

WAR SEEMS IMMINENT

The Balkan Armies Likely to be in a Scrap Before Long

Little Hope is Now Entertained for a Friendly Understanding Among the Allies

Vueuna, June 21—An attack by the Bulgarian troops on the Servians and Greeks, is expected on the river Vardar in Macedonia according to reports in the (Austrian newspapers. The co-operation of the Greek and Servian armies has been accomplished and the Servians are concentrating in the fortified positions on the right bank of the river.

Three brigades of Montenegrin infantry are advancing through Macedonia to join the Servian troops at the front.

The Vardar river runs through Macedonia to the Gulf of Saloniki. The Bulgarians occupied the country along the left side while the Servians and Greeks hold the position on the opposite side.

NO HOPE OF PEACE IN GREECE

Athens, June 21—Despite Russia's efforts for peace, little hope is entertained in political circles here for a friendly understanding among the allies regarding the new frontiers owing to Bulgaria's irreconcilable attitude.

Bulgaria has almost completed her concentration of troops in Macedonia, 70,000 facing the Greeks between Pravista and Angista and between Dotean and Kilkigs, with the object of cutting the communications between the Greek and Servian armies by seizing the Uskub and Salonia Railway at Geggeli.

The main Bulgarian army concentrated against the Servians between Ishtip and Kochane has ten divisions of 25,000 men each, being spread along the Serbo-Bulgarian boundary between Kustendil and Shvartzza and Vidin in order to defend Sofia.

The troops facing the Servians are under the command of General Savoif, whose headquarters at Sofia which is also the headquarters of General Ivanoff, who is commanding the troops which will operate against the Greeks in case of war.

WEST VIRGINIA SEMI-CENTENNIAL

Wheeling, W. Va., June 20—The West Virginia semi-centennial celebration reached its climax today which is the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the State during the storm and stress of the civil war. The celebration festivities centred in this city and included parades, military reviews, historical exercises and numerous other features. The orations of all the principal speakers were communicated by telephone to all the leading cities and towns of the State.

FISHERY INSPECTION.

Mr. Harry G. Harrison, fishery inspector, left this morning for Hartland on an inspection tour.

SEVERE FROST.

Residents of Penniac in the city today report a severe frost in that vicinity last night.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

The various Sunday Schools of the city observed yesterday as a temperance Sunday by the joint meeting held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Mr. W. M. Burns presided, assisted by Mr. A. C. M. Lawson.

MARRIED IN THE WEST.

Word has been received here of the marriage of Miss Lottie Keene, formerly of the Victoria Hospital staff of nurses, to Dr. Ward McKinney of Seattle. The wedding took place on June 11th and the happy couple will make their home in Seattle. Miss Keene is a daughter of the late Jesse Keene of St. Mary's and has a wide circle of friends in this city who will wish her much happiness.

LOOK FOR RISE IN MARKET

Believed That Liquidation Has Passed the Acute Stages

C.P.R. Crossed 215 This Morning—Stocks at Bargain Prices for Investors

New York, June 23—The trend of financial events both at home and abroad, during the past few days, has emphasized the fact that the heavy liquidation in securities over a long period has not eliminated all of the weak spots from the international financial situation. There is every prospect now that this liquidation has passed the acute stages that the attention of the financial community will be once more centered upon underlying banking conditions and until these show substantial improvement there is likelihood of a sustained rise in the price of stock. On the other hand, the reaction in sentiment from the optimism of a week or so ago is likely to make conditions look worse to the mercantile stock market operator than ever before. The development of dullness, however, with periods of acute weakness is wholly in line with precedent and in the end the investor who has bought good stocks at prevailing levels will likely congratulate himself upon his good judgment.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM BARKER'S POINT

People Interested in The Building of the Railway—Personal Notes

Barker's Point, June 22—A large number of people were paying a visit to the railway construction camp yesterday and seemed interested in the development of this part of the country. There was a great deal of driving out the back road all day yesterday in the vicinity of the spur line running to Marysville.

Mr. Baird and his men who are doing concrete work at Fisher's Brook, are getting along nicely and making quite a change in that part of the right-of-way.

