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BRITISH COMMUNITY IN CHINA ANNOUNCES ITS COLONIAL POLICY

Planting of Maple Trees Will Mark the Canadian Jubilee Ceremonies on Dominion Day—Maple to be Sent to Australia.

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF WORLD'S EVENTS.

Shanghai.—Desiring to lay before the people of the United States what it believes to be the British colonial policy in China, in view of numerous conflicting reports, the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai has made the following statement to The Associated Press in behalf of the British community in China: "British opinion in China, as represented by the British Chamber of Commerce, accords a conciliatory policy to the British Government, which, as repeatedly affirmed, had demonstrated that it is not antagonistic to the legitimate aspirations of China; but in view of the events leading to the evacuation of foreigners from the Yangtze Valley, the deplorable outrages at Nanking and other places, the violation of foreign women and the absence of protection of the life and property of foreigners, notwithstanding the repeated assurances of the spokesmen and leaders of all parties, it emphasizes that no negotiations of any kind should be considered until some stable government, free from communistic influence, and capable of carrying out its obligations, has emerged from the welter of the contending factions.

"It is convinced that but for the presence of foreign defenders at Shanghai there would have been occurrences here similar to, but exceeding in violence, those at Nanking. It considers immediate firm action by the powers necessary in order to secure justice and the protection of foreigners, and that unless such action is taken promptly the chaotic state of affairs existing will be greatly intensified to the detriment and danger of Chinese and foreigners alike.

"It holds that when a stable government is established, but not before, negotiations for a revision of the treaties to meet the developments of the past 25 years should be initiated, as it recognizes that without endangering the safety of or justice toward foreigners such modification might be made with advantage.

"It is convinced that firm action by the powers would be welcomed by the great mass of law-abiding citizens in China, who would see in such action hope of release from the burdens of autocracies, both military and communistic, which, between them, have divided and have nearly ruined the country, terrorizing the inhabitants, destroying their homes and looting their belongings.

"The British Chamber of Commerce understands that the present revolution is represented abroad as a spontaneous rising of the people against oppression; whereas it has been carefully engineered by a propaganda bureau, trained, financed and directed by Moscow, which has stimulated the uneducated masses by means of specious promises, fallacious arguments and incitement of racial animosity, and has not hesitated to resort to campaigns of intimidation and murder in order to further its aims.

"The Chamber recognizes that there are enlightened and progressive Chinese who desire to attain stability by revolutionary process, but sees in the action of those responsible for the present state of chaos selfish motives rather than patriotic ideals."

All Communities Asked to Join in Planting Ceremony
 Ottawa.—The National Committee for the Celebration of the Jubilee of Confederation throws out the suggestion that included among the ceremonies on July 1 shall be the planting of a Canadian maple in some central spot in every place where celebrations are held. Already certain parts of the Dominion have decided to do this, and it is the opinion of the National Committee that the ceremony should be universal.

It has further been decided that a young and lusty Canadian maple be sent, carefully packed, to Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, who is now visiting Australia, and that on July 1 Mr. Lapointe plant the tree at Canberra, where the new Commonwealth Parliament Buildings stand.

For Canadian planting it is suggested that seeds be now placed in pots, and that on the day of Jubilee, when the young plant has grown a few inches, the pot be broken and the contents placed in the earth.

Equal Rights in Air Given to Women Pilots
 London.—"At the moment when the British Government is engaged in giving equal right to the women on the ground, I am naturally sympathetic to giving them equal rights in the air," Air Minister Sir Samuel Hoare declared in a speech at a Government banquet to members of the International Commission for Air Navigation, who are now in London.

He was referring to the proposal to give equal rights to women pilots in

the air. The Commission has decided that from to-day women may pilot passenger aeroplanes.

Autoists Punished at Home for Offences While Touring

Toronto.—Motorists of Ontario touring in other provinces and in the United States, and visitors touring in Ontario will henceforth feel the "long arm of the law" extended to their own home town when they commit offences while on their trips, according to a statement by Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Public Works and Highways.

