was evident, both among the revolutionist leaders and adherents of the federal government, who after many disappointments, finally were convinced that the provisional and Diaz governments of Mexico were at last on the way to settling questions that have stood in the way of restoration of peace.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY SURPLUS

Total for Past Year Amounts to \$272,712—Expenditures Were Heavy

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 15.—The total surplus for the past year of the Intercolonial railway was \$272,712, which in view of the unusually heavy expenditure is an exceptional showing. The total income of the year was \$4,854,712, from which was deducted \$4,582,000 for equipment account, \$25,000 for revenue account on equipments, \$38,000 to cover the cost of replacing the shops destroyed by fire at Campbellton, and \$5,000 per month expenditure of new fire account, in addition to all general operating expenses.

PENITENTIARY INQUIRY

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, May 15.—As a result of an investigation by Penitentiary Inspector Dawson, of Ottawa, at the St. Vincent De Paul penitentiary the storekeeper therein has been released from duty in connection with recent irregularities at the institution.