Mrs. Annie McConaghey, formerly of Marysville, but now living with her sons in the State of Washington, is home on a visit and was the guest yesterday of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. El M. Merritt. Mrs. McConaghey is receiving the hand of welcome from her many friends both in Marysville and Gibson as well as in Fredericton, where she is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tupper, Northumberland street.

Mrs. Alex. Brogan of Marysville, spent Sunday with her friend, Mrs. Rideout.

HIRED A HOUSEBOAT.

Mr. George H. Ferguson of Vancouver, B.C., who is here spending his vacation, has secured the fine houseboat owned by Mr. W. T. Chestnut for the months of July and August.

TO IMPROVE ROAD.

There is a meeting of the residents of St. Mary's called for this evening when steps will be taken towards the improvement of the road leading to Sunnybank cemetery. A start is being made at the work today, a number of men and horses being employed at the road-making. The work will be done by gratuitous service or by subscriptions to an improvement fund.

BASEBALL

An exciting seven inning game of baseball was played Saturday evening between the Rocklanders and Model School resulting in a victory for the former by a score of 7 to 5. Batteries, Rockland, Harris and Jarvis; Model School, Young, W. Adams and J. Adams.

BORDEN GOVERNMENT FALSIFYING THE FACTS

British Naval Programme Will Not be Affected in Any Degree by the Additional Naval Policies of the Over-Seas Dominions—Borden Could Have Helped the Empire Under the Terms of the Naval Act of 1910 and Liberals Would Have Co-operated

Ottawa, June 21—Considerable efforts have been made by the Conservative jingo press, at the instigation of Mr. Borden, to make capital out of the announcement of Winston Churchill on June 5 that the British admiralty intended to advance the construction of three battleships on this year's program, starting them as soon as possible, as a result of "The situation created by the rejection of the Canadian naval bill."

This is an absolute falsification of the facts. There is nothing in the whole course of the British naval debates to indicate that the British program could be affected in any degree by the "additional" naval policies of any of the dominions. This was time and again asserted by Mr. Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty. More than that, Mr. Churchill declared categorically that work on the three ships provided for had not been already started, that construction had been delayed because the shipyards were so overflowing with work it would be useless to give the orders until they were able to handle them. He asserted emphatically that these three ships would be begun when it was necessary to begin them and that their construction was not a matter of necessity but convenience.

Evidently the time when the capacity of the naval yards to build these battleships had arrived and Mr. Churchill considered it convenient to build them.

The opportunity, however, was too good a one for Mr. Borden to resist. He therefore deliberately tried to deceive the people of Canada by twisting Mr. Churchill's announcement and attempting to make it appear that since he could not force his \$85,000,000 contribution upon the Canadian people without their consent that Great Britain, in a panic, was hurrying the building of these ships at once.

BORDEN'S DECEPTION

Mr. Borden declared it appeared "That the British government have undertaken the duty which he thought should be undertaken by Canada at this juncture under the provisions of the Naval Aid Act" and again, "The construction of these ships is apparently to be preceded with by the British government," and then in vague terms Mr. Borden intimated that in these circumstances later on the government might take steps for the acquisition of these ships.

During the whole of this oration Mr. Borden knew that the building of these three ships was part of a long considered comprehensive program, laid down by the British admiralty, and had nothing whatever to do with the three ships Canada would have presented had his emergency grant gone through. These three ships were to be in addition to the three Mr. Churchill is now building, and were to go into an imperial squadron to be stationed at Gibraltar and not in the North Sea.

Mr. Borden knew that if he wished to do anything to bring Canada into line to take her share in imperial defence, he even at that late hour, could have done it with the most active co-operation of the opposition under the Naval act of 1910, based upon the unanimous decision of parliament in 1909. He refused to do anything. He tried to blame the Liberal party for his obstinate refusal. He tried to excuse himself before the people by deliberately falsifying the effect of Great Britain's naval policy.

That this is the case is amply proved by a few quotations from Winston Churchill's announcement in the imperial parliament.

On March 13 last, Mr. Churchill presented his naval estimates, providing for five new capital battleships. He explained that the program had been reduced to this figure, owing to the extraordinary pressure of work in the shipyards, and the

scarcity of labor, leading to short earnings of contractors on the continuous program."