"At the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Conference of Motor Vehicle Administrators, comprising fifteen states and provinces, just concluded in Philadelphia," he stated, "Ontario entered into an arrangement whereby member states agree to suspend or revoke the license of a resident who committed an offence in another state or province which, if committed at home, would result in suspension or revocation of license.

"American tourists convicted in Ontario for any offence against our law will now be reported to their home state motor vehicle department and the same will apply to Ontario motorists in the United States.

"This arrangement should act as a deterrent to motorists who are inclined to take liberties with the rules of the road when they are away from their own particular jurisdiction and will, I think, be productive of good results."

Canadian Explains Benefit of "Water Report" in Marine Circles
 Washington.—Had mariners known of such a thing as a "water report" back in the spring days of 1912, the Titanic might now be plying her majestic way across the seas and 1,500 lives might have been saved.

Thus, Dr. A. G. Huntsman of the Biological Board of Canada, speaking before the Oceanography Section of the American Geophysical Union, summed up the value of what even yet is a novelty, but soon, he said, is to become as common as the daily weather forecast.

The "water report," he explained, "is based on tests of temperature and salinity. In the case of the Titanic," he said, "it would have warned of the proximity of icebergs. It will benefit fishermen, too, in locating schools of fish and will aid meteorologists in making weather forecasts."

Cheque in Mails When Mother Murdered 4 Children
 Windsor.—The day that Mrs. Humma Thomas was planning the murder of her four children, because she believed there was nothing left in the world for herself and the children, a cheque for \$45 from the Mothers' Allowance Commission was in the mail at Toronto—first grant of a regular income which the mother would have received had she stayed her hand a day longer.

Mrs. Thomas's application for assistance, as contained in the files of the Mothers' Allowance Commission at Sandwich, adds one touch more of pathos to the tragedy by revealing that the tenth birthday of her oldest girl was only three days past at the time of the tragedy. Mrs. Thomas continues to improve in the Hotel Dieu from the injuries she inflicted in an attempt to take her own life.

Canada Prohibits Importation of Potatoes from Disease Areas
 Ottawa, Ont.—The importation of potatoes into Canada from Europe,

Levee Dynamited to Save New Orleans from Floods
 New Orleans.—Gentle cataracts coursed down three breaches made in the Mississippi levee 15 miles south of New Orleans after dramatic preparations by State authorities to relieve the Crescent City from the flood menace.

Successive explosions of dynamite, buried deep in the huge walls of earth thrown up to hold the surging river to its course, caused only three small trenches, through which the waters of the mighty stream seemed at first reluctant to run.

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 Guelph.—Passenger train 137, running between Hespeler and Guelph, on the C.N.R., cut through an automobile on the Silver Creek Road crossing here Friday evening, hurled Mrs. Noah Eby, aged 68, to instant death, and inflicted such injuries on her 2-year-old grandchild, Donald Scott, that the lad died within the hour.

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Two West Country families, the Hughes and the Medlands, totaling twenty, leaving Southampton on a Cunarder, Ascania, to farm in Canada, under the Empire Settlement scheme.

The World's Poultry Congress to Date.

The organizing of the World's Poultry Congress, to be held in Ottawa, July 27—Aug. 4, 1927, began shortly after the close of the Congress held in Spain in 1924.

Early in 1925 the Congress Executive, and the Canadian Congress Committee were appointed, and Provincial Congress Committees were formed. The Federal Minister of Agriculture is Honorary Chairman of the Canadian Committee and the Minister of Agriculture in each Province is Chairman of the Provincial Committee.

The invitations were sent out in January, 1926. At the present time 30 countries have signified their intention of sending delegates, and a number of them exhibits.

The sessions of the program will be held in the Auditorium, and outside of official and public Congress meetings there will be five different sections operating simultaneously from half-past nine to half-past twelve each forenoon.

The exhibits will be staged in the Exhibition Buildings at Lansdowne Park, which will be open from one p.m. to eleven p.m. The display of exhibitors will be the finest and most comprehensive that has ever been given in Canada, and although the chief feature will be poultry the exhibits will be of such a varied nature as to be of interest to every person.

