

Lord Northcliffe at New York Says He Sees No War Clouds

Does Not Fear Conflict Between the United States and Japan--Says that Because Britain Leads the World in Naval Armaments is no Indication of Prospective Trouble with Germany--Talks Also of Aviation.

New York, Aug. 26—"The present generation will not see war between Japan and the United States, in my opinion. The fact that England continues to lead the world in naval armaments is no indication of probable hostilities between Germany and Great Britain. America is leading all the world in aviation as it justly should because the Wright Brothers of the United States are the pioneers in this wonderful new science."

Briefly this was the manner in which Lord Northcliffe the famous London publisher commented on the leading news topics of the world when he arrived on the Mauretania last night. With the publisher were Lady Northcliffe and a party of friends, who went immediately to the St. Regis, although it was midnight when they left the Cunard pier at the foot of Fourteenth street.

Tonight the party will board a special car on the Delaware & Hudson and leave for Montreal. There Lord Northcliffe said his yacht the Zenida will be awaiting him under steam and ready to take the party to Botwood, Newfoundland, where his paper mills are located.

In the party are Lord Grey and Algernon Douglas-Pennant who made a record trip from Capetown to Southampton in twenty-one days, in order to get on board the Mauretania.

Lord Northcliffe was in the best of spirits and his health was declared to be much better than when he visited the United States some months ago. The present visit and trip to Newfoundland he said had no special significance. All the paper used by the publications owned by Lord Northcliffe and known as the Harmsworth newspapers is manufactured in Newfoundland.

"I am greatly interested in the manufacture of white paper of which newspapers are made" said Lord Northcliffe in discussing the purpose of his trip. "It is a matter of most vital interest to publishers throughout the world. All the paper used by the Daily Mail in London now comes from our Newfoundland mills and is transported across the Atlantic on our own ships."

From the discussion of paper from which newspapers are made, Lord Northcliffe turned the conversation to newspapers themselves, stating that in his opinion the time had come when daily publications should necessarily be smaller in size. Going a step further, he declared that the time has arrived for conservatism in the handling of the news as well. His views along this line included the necessity of reducing space ordinarily given to new features now, diminishing the size of headlines, etc.

"Do you believe there will be war between the United States and Japan at any time in the near future?" was asked.

"No," answered Lord Northcliffe "not in the time of this generation. Both the United States and Japan are essentially commercial. Japan's geographical position is not unlike that of Great Britain. She is totally surrounded by water and must keep her ports open to guarantee a proper supply of food stuff for her people, consequently Japan must have a large navy."

Lord Northcliffe expressed the opinion that the United States made a mistake when it purchased and assumed permanent control over the Philippines. In his opinion this country does not need Asiatic possessions.

FIVE MEN KILLED IN RAILWAY SMASH

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 26.—Five men were killed and one badly injured when two heavily loaded freight trains on the River Road Division of the Missouri Pacific collided head-on near Blackwater, about 85 miles west of here today.

GENERAL FRENCH'S REPORT WILL BE COSTLY FOR CANADA

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—Upon Brigadier General Colin J. MacKenzie, the new chief of staff and chief military adviser in Canada, who succeeds General Lake, will in a large measure devolve the work of carrying out the changes recommended by General French in his report.

The work, it is understood, will be a considerable one and will cover some years. To do away with the present system of military districts and replace it with a system of commands will be a work of considerable magnitude. It will mean that many new artillery and cavalry corps will have to be added to the militia force. At present each of those arms of the service number some 5,000 men, and it is understood that a number will have to be doubled, while to equip the additional batteries with guns and outfits will involve an expenditure of several millions of dollars. There will also be the difficult and important task of organizing a headquarters staff for each of the military commands.

Australians hold a world's record in tea consumption, drinking nearly eight pounds a head yearly.

Within the past fifty years Hamburg and the coast of Germany in its neighborhood has sunk 5 ft. 9 in.

Reports on the Japanese floods of last week show a total of 1100 persons dead or missing, and 3900 houses destroyed.

INSANE PASSENGER SHOOTS CONDUCTOR

Ellie, Kansas, Aug. 26.—Harry Pugh, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., became insane on the pullman car of a Union Pacific train near here early today and fatally shot the porter, named Young, and a passenger named Temple of Kansas City.

TAFT ASKED TO TRY AND BRING ABOUT RAINFALL

Seattle, Aug. 27.—President Taft has been appealed to instruct the war department to comply with the request that the coast fortifications in the Puget Sound district unite with the war ships in firing their guns in the hope of starting a general rain fall.