Again discussing these works, on March 27 last, Mr. Churchill enlarged upon this theme, and said, "The estimates of the year would indeed have been considerably higher, but for the condition in the shipyards, arising from the extraordinary demand upon our ship-building plants, and especially upon the skilled labor supply which are characteristic of the present moment. It is no use my asking parliament for larger sums of money, which will not so far as can now be foreseen, be earned by the contractors. . . . If better progress is made in executing the program which parliament has sanctioned, there is no question of new charges, it is a question of executing decisions which the house have already come to."

Later on in the same speech, Mr. Churchill said regarding the proposed Canadian ships and the Malay warships, that they "will also be additional to the total I have mentioned, that being the specific condition on which they were given and accepted."

Therefore, with regard to the proposed Canadian battleships, Mr. Churchill said . . . "It is not proposed to merge them in the regular squadron of the British fleet," and then he outlined the proposed formation of an "imperial squadron" under the direct control of the admiralty, to comprise the Canadian, New Zealand and Malay ships, to be based upon Gibraltar, to sail over the five seas and "show the flag."

A SHEFFIELD FARMER SQUAPED THE ACCOUNT

Perpetrated a Good Joke on Hon. Mr. Morrissy and His Fellow Autoists --Made do Some Road Work

Hon. John Morrissy, Hon. H. F. McLeod, and D. F. Maxwell, C. E. accompanied by Mr. George A. Perley, M.P.P. made an auto trip over some of the roads of Sunbury County on [Saturday. They drove down on the western side of the river and crossing at McGowan's, returned to the city by the eastern side. At Sheffield they found that a portion of the highway had been washed away by the spring freshet and was in such a state that teams could not pass over it. For several weeks the public have been obliged to make a diversion through a farmer's field. On Saturday the owner of the field came to the conclusion that he had been imposed upon long enough and he hit upon a plan to acquaint the representatives of the government with the fact. He piled a quantity of drift wood and rubbish on the temporary road, so as to make it resemble the highway as much as possible then posted a notice containing the words "Private Property". When the Chief Commissioner and his party ran up against this mild injunction / they were compelled to halt their auto and remove the obstructions from the main road before they could continue their journey. They were delayed over an hour and had to take a good many jibes from the people of the neighborhood. It was a good object lesson however, and is likely to have a beneficial effect.

ON FISHING TRIP

Messrs. W. Bordman and Chas. E. B. Chase of Boston and G. K. Hudson of Fitchburg, Mass., are leaving this evening by I. C. R. for a fishing trip on the Miramichi waters. While here they were registered at the Barker House.

GOOD ROADS CONGRESS

Men Interested in Highway Construction Assemble in London

Twenty-Five Delegates Represent the United States and Canada---To be Received by King

London, June 23—Leading men from practically every country identified with highway construction and maintenance were assembled in London today at the opening of the International Road Congress. The sessions will continue through the week and will be devoted to the discussion of every phase of road construction, repair and maintenance. The American Road Builders' Association, representing the United States and Canada, has sent a delegation of twenty-five members to the congress. Later in the week the visitors are to be received by the King. Other receptions in their honor will be held by the Corporation of the City of London and the British Institution of Civil Engineers.

GRAVES BROTHERS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

Halifax, June 20—The trial of the three Graves brothers, charged with the murder of Kenneth Lee, in June of last year was concluded at Bridgetown, N. S., today, and the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter. They were convicted of murder last year and sentenced to death but their counsel succeeded in securing a second trial for them. They will be sentenced to-morrow.

PROPERTY TRANSFER

Mr. S. Tompkins of Meductic is backing up his confidence in the St. John Valley. About two months ago he purchased a large tract from the N. B. and L. Col. Co., on Saturday he completed negotiations for the purchase of another valuable property in the Parish of Canterbury, Y. Co.

A BRIGHT STUDENT.

Miss Rita Barry, daughter of Mr. Justice Barry, arrived home on Saturday evening, having graduated from Villa Marie Convent, Montreal, on Thursday last, after a successful course at that institution. Besides the Graduation Gold Medal, she obtained the Superior General's Gold Medal for Langue Francaise, first prize in Algebra and prizes and distinctions in Moral Philosophy, Music, China Painting and proficient in French class work.