Membership is by registration and the payment of the fee, which is five dollars for regular members and three for associate members. The regular members receive a copy of the printed report of proceedings, and all are entitled to attend meetings, exhibits and functions.

There will be special rates for those who come by train, and good parking and camping for motorists. Accommodation is being arranged at reasonable rates for all. Information can be secured from your Provincial Committee or from the Executive at Ottawa.—F. C. Elford, General Director of the Congress.

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Press Comment the World Over

Anglo-Chinese Relations.

London Observer (Ind.): There must be no sort of pretext for the charge that Britain is the special enemy of the national movement in China. The very contrary is the truth. We have as little to lose and as much to gain as any country trading with China in meeting Chinese endeavors for unity, independence, and self-respect with practical sympathy at every turn. In fact, trade, on terms mutually beneficial, is the main basis of Anglo-Chinese relations.

The Northern Grain Route.

Manitoba Free Press (Ind. Lib.): As the people of Canada spent nearly two hundred million dollars for the express purpose of ensuring the carriage of Western wheat to the sea by the northern route, it is a breach of faith that the flow of wheat over this railway should be blocked by the deliberate imposition of rates which make impossible its economic movement. The hope held out when the consent of the people to the building of the road was being sought by the Canadian Government in 1904 was for a rate of six cents a bushel from Armstrong to Quebec; and the contrast between this rate and the actual rate of 20.7 cents a bushel is nothing less than a crime against the public interest.

France Recovers.

Paris Homme Libre: Less than ten years after the Armistice, factories have not merely been rebuilt but multiplied, renovated, enlarged and equipped as they have never been equipped before, perhaps even in such a manner that our shortage of labor will not allow us to use them, at least all of them or entirely. Town and villages have been rebuilt; railways, roads and canals restored to their former condition. On every side is the evidence of French optimism and French energy, triumphant. Yet more triumphant than all this is the fact that it has been done by us alone, without assistance, in the default of Germany and the indifference of our former Allies—a standing monument to the solidarity of the nation.

Train and Automobile.

Detroit News: Great Britain has demonstrated that such accidents are preventable. While American railroads were killing thousands, British railroads with their enormous passenger mileage and train frequency numbered their fatal accidents at little more than a score. The average of fatalities at grade crossings in Great Britain for five years was 38 killed and 14 injured.

Reduce National Debt.

Ottawa Droit (Ind. Lib.): (The Government should take proper steps to amortise the national debt). One thing is sure and that is that Canada cannot entrust the amortisation of her national debt to the off chance of an annual surplus in the administra-



Col. Sir Victor MacKenzie, C.O. Scots Guards, photographed on the quay at Southampton before his regiment sailed for China on the City of Marseilles.

tion of her affairs. Nobody can guarantee surpluses on which such attractive expectations can be based. To convert a surplus into a deficit it only needs an accident of the kind which is only too common in the history of all peoples. . . . It is our firm opinion that the Government should devote each year a fixed sum in advance furnished out of their ordinary revenues for the amortisation of our national debt.

Penny Wise, Pound Foolish.

London Free Press (Cons.): If the King Government could vote a half-million dollars to erect an embassy at Washington surely it could find the money to encourage the development of Canadian resources through scientific research.

Maritime Rights.

Halifax Herald (Cons.): It would be simply repetition to express again the satisfaction of the people of this Province at the events at Ottawa during the session just closed. All who have contributed to the success of the Maritime Rights Movement realize that these events have given renewed expression to the ideals of the men who were the architects of Canadian greatness.

Markets

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.51 1/2; No. 2 North, \$1.48 1/2; No. 3 North, \$1.40 1/2.

Man. oats, No. 2 CW nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 57c; No. 2 feed, nominal; western grain quotations in c.i.f. ports.

Am. corn, Toronto freights—No. 2 yellow, kiln dried, 85c; No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, 82c.

Milfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$32.25; shorts, per ton, \$34.25; middlings, \$40.25.

