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THE KAISER'S ONLY DAUGHTER WILL BE MARRIED TOMORROW

Many Notables Assemble at Berlin to Witness the Marriage of Princess Victoria Louise to Prince Ernest of Cumberland ---Three Sovereigns Among Those Present---Germans Delighted With Prospective Union---Bridal Presents Valued at More Than a Million Dollars

Berlin, May 23—After many weeks of hard work and feverish activity the preparations for tomorrow's royal wedding which will make Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of Emperor William II., the wife of Prince Ernest of Cumberland, are practically completed. The imperial palaces in Berlin and Potsdam are filled with the distinguished guests invited to the wedding and to make room for their numerous suites and for his own special guests the Emperor found it necessary to reserve the first and second floors of the Hotel Adlon for his three sisters, the Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia and a large part of the entourage of King George and Queen Mary of England.

Tomorrow's royal wedding will be a great event in more than one respect. The loyal Germans are delighted with the prospective union. The princess has always been extremely popular and as it is well understood that her marriage to Prince Ernest is a genuine love match and not a union planned and arranged for state reasons, the whole country rejoices over the event. The fact that the marriage has also great historical importance, in that it will end the fifty-year feud between the Houses of Hohenzollern and Cumberland, is an additional reason for general rejoicing.

Among the distinguished guests invited to the wedding who have already

arrived in the capital are King George and Queen Mary of England, the King and the Queen of Italy, the King and Queen of Denmark, Crown Prince Francis Ferdinand, who will represent the aged Emperor of Austria, Francis Joseph, and a score or more of princes and high dignitaries sent as the representatives of the various other European dynasties and the governments. The presence of these distinguished visitors with their entourage and the arrivals of the numerous delegations from all parts of the Empire, bearing gifts and addresses from the loyal people in the principal cities of the country, together with the thousands of visitors from all parts of Europe and even from many countries beyond the sea, have caused considerable congestion of the hotels and accommodations are difficult to obtain.

The religious ceremony, which will be preceded by the civil formalities at Potsdam, will take place tomorrow at the chapel of the Imperial palace, in the presence of the Imperial family and of the distinguished invited guests. The happy bride will wear a magnificent, bridal gown of white satin and handmade lace, made with a court train three and one-half yards long and a beautiful veil of filmy handmade lace. In accordance with custom the bride will be given away by her father the Emperor.

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THE CORNELL-HARVARD BOAT RACE

Ithaca, N. Y., May 23—The Poughkeepsie plan of running an observation train for the accommodation of the spectators will be tried here for the first time tomorrow, on the occasion of the Harvard-Cornell boat race. The two varsity crews showed splendid form in their final practice spins on Lake Cayuga today and unless all signs go astray the big race will be a close and interesting contest.

TORONTO RACE MEETING TOMORROW

Toronto, Ont., May 23—What promises to be the most notable racing season in the history of the sport in Canada will be inaugurated here tomorrow with the opening of the spring meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club at Woodbine park. As usual, the feature event of the opening day will be the famous King's Plate. The meeting will continue seven days.

STOCK MARKET IS STILL DULL

Banks are Still Curtailing Credit as Much as Possible

Brilliant Crop Prospects Furnish a Reason For the Belief That Good Times Will Come Before Long

(Direct private wire to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., 550 Queen St. Bankers and Brokers)

New York, May 23—The action of yesterday's stock market in the face of declining prices abroad furnished further evidence of a liquidated position but while traders bought stocks for the turn there was no disposition to any quarter to expect a sustained recovery of prices. The still extend position of the banks of the country foreshadow further curtailment of credits and as liquidation must come largely through restrictions placed on general business banking interests are not only discouraging new enterprises but are working to bring about a contraction in the current volume of business. Only in this way, apparently can the loans of the banks be restored to a healthful proportion to deposits. The financial community seems resigned to the prospect of speculative inactivity for some time to come. Meantime the brilliant crop prospect furnishes good reason for the belief in a healthy recovery in the securities markets when financial conditions have returned to normal.