ROBBERY AT Y. M. C. A.

The doors at the Y. M. C. A. were forced some time during last night or early this morning and a small sum of money taken. The thief was bold enough and his intentions along his own lines excellent, but an amount to make his search satisfactory was not there. Twenty-five cents is said to be the extent of his haul.

MADE BIG CATCH

Mr. Arthur Pringle, the well known guide of Stanley, who has been trapping on the headwaters of the Northwest Miramichi, returned home today. He brought with him the pelts of twenty-four bears.

LADIES' NIGHT.

Tomorrow (Tuesday) evening will be Ladies' Night at the Automobile and Bicycling Club House. The affair is for members only and their lady friends.

A two part special feature "The White Slave" Vitagraph, will be the opening bill at the Gaiety Theatre today. This splendid feature which is produced by an all star cast and excellent photoplay is a masterpiece of the motion picture business. Two decidedly funny comedy photoplays "Look Not Upon Wine" and "A Queer Elopement" Biograph and a special Kalem release "The American Princess" featuring the gifted little actress Alice Joyce will all be included in today's program.

MEDICOS AT LONDON, ONT

Annual Convention of Canadian Medical Association

Prominent Physicians and Surgeons From Canada and United States Will be Present

London, Ont., June 23—Prominent physicians and surgeons from many parts of the dominion are gathering here to take part in the annual convention of the Canadian Medical Association. The convention sessions will begin tomorrow and continue until Saturday. In addition to the Canadian members the attendance will include a number of noted medical authorities of the United States and Great Britain who have been invited to address the association.

Among the hundreds of Canadians will be found such men as Stewart of Halifax, Archibald and Macphail of Montreal, Halpenny of Winnipeg, Whitelaw of Edmonton, Eagan of Victoria and McKechnie of Vancouver while Ontario, from Toronto to the smallest hamlet, will be represented by unprecedented crowds. From the United States will come among others, Murphy, Billings, Ochsner and Emil Beck of Chicago, Hoover of Cleveland, Stockton of Buffalo, Vineburg of New York, Lange of Cincinnati, and Barker and Cullen of Johns Hopkins. The citizens of London are co-operating with the Accommodation Committee in providing ample accommodation for all visitors. While the main object of the meeting will be the advancement of medical science, the incorporation and clubs of the City of London are offering generous hospitality and entertainment for the visiting doctors and their wives and friends.

NEW CARETAKER FOR ST. MARY'S RANGE

Mr. James Voyer Did Not Have the Support of the "Boys" But He Landed the Job

Mr. James Voyer of St. Mary's entered into his duties this morning as acting caretaker of the St. Mary's Rifle Range. A meeting of the St. Mary's patronage dispensers was held and the claims of another aspirant were advanced by a supposed influential wing of the party. Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., however, it is understood informed them that he had promised Mr. Voyer the position and that the final word in connection with the matter had been said. The appointment has given local satisfaction.

Mr. Robert Cochrane, who has been caretaker since the range was established is now seriously ill. It is said that Mr. Voyer's appointment is to be permanent.

CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALK.

The new Gem Theatre at the corner of King and Carleton streets will be completed, it is expected, early in July. At present a crew of men is engaged in constructing a curb and sidewalk on the Carleton and King street fronts of the building. The sidewalk will be of full width.

LATE CHARLES YERXA.

The funeral of the late Charles Yerxa took place this morning at seven o'clock, services being conducted by Rev. T. S. Roy. The remains were taken by C.P.R. to Keswick, where interment was made.

LONG AUTO TRIP

Mr. Archibald Fraser drove his big Franklin car yesterday from the Forks of the Tobique to this city, a distance of one hundred and seventy-five miles, in eight hours. He was accompanied by Mr. Donald Fraser, Sr. and Dr. and Mrs. J. W. MacNeill of Hanley, Sask., who have been salmon fishing on the Tobique. Mr. Fraser Sr., caught two salmon weighing sixteen and twenty pounds respectively and Mrs. MacNeill caught three, all of fair size.