Ont. oats, 50c f.o.b. shipping points. Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.23 to \$1.24, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Buckwheat—73c, nominal.

Rye—No. 2, 98c.

Man. flour—First pat., \$8.10, Toronto; do, second pat., \$7.60.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent, patent, per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$5.20; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.30.

Cheese—New, large, 18 1/2 to 19c; Stilltons, 21 to 22c. Old, large, 21 to 22c; twins, 21 1/2 to 22c. Old Stilltons, 23 to 24c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 47c; No. 2, 46c. Dairy prints, 35 to 37c.

Eggs—Fresh extra, in cartons, 35 to 36c; fresh extras, loose, 35c; fresh firsts, 33c; fresh seconds, 28c.

Poultry, dressed—Spring chickens, 60c; chickens, 5 lbs. up, 40c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 38c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 35c; do, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 lbs., 34c; br.ilers, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 lbs., 38c; hens, over 5 lbs., 32c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 30c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 28c; roosters, 25c; turkeys, 46 to 47c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35 to 38c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$3.60 to \$3.90 bushel; primes, \$3.45 to \$3.60.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.25 to \$2.30; per 5 gal., \$2.15 to \$2.25 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 13 to 13 1/2c; 10-lb. tins, 13 1/2 to 13 3/4c; 5-lb. tins, 14 to 14 1/2c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 16c.

Comb honey—\$4 to \$5 per dozen.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 30 to 32c; cooked hams, 43c; smoked rolls, 25c; breakfast bacon, 28 to 33c; backs, boneless, 32 to 42c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$21; 70 to 90 lbs., \$19; 90 to 100 lbs., and up, \$18; light-weight rolls, in barrels, \$11.50; heavy-weight rolls, \$38.50 per bbl.

Lard—Pure tierces, 14 to 14 1/2c; tubs, 15 to 15 1/2c; pails, 15 1/2 to 16c; prints, 16 1/2 to 17c; shortening tierces, 13 1/2c; tubs, 13 1/2c; pails, 14 1/2c; blocks and tins, 16 1/2c.

Heavy beef steers, \$8.25 to \$8.75; do, fair, \$7.50 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$8.25 to \$8.50; do, com., \$6.75 to \$7.25; butcher cows, good to choice, \$6.25 to \$7; do, fair to good, \$5.25 to \$5.60; do, com. to med., \$4.50 to \$5; do, canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$4; butcher bulls, good to extra, \$8 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5.25 to \$5.75; do, bolognas, \$4.50 to \$5; baby beef, \$3.50 to \$11.00; feeders, choice, \$7.00 to \$7.50; do, fair, \$6.25 to \$6.75; stockers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair to med., \$5.70 to \$6; springers, \$80 to \$110; milch cows, \$75 to \$90; plain twins, 21 to 22c. Old Stilltons, 23 to 24c.

Choice, \$10 to \$11; do, med., \$7 to \$8; do, com., \$5 to \$7; lamba, choice, \$13.50 to \$14; bucks, \$10 to \$11.25; sheep, choice, \$8 to \$9; do, heavies, \$6 to \$7.50; do, culls, \$4 to \$5; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$9.75 to \$10; do, f.o.b., \$9.25 to \$9.50; do, country points, \$9 to \$9.25; do, off cars, \$10.15 to \$10.40; select premium, per hog, \$1.90 to \$1.96.

MONTRÉAL.
 Oats, CW, No. 2, 74c; do, No. 3, 65c. Flour, Man. spring wheat, firsts, \$8.20; do, seconds, \$7.70; do, strong bakers', \$7.50; winter patents, choice, \$5.90 to \$6. Rolled oats, bag of 90 lbs., \$3.40 to \$3.50. Bran, \$32.25. Shorts, \$34.25. Middlings, \$40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.50. Cheese, finest wests, 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c. Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 43 to 43 1/2c. Eggs, fresh extra, 36c; do, fresh firsts, 34c. Hogs, \$10.75 to \$11; calves, com., \$5.50; do, med., \$6.25.