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IMPORTING BEEF FROM AUSTRALIA.

San Francisco, May 22—One hundred and ninety-two thousand pounds of meat, veal, beef, and mutton arrived at this port today on the steamer Sonoma from Australia. This is the third shipment of meat received from the Antipodes in the campaign to can both the high prices asked by local wholesalers. The most is consigned direct to retailers.

George F. Richards, who represents two Australian shippers was a passenger on the Sonoma. He comes to this country to investigate the facilities for storing frozen meats on this coast and also will go to Chicago.

In speaking of the shipments of meats to this country, Mr. Richards said: "We are prepared to ship all kinds of meat from Australia to the United States and an unlimited amount of butter just as soon as we find it can be cared for. We can place Australian meat and butter on this market at present transportation rates so that it will sell at good profit at a considerably lower figure than the prevailing rates."

The kimono is the Japanese version of the Mother Hubbard gown. Grease and experience are hard to eradicate.

FUNDS FOR PEACE CENTENARY

New York, May 23—The members of the American executive committee in charge of arrangements for next year's celebration of the centenary of the Treaty of Ghent met in this city today and discussed plans for raising several million dollars for the American features of the proposed celebration.

CONDUCTOR CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

Hudson Wis., May 23—W. F. Meyer, who has been held on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the wreck on the Omaha road at Baldwin last month, was given a preliminary hearing in court today. Meyer, whose home is in St. Paul, was the conductor of the freight train which collided with a passenger train at Baldwin, causing the death of two men and injuring several others.

HIGHWAY BILL AMENDED

Senate Wants Grant Divided Among Provinces on Population Basis

Senator Loughheed Declines to Commit the Measure For A Third Reading

Ottawa, May 22—The highways bill was amended by the senate today and stands for a third reading tomorrow morning. After the bill was amended tonight Hon. Mr. Loughheed, government leader, asserted he had no motion to make for a third reading. Sir George Ross, opposition leader, thereupon moved the third reading.

Hon. Mr. Loughheed raised the point of order that the government bill could not be taken charge of by anyone who did not represent the government.

Speaker Landry asked time in which to consider the point and the matter was deferred until tomorrow morning. Senator Bostock asked a series of questions concerning the Rainbow and was given answers by the government leader, Hon. Mr. Loughheed.

He inquired: "Have instructions been given to abandon the Rainbow as an active unit on the Pacific coast?"

The reply was, "No." The same answer covered the questions: "Are the men paid off? Are the ammunition and stores to be received from the ship? Are the guns to be dismantled? Is it the intention of the government to sell the Rainbow?"

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WHEN C. P. R. BEARS START TO COVER UP

Montreal, May 23—R. M. Bauer's New York wire says: "It may be reiterated with a great deal of emphasis that the present selling of Canadian Pacific continues of short description, and when the bears start in to cover a lively upward movement in the stock is likely to be seen. Anything is likely to precipitate the taking back of such contracts."

GREAT MUSIC FESTIVAL AT GHENT

Ghent, Belgium, May 23—The grand musical festivals to be held this summer in connection with the Ghent world's fair will be opened tomorrow with Peter Benoit's oratorio, "De Schelde." The festivals will be conducted by M. Mathien, director of the Royal Conservatory of Music of Belgium.

Mrs. Shafner, wife of Dr. F. L. Shafner, M.P. for Souris, Man., is the guest of Mrs. Oswald S. Crockett

MR. CARVELL DEMANDS A REDUCTION IN THE TARIFF

Member For Carleton Contributes a Strong Speech to the Budget Debate---Advocates an Increase in the British Preference and is Jeered at by Tory Loyalists---Thinks a Cut Should be Made in the Duty on Boots and Shoes

Ottawa, May 22—The budget debate is over. It was finished this evening and the voting of supply was resumed. The principal speech of the day was delivered by F. B. Carvell, who arraigned the cost of living in Canada and declared that the time had come for tariff revision. He spoke strongly for an increase of the British preference as a measure of aid to the Mother Country and as a sound and beneficial thing for the people of Canada.

