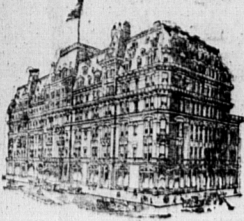


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THURSDAY

WAR AND PREPARATION FOR WAR

There are many different opinions as to the wisdom of entering upon the creation of a Canadian navy. There are many people who are of opinion that the Canadian Parliament took it up at the time of the German war scare, which has since mainly subsided. Such a move would be a waste of money. Half a century ago Russia was the one enemy feared. Then came the Alabama affair, and the claims resulting therefrom, and the Fenian raids. For a long time more recently France, and then both France and Russia combined were looked upon as prospective enemies, and it was against such combination that the two-power navy standard was set up in Britain.

More recently all this is changed. The United States, France or Russia are no longer feared, but Germany is looked upon as a possible foe. Yet there appears to be those who look upon the bright side, rather than the dark one, better prospects of Britain and Germany now coming to an amicable understanding, than there was of Britain and France reaching a friendly footing at the time of the Fashoda affair, or of Britain and the United States setting their difficulties amicably at the time when the Alabama claims or the Venezuela trouble were pending.

Under such conditions those who oppose the attempt to create a Canadian navy have some grounds to go upon. The millions which a Canadian navy will cost must be borrowed, and Canada is now borrowing at a tremendous rate, and must go on borrowing for years to come. The cost of warships and their maintenance must make it hard to provide the great works now believed to be urgently necessary for the development of Canada. Britain's great modern navy, costing hundreds of millions has not yet fired one hostile shot. And if we build warships the chances are that they will never see active service in war and in ten years they will be obsolete.

It is true that "war follows the flag," however it may be with trade. The Philippine Islands and Porto Rico were the price that Spain paid in her luckless war with the United States, and Canada and Canada commerce would be open to attack if Britain were worsted in a war with a great naval power. But there is a good reason to hope that no such war may occur, and if it should occur that Britain would not be worsted. Looking at it from the German standpoint three Dreadnoughts built in British yards at the cost of Canada, Australia and South Africa and added to the British fleet in the North Sea would be more feared and more likely to prevent an attack on Britain than three little Dominion cruiser fleets.

It would seem that a money contribution would be the quickest way, the most effective way and by far the cheapest in the long run of aiding Britain and the Empire, if the emergency is really as great as has been represented, which we do not believe it to be. We strongly fear that the Dominion is being stamped into paving building by the politicians. Canada was represented at the Defence Conference by two men in whom the country has not very much confidence—Sir Fred Borden and Hon M. Brodeur. The Opposition leader went off at half cock and committed himself to a navy scheme last year and now complains that he does not know what the scheme is.

For aught we know the next war may be decided by airships instead of bat'le fleets at sea. Or the development of aerial navies may render war so odious as to bring about a league of international peace. In any case the Opposition to Canadian navy building is strong and apparently growing. The feeling is active in the west. Public men are speaking out, and clergymen are preaching against it. The Dominion Grange which speaks for many farmers, and the labor unions are represented as opposed to it. And there are many in all the Provinces who think with Mr. Monk that before so costly a new departure is made the people ought to be consulted at the polls.

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Mr Warburton, M. P. has given notice in the House of Commons that he will move for copies of correspondence and papers with regard to the Tunnel survey, the New London branch railway, the reduction of our representation and the Tatamagouche route. This does not necessarily mean that Tunnel dirt will begin to fly immediately.

The Opposition recently gained the Commons seat for North Essex at a by-election. This has no important significance. It is, we believe, the first seat gained by the Opposition since the general election of a year ago.

The consumption of whiskey fell off between eight and nine million gallons in England last year, as against a decrease of a million gallons a year for ten years before.

FRIDAY BIG MERGERS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

Two recent consolidations of big corporations that were recently rivals hostile to each other are among the recent important events in Canada and the United States. One of these transactions consolidates the Dominion Coal Company and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. The other is the absorption of the Western Union Telegraph Company by the Bell Telephone Company. These mergers are said in both cases to be prompted by economy. How the interests of the general public will be affected remains to be seen.

Here in Canada the Coal and Steel Companies, although large stockholders held shares in both, had been fighting each other in the courts for a year or more. As a general rule peace is better than war, and doubtless the consolidation will work better returns for the capital invested. In Prince Edward Island our chief concern in the matter is to get our winter's coal at a reasonable rate. Consumers here, almost in sight of the coal deposits, and with cheap water carriage in summer, have been paying four dollars per ton for just such coal as the Company delivers to the Grand Trunk in Montreal for \$2.50 per ton.

The same appears to be largely true of consumers in New Brunswick and parts of Nova Scotia. We fear the consolidation means no relief for the coal consumers on the contrary it seems not improbable that all the coal mines in Eastern Canada may yet fall into the hands of one big monopoly, which may exact the utmost that consumers can be forced to pay. It was ever thus where competition is shut out.

