

### EARL GREY MILD IN UTTERANCE

NO INDICATION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL'S POLICY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Not on Hand to Greet Him—Government Press Unusually Active in Defining Duties of Colonies—Campaign for Imperialism Probably Coming Later.

Special to The Journal. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 