Resuming the budget debate, Mr. Carvell gave specific reduction along which he believed the government should proceed. Farmers should be given relief by a substantial reduction on farm machinery, for which they were now paying one-fifth more than they justly should pay.

The thirty-five per cent. protection on automobiles, traction engines, etc., was, he believed, an exorbitant protection and could be reduced without driving any Canadian manufacturer out of business.

The duty of thirty per cent. on boots and shoes was another undue burden on the Canadian consumer, making him pay toll to the Canadian end of the international combine. There was no reason why boots and shoes should not be made as cheaply as in the United States and Canada might well follow the example of the new Democratic congress in placing boots and shoes on the free list.

Mr. Carvell enumerated the chief importations of foodstuffs brought in principally from the United States at a time when the Canadian farmer was not producing and consequently suffered nothing from this competition. Yet the Canadian consumer paid over \$2,000,000 in duty last year on the importation of these products. Mr. Carvell believed that there should be absolute free trade with the United States in all food products.

TORY "LOYALTY" TO BRITAIN.

"We ought to give a substantial increase in the British preference," he declared. The suggestion was

greeted with laughter from the Conservative benches. Mr. Carvell commented on this laughter as being a significant indication of the spirit behind the ostentatious flag-waving and empire-saving of the Jingo-imperialists.

He briefly reviewed the rapid growth of trusts and combines during the past four or five years. The cotton combine, the cement combine and analogous mergers had placed large blocks of watered stock on the market and the shares of these protected companies from being distributed among the general public. In a few years it would be a most difficult matter to readjust the tariff without working injury to a very large section of the public among whom this stock has been distributed. Now was the time to take action.

The cure with every year's delay would become increasingly difficult. Practically the only relief to the consumer which the government had attempted was the reduction in the duties on raw sugar by 20 cents per 100 pounds consequent upon the adoption of the West Indies trade agreement.

In contrast to this a duty had been imposed on cocoa, limes and other items of general use. Moreover by the treaty the government was absolutely precluded for ten years from putting sugar entirely on the free list, as the general public demanded.

The sugar magnates had ostentatiously announced a slight reduction in the price of sugar the day after Mr. White had made his announcement. Mr. Carvell believed this 'was for political effect only. As soon as parliament prorogued prices would be gradually put back to the old figure and the refiners would be the only ones to profit by the reduction in the duty on their raw material.

In conclusion, Mr. Carvell declared that the farmers, the laboring men and the consumers of Canada were determined to no longer pay toll to the protected few. The days of high protection in the United States are already passed and Canada would speedily follow that example.

MR. GEORGE C. NEEDHAM DEAD AT ST. JOHN

Was a Son of the Late Hon. W. H. Needham, a Former Mayor of Fredericton

(St. John Telegraph)

The death of George Clarence Needham, which occurred here yesterday, caused deep regret among his many friends, especially those with whom he had been associated in commercial and railroad circles. Mr. Needham had been ill since April, but no serious results were anticipated till within the last fortnight.

He was born in Fredericton and was a son of the late W. H. Needham, Q. C., at one time mayor of the provincial capital. He spent his earlier life in Fredericton and entered his father's office as a law student but later became associated with the I. C. R., having for some time served as conductor on the North Shore route, subsequently taking up the boot and shoe business with which he was identified as a commercial traveler for some thirty years, after which he accepted a position in the local freight office of the I. C. R. and, just prior to his death, was similarly employed with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

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EMPIRE DAY

Patriotic exercises took place in various departments of the city schools today in observation of Empire Day, May 23.

NEWS OF THE WORLD IN SHORT METER

New York, May 23—Washington regards serious illness of Emperor of Japan as a most important development in the situation arising out of California Land Bill.

President Wilson is to pick house currency committee which will have charge of proposed banking and currency bill.