A much bigger consolidation of great corporate bodies is the absorption of the Western Union Telegraph Company by the Bell Telephone Company. While the home of these great corporations is in the United States, both of them also carry on extensive business in Canada. Together they are nearly ten million miles of wire and transmit yearly over six million messages. The telegraph and telephone systems are in the nature of things rivals and competitors, and the merger will doubtless effect great savings. The total assets of the two merged companies are set down at 842 millions, and their yearly gross earnings are over 170 millions.

THE GOVERNMENT'S NAVAL PROGRAM LAUNCHED.

The naval plans of the Government as now disclosed to Parliament, provide for the construction and maintenance of seven vessels, three of which will be small cruisers, and four torpedo boat destroyers. Two of the cruisers will be stationed on the Pacific coast and one cruiser and four destroyers on the Atlantic coast. To man these vessels will require 1,408 officers and men, with a pay roll of \$400,000 and victualling to cost \$100,000 a year. The cost of coal, ammunition, repairs &c, will bring the yearly outlay for maintenance up to two millions.

Seven millions and a quarter for the first cost of the ships and two millions a year to maintain them is the neat little pattern to which the scheme is cut. It will of course cost a deal more than the estimate. But is almost invariably the case, Canada for herself has absolutely no need, present or prospective for these war-craft. And it is yet to be explained to the satisfaction of inquirers how these vessels would be of any advantage to Britain in a naval battle with Germany in the North Sea.

Three or four of Canada's ex-Governor Generals are still prominent in Imperial affairs. Lord Minto is Viceroy of India whose three hundred millions are restless and some of them inclined to be murderous. Lord Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland seems to be entirely congenial to the Irish people. Lord Lansdowne is leading the attack on the Liberal Budget in the House of Lords, supported by the Duke of Argyll, formerly Lord Lorne, who is now opposing his former Liberal associates. They are specimens of the class of men, Britain has sent to represent the overzeal in this country. Their ability, high character and prominence in the great affairs of state are unquestionable. As much might also be truly said of Lord Monck, Lord Lisgar and Lord Dufferin who were earlier representatives of the Queen at Ottawa, and Lord who have passed out of this life's activities.

SUMMONED WRONG MAN.

OWEN SOUND, Nov 17—The case against Alex Franks, of the Petherston house, for breach of the local option bylaw following Inspector Becket's sensational discovery of liquor within false wainscoting, fell through, Franks showing that he did not have a lease of the part of the hotel where the liquor was found. A charge will be laid against the lessee of the hotel.

Important Telegraphic News of the week for Saturday Subscribers

Special to The Guardian. WASHINGTON, Nov 18—In view of the rapidly diminishing fuel supply of the United States, the great railway systems of the country are being urged to economy of fuel, thus assisting in conserving the natural resources of the nation.

Special to The Guardian. NEW YORK, Nov. 18—The fear that Col. John Jacob Astor's yacht Nourmahal, with the owner and his son Vincent aboard, may have been disabled in the West Indies hurricane last week was increased today by the failure of various vessels seeking the whereabouts of the missing yacht to report her.

Special to The Guardian. SACKVILLE, Nov 18—From information received it is feared that Guy Kileup, son of Walter Kileup, was drowned by being washed overboard from a British steamer from Port land, Maine, to the United Kingdom. The young man shipped on the steamer at Portland and going across the Atlantic was swept to his death.

The news was brought by men who sailed on the steamer and returned to Maine. Believers here fear that the report of the drowning is correct.

Special to The Guardian. CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 18—The cry of the desperate widows and orphans,—"Open the shaft, open the shaft," will be heeded, even if human lives have to be sacrificed to reclaim the entombed dead.

"We are going down in the mine; we will conquer or it will conquer us. Unless we succeed we will never come out alive," said James Taylor the Mining Inspector.

The women are almost insane from grief that has consumed them for five days. Under direction of the Inspector the most hazardous efforts will be made to satisfy the demands of the bereaved to remove the bodies.

FREDERICTON, November 13—Miss Letha, 214 1-4, has been sold. After refusing scores of offers since her racing career commenced, W. K. Allen, of Allen Bros, proprietors of the Baker House stables, has finally sold the "Grey ghost" of the maritime circuit. The new owner is Will Clark, a local horseman, and the price is between \$900 and \$1,000 it is said. Whether Mr Clark will race Miss Letha or not is not announced. One story is that he will use her as a brood mare, and another is that trainer Jack Leonard will be given the mare. She had many admirers and one of the best offers made for her this year was by Frank P. Fox, the Boston trainer, who at the time in the St John races in July offered \$800 for her.