In spite of the attitude of the war department, the business men of Seattle and the officers of the forest fire association believe that if sufficient pressure is brought to bear their request will be granted. To this end they have started a deluge of messages to Washington and Beverly.

WRECK OF A PORTUGUESE SHIP

Lisbon, Portugal, Aug. 26.—The Portuguese gunboat Tejo, of 533 tons was wrecked today on Berlingas Island, a small rocky group off the west coast of Portugal and about seventy miles north of here. The crew were all saved. The Tejo, which was officially rated as a torpedo boat destroyer, was 230 feet long, had the usual armament of her class, and had a complement of 85 men.

Mrs. E. R. McDonald, of California, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Clifton Tabor, has gone to Rotherham to visit her sister, Mrs. J. H. A. L. Fairweather.

CRIPPEN AND HIS PARTY HAVE NOW REACHED LIVERPOOL

Great Crowds Gathered in the Hope of Seeing the Notorious Pair, But Failed on Account of Precaution Taken

Liverpool, Aug. 27.—The steamer Megantic, carrying Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Miss Ethel LeNeve brought back from Canada on a warrant issued in connection with the supposed murder of Dr. Crippen's wife, Belle Elmore, arrived off the port here shortly after noon today. Great crowds gathered in the vicinity of the landing stage during the morning and stood waiting for hours in the hope of catching a view of Dr. Crippen and the young woman whose romantic flight with him across the ocean in the disguise of a boy, made her not the least interesting figure in the supposed crime. Strong barricades however, had been erected about the landing stage to prevent anyone approaching the ship and the crowds were kept at such a distance as to give them slight prospects of a close view of Inspector Dew's prisoners.

LOG DRIVING ON THE UPPER ST. JOHN WILL SOON BE THING OF PAST

Bangor and Aroostook Road Surveying for Line Through the Alleghash Country.

Bangor, Aug. 26.—Engineers are surveying the proposed Alleghash extension of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad. It is understood there is no immediate prospect of the road being built. The object is to ascertain the probable cost. When the Alleghash road is built, it will be the main line of the system, as the present divisions, when built, were mapped out as feeders to it.

With the Alleghash road completed, Northern Maine will be in direct communication with the sea and all of the lumber and other products, which now go largely down the St. John river, will be shipped to market via the Bangor & Aroostook and Penobscot Bay.

THE STOCK MARKET

New York, Aug. 27.—The Stock Market opened rather sluggishly today after yesterday's liquidation. Union Pacific and Steel had fractional declines from yesterday's closing, while Copper was a little stronger.

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, Montreal Stock Exchange)
St. John, N. B. Members

| | Open |
|------------------------|---------|
| Amalgamated | 64 1/2 |
| Atchafson | 97 1/2 |
| Smelters | 68 1/2 |
| Reading | 140 1/2 |
| Soo | 128 1/2 |
| Southern Pacific | 113 |
| Union Pacific | 175 1/2 |
| U. S. Steel, com. | 69 1/2 |
| Quebec | 42 |
| La Rose | 3 1/2 |
| Nipissing | 10 1/2 |

QUEENS OWN RIFLES ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

Liverpool, Aug. 27.—A battalion of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, numbering about six hundred officers and men, arrived here on the Str. Megantic, and will immediately go into camp in England for several weeks.

Mrs. Simeon Armstrong, of Rotherham, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. P. Robinson.

Mr. A. G. Beckwith has gone to St. John to spend a few days before returning to his home in Brooklyn.

BATTLESHIP THAT CAN FLY

Inventor Now Has One All Ready, on Paper

FRIGHTFUL CONFLICT

WORKED OUT

The Model of This Wonderful Affair Outclasses Any Thing Ever Yet Suggested, if it Will Only Work.

Washington, Aug. 26.—General William Allen, chief of the Signal Corps, has received from an inventor the model of a battleship that can fly, and Major-General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff, received today a model of a battleship with huge arms like a devil fish, that can walk on the bottom of the water.

According to General Allen, the swimming battleship that can also fly is one of the most terrible things, on paper and otherwise, that he ever considered. It outclasses anything ever put over by Baron Munchausen or the man who wrote the "Arabian Nights." This hybrid bird and boat can dip out of the sky and settle down like a duck in the water among a flock of battleships, and when it gets ready can open fire right and left with twelve-inch guns and twenty torpedoes. When the captain desires, he can rise out of the water, fly over the fleet, and land anywhere he wants, for instance, in Central Park, New York, and from there open fire.

General Wood's boat, however, is the real leviathan. It can skim over the waves as lightly as a swallow and then dive and do the rest crawling on its hands and knees until it is under the middle of the opposing fleet. It then thrusts out hidden tentacles of steel and pulls the fleet to destruction. The exports of navy and army say the battle of Gog and Magog will be a skirmish compared to the fight that will take place when General Allen's flying battleship meets the Wood-Wainwright deep sea steel devil fish.

METHODIST CONFERENCE DEALS WITH DANCING AND THEATRE GOING

Wrestled with the Naughty Problem a Long Time, and a Compromise Motion of Prof. Andrews was Agreed to.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 26.—The foot-note to the Methodist discipline forbidding dancing and theatre-going was wiped out of the book by the general conference yesterday. A substitute clause commends the desirability of a holy life. The new clause is:

"For as much as these rules are to be interpreted by enlightened Christian conscience, according to the principles of Christian liberty revealed in God's word, our members are earnestly admonished that they guard with great care their reputation as servants of Christ, and in case of those amusements and practices which are of hurtful and questionable tendency, that they do not engage in those injurious to their spiritual life or incompatible with their allegiance to Jesus Christ, their Master."

The substitute clause, reported by a commission of thirty-five members who had been at work on it for four hours, was not acceptable to the conference, and the one printed above was put in its place on motion of Prof. W. W. Andrews, of Sackville, N. B., seconded by Rev. Dr. J. White, of New Westminster. Their motion was almost unanimously adopted by the conference.

St. John, Aug. 27.—The Hon. Wm. Pugsley is expected to arrive in the city today from Ottawa, accompanied by Mrs. Pugsley.

Intercolonial Commissioners Advise Acquisition of Branches

INQUIRY WILL BE MADE INTO CAUSE GRAND TRUNK WRECK

Government will Take the Matter up and Find Out if Possible Where the Blame for the Accident Lies.

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 27.—The state railroad commission announces that it will conduct an investigation of the Grand Trunk wreck at Durand and will act independently of the county courts. The government states that the attorney general will act for the people. The commission, he adds, is determined to find where the blame lies for the accident and will take up the investigation at once.

PRESCOTT LUMBER DEAL WAS PUT THROUGH YESTERDAY

Hopewell Hill, Aug. 26.—The sale of the big lumber property of I. C. Prescott at Albert to an American concern, which has been under consideration for some months, has been finally completed. The purchase price is said to be about \$75,000 and includes the timber areas, mill and residence, the latter being one of the finest in the country. The property has been in the possession of the Prescott firm for about eighteen years.

REV. DR. STEWART HAD A BIG FUNERAL

Sackville Aug. 26.—The funeral of the late Rev. Charles Stewart, D.D., was held this afternoon. There was a short service at the house, Rev. C. W. Hamilton, of Salisbury, and Rev. G. M. Campbell, of St. John, officiating. A public service was held in the Sackville Methodist church. Rev. Dr. Evans, Hampton, presided; Rev. George Ross, of Fairville, offered prayer; Prof. Desjardis, Sackville, read the scriptures and short addresses were delivered by Rev. G. M. Campbell, district secretary of the Canadian Bible Society; Judge Forbes representing the British and Foreign Bible Society and Dr. Smith, Sackville.

Mr. Campbell in referring to the deceased, spoke of the consistency, godliness and great influence he had exerted among young men whom he had taught during the past forty years. Music was furnished by the Methodist choir. The hymns were God of My Life, Through All My Days, Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above and Give Me the Wings of Faith to Rise.

Out of respect for the deceased's memory Sackville places of business were closed for two hours this afternoon. Interment was made in Sackville delegates at the general conference were received from the Sackville delegates at the general conference.

EXPRESSMEN WORK OVER- TIME; GEORGE HAD HOLIDAY

Montreal, Aug. 25.—Mr. George Ham of the C. P. R., had a birthday. "How old is Mr. Ham?" you ask. Now that shows you don't know Geo. For if you did you would say "how young is George."

When you look at George's rotundity, and grasp his great big whole-some hand, receiving one of his whole-hearted friendly glad-hands you never think of how old he is. You look at his hearty open face and simply melt under that big pleasing smile in which he radiates. That smile had won George friends from the Atlantic to the Pacific—and innumerable elsewhere. Perhaps that smile was responsible for it all yesterday. For they do tell you the express man worked overtime carting away the birthday presents and congratulatory telegrams that showered in upon him.

Mr. Tiffin Says the Board Will Make a Selection Shortly--Would like to See the Road Extended to Toronto--Thinks There is Little Danger of it Being Leased Now, as it is One of the Country's Best Assets.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—An important official of the Intercolonial Railway of Canada believes that the system could be profitably extended to the west. E. Tiffin traffic manager of the Intercolonial, said:

"I have always been in favor of the extension of the Intercolonial Railway system through Ontario. It would give the lower province manufacturers a better entrance to the upper Canada markets than they have now and it would facilitate manufacturers up here in getting their products to the provinces. At present, complaints are from the former."

"What route oh
"What route would be taken from Montreal?"

"Paralleling the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific" stated Mr. Tiffin. "It is the through traffic particularly that we would be after. Personally, I am in strong sympathy with the

movement in Toronto that our line should be extended there, but it is a matter of policy in which the ultimate decision will rest with the government."

"Will the Intercolonial be leased?" Mr. Tiffin was asked.

"If we should go back to the days of deficits I believe it might be beneficial to lease it, but at present it is on a paying basis, and is one of the best assets the government has."

Mr. Tiffin states that the board of management will likely make before long recommendations for the acquisition of certain branch lines under the act of last session, but it has not yet been decided which will be taken.

It is understood that certain lines especially in New Brunswick, are applying their earnings to betterments to attain the standard required if they are to be leased by the government.

AVIATOR MEETS DISASTER FROM GUST OF WIND

New York, Aug. 27.—While attempting to fly his aeroplane from Sheepshead Bay Track to Fort William, today, "Bud" Mars, the aviator, was caught in a heavy blast of wind and carried out over the lower bay, where his machine suddenly collapsed and fell into the water over a hundred feet below. Mars was picked up by the tug boat Hustler.

The wrecked aeroplane was taken aboard a lighter off Craven shoal buoy. Mars was badly shaken up by the fall. Mars in his aeroplane arose from the Sheepshead Bay Track and headed for Manhattan Beach. He rose to the height of about two hundred feet and after circling around two or three times, flew to the westward towards Coney Island from where he planned to fly to Fort Hamilton on the east side of the Narrows. A sudden gust of air carried the aviator out over Cravesend Bay, where Mars lost control of the machine in the wind. Suddenly it appeared to collapse and fell into the water. When brought ashore Mars said he was not hurt beyond the shock to his nerves, but that his machine was wrecked.

KING'S DAUGHTER RUNS TYPEWRITER

London, Aug. 26.—Princess Mary King George's only daughter, has recently learned to use a typewriter.

There are two women typists attached to the secretarial staff at Marlborough House, which is the king's residence, one of whom, at the princess' request, taught her how to operate the machine. The princess proved an apt pupil and devoted herself assiduously to the work and after a few weeks of instruction and practice she was able to work a typewriter at a fair rate of speed.

During the reigning family's recreation at Balmoral, Scotland, her royal highness will assist in typing some of her father's more private correspondence.

"The princess intends to learn stenography also and is keenly looking forward to helping her mother, Queen Mary, regularly with her correspondence when the royal family is settled in Buckingham Palace."

This princess was the first royal princess to open an account in the post-office savings bank, which she did three years ago on her tenth birthday.

PORT ARTHUR WILL GRANT McAVITY'S SITE FOR FACTORY

St. John N.B., Aug. 27.—(Special)—A despatch to the Times Star from Port Arthur says "Negotiations between the City and T. McAvity & Sons Ltd of St. John N.B. for a factory site have been concluded. The company will receive ten acres of waterfront property free, and exemption from taxation for twenty years and other minor considerations in return for which the city obtains an important iron industry to employ 500 hands. A by-law will be submitted to the people in September."

George McAvity states this morning that he had not yet heard from Thomas Stewart, Ronald A. McAvity of Toronto and A. O. Campbell of their Vancouver branch who were in Port Arthur yesterday. The despatch however speaks for itself. It is the firm's intention if matters are satisfactorily arranged to build a factory at Port Arthur for their western business.

DREDGING OPERATIONS TO BE STOPPED WHEN APPROPRIATION IS USED

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—Dredging operations in several parts of Canada have been brought to a close and as a result there have been anxious inquiries at Ottawa for reasons.

It is learned that the minister of public works has adopted a new policy with respect to dredging works. In the past dredges were kept at work until a job was finished, even if the money voted by parliament for the season was exhausted a vote being taken at the following session to pay for the extra work done.

However, there has been so much criticism that Hon. Dr. Pugsley has decided to confine dredging operations strictly to the sum which parliament gives him for the season. When the money is used up work will be stopped.

MANLEY CHEW, M. P. CLEARED OF CHARGES

Orillia, Aug. 25.—The charges against Manley Chew, M.P., of supplying liquor to Indians on the Christian Island reserve, Georgian Bay, have been dismissed. When the cases were called by Magistrate Clark no one appeared for the prosecution. Counsel for the defence stated that he understood the charges had been abandoned. The magistrate accordingly issued an order dismissing them.