Postmaster General favors plan for New York subways and tubes to carry mails.

Baltimore and Ohio applies to Maryland public service commission for permit to issue \$10,000,000 equipment trust certificates.

President Ripley of Santa Fe assails Wilson administration and says promises not to harm business have not been kept.

Conference of committees Thursday representing Union and Southern Pacific failed to reach any agreement on dissolution plan.

Representatives of 30,000 members of the allied printing trades in New York demand the recall of United States Ambassador Page.

President Pennington says Soo line will earn \$13,000,000 in the fiscal year and that crop conditions are splendid.

American Can. expected to report net earnings for year of about \$13,000,000 compared with \$7,500,000 in previous year.

12 industrials advanced .49, 20 active railways advanced .54. American stocks in London heavy & to & off.

Mrs. Etta Jouett is visiting Mrs. Henry Chestnut for a few weeks.

ST. JOHN CITY CORNET BAND TO GIVE CONCERT

Visiting Band Will Play Fine Program at Parliament Square Bandstand Saturday Morning

Weather permitting, the City Cornet Band of St. John, which is to run an excursion here tomorrow, will play an open-air concert at Parliament Square beginning at eleven o'clock in the morning. The concert will be under the direction of Mr. Frank Waddington, bandmaster. A performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin will be given at the City Opera House tomorrow night under the auspices of the band. The program for the band concert is as follows: March, The 3rd Dragoon Guards, The 3rd Dragoon Guards, Overture, The Jolly Robbers, Tone Poem, Apple Blossoms, Selection, Il Trovatore, Verdi Cornet Solo, (In Variations), My Old Kentucky Home, (Soloist, D. J. Gallia her.) American Fantasia, Happy Days in Dixie, Bidgood Indian Intermezzo, Os-Ka-Loo-La-Loo, Barnard Selection, Reminiscences of Ireland, Godfrey God Save the King.

MEETING OF TRAFFIC LEAGUE

Buffalo, N.Y., May 23—The National Industrial Traffic League met at the Hotel Iroquois in this city today and entered upon the discussion of uniform classification, bills of lading, rules relating to the storage of freight and other problems dealing with the relations between the railroads and the shippers. The meeting will continue over tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy FitzRandolph were among the visitors to Fredericton this week and were the guests of Mrs. Rainsford Balloch.

BOSTON OPERA STARS GAVE ENJOYABLE CONCERT

Large Audience Present Last Night---Madame Scotney Well Received---Warm Welcome for Miss Dayton

A large and fashionable audience was present at the City Opera House last night, when the stars of the Boston Opera Company who are touring the Maritime Provinces under the direction of Mr. F. G. Spencer of St. John gave a concert. The program proved a delightful one and well repaid all lovers of music who attended. Madame Scotney was given an enthusiastic reception and Miss Gertrude Dayton, whose birthplace is St. Mary's was the recipient of bouquets as well as being heartily cheered. Her vibrant contralto was much enjoyed.

All numbers of the company were warmly received and each scored a success.

Madame Scotney of whom much was expected, proved the possessor of a soprano voice of great range and brilliance which was especially sweet in the higher notes.

Madame De Gabbi, also a soprano, was heard with at least equal pleasure. Her voice full, round and clear and splendidly suited to operatic work aroused the greatest enthusiasm.

Mlle. Gauthier's charming stage presence and her artistic interpretation of the selections in which she was heard added to the pleasure given by her beautifully rich voice.

Among the men the honors were equally divided between Messrs. Huddy, White and Gatti. Mr. Huddy has a splendid baritone which was heard to great advantage in several selections. Mr. White proved popular both in his songs and in his role in "Faust."

The quartette from Rigoletto, the selection from Lucia di Lammermoor and the complete second act of "Faust" in costume, were the big features of a program which will long be remembered.

AFTER DOG POISONER

Developments in the dog-poisoning case are expected in the near future. The police have clues and are working on them.