WINNIPEG, Nov 13—According to a Chicago despatch Henry O. West, who is alleged to have worked swindling schemes in Winnipeg, has been arrested by the leader of the best of the West defrauded a number of wholesale houses by representing that he was the agent of a firm at Vancouver. He gave fake orders for large quantities of goods and cashed expense accounts with the wholesalers who thought they were selling goods to him. The Chicago despatch says: "Henry O. West, an alleged former convict was arrested here today on the charge of being the leader of a gang of bank swindlers who have obtained \$25,000 from banks in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Florida, New York, Wisconsin, South Carolina and Canada.

"His arrest led to the discovery that he had been leading a dual life—his wife and many of his friends thinking he was a travelling salesman employed by an eastern hardware company.

"It is likely he will be taken to Davenport, Iowa, for the first trial, as he is said to have swindled the Iowa National bank of that city out of \$780. West is said to have four companions, known as G. E. Cameron, L. U. Richards, W. H. Kohler and George S. Tylor.

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Special to The Guardian. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18—Two American were discovered in the revolutionary army in Nicaragua and have been captured and sentenced to death by President Zelaya. The sentences have been carried out. Two American war vessels have been ordered to proceed to Nicaragua.

Special to The Guardian. CLEVELAND, Nov 18—The storm on the Lakes completely abated today and traffic was resumed with vigor but annually characterizes the closing days of the season. It is estimated that damage to the extent of \$500,000 was suffered by the marine interests. During the storm only one life was lost, although five vessels were wrecked.

Special to The Guardian. BARRIE, Ont. Nov 18—Fire broke out in the Music Hall block, and practically destroyed the entire building. The block contained the Crystal Palace, Gas Works office, C. P. R. Ticket office, Telegraph Company's office, Gazette printing office and Armstrong's barber shop which were all gutted.

The loss will aggregate twenty thousand dollars.

Special to The Guardian. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18—The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, upon request of council for the Labor Leaders has granted a stay until November 29 of the issuance of the mandate sending President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Seely Morrison of the Federation of Labor to jail for contempt.

As a result Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison need not hasten to Washington, as it is not necessary for them to surrender.

MOOSEJAW, November 17—One of the worst wrecks that ever occurred in this vicinity, happened near the largest ever known, nearly 400,000 yard limits of the city shortly before midnight, resulting in the death of Roland Hillings, aged 25, an Englishman, who was a fireman on a North line freight, and completely wrecking even cars. Hilling was crushed under a tender. A heavy loaded wheat train ran into a string of cars standing in the yard.

NORTH BEND, B. C., November 17—Engineer Gough, of Kamloops was killed and two trainmen badly injured in a wreck last night. A snow slide struck the engine.

CHICAGO, Nov 17—December 15 has been fixed as the date for the American League's annual meeting, and it will be held in New York this year the same as last, concurrently with the National League's business session, announced to begin on December 14.

As the younger league has fewer cases on its docket than its rival, it was figured it could start a day later than the national and still be in convention at the same time in the event of concurrent action on any matters of importance to both leagues being found advisable.

LOUISVILLE, Ky, Nov 17—Kentucky's Lurgely and other grades of tobacco in the 1909 crop will be the largest ever known, nearly 400,000,000 pounds being estimated. This was announced today by those Louisville banks which have been gathering figures from their correspondents in the various countries where the weed is grown. Prices this year per pound average from 12 to 14 cents, with ten cents and twenty cents as minimum and maximum respectively.

Loose leaf sales have come into popularity again and warehouses of this type are being established in the various countries. Dark tobacco counties, however, are not favoring pools, and are selling individually. Bank officials say that the money market of the state, which has tightened owing to the pools, will relax on the early movement of the crop and that there is every indication that the pools and independents will sell early.

ST JOHN, Nov 17—Edward Manning, M. A., the retiring secretary of the board of school trustees has had a long and honorable connection with the teaching profession both in this country and in England. For nearly three years he held the important position of Chief Superintendent of Education in P. E. Island under the Sir Louis Davies government. The chief scenes and activities, however, were in this City, where for many years he both taught in the public and private schools. Mr Manning was born in Ipswich, England, and came to this City in 1855 to start a Church of England school. This however did not prove much of a success and in 1876 he went to P. E. I. where a few months after his arrival he was appointed Chief Superintendent of Education by the Davies government at the adoption of the free school law. At the end of three years the government was defeated and Mr Manning, in common with other appointees, was turned out of office.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov 17—The belief that the approaching general election in great Britain will hasten home rule for Ireland was expressed today by T. P. O'Connor, M. P., who is visiting this city. "The situation is to full of hope for Ireland," he said, "that I scarcely dare say all I expect. The House of Lords has been the main obstacle in the path of Irish reform. Today it stands at the only obstacle between Ireland and home rule, with that obstacle removed by such a drastic measure of reform of the House of Lords as the Liberals will bring in, Ireland's home rule as not only certain, but very near."

O'Connor expressed the opinion that the Liberals would be returned at the elections by a majority of between 50 and 70 and that the Nationalists would hold their present representation in the House of Commons with possibly a gain of one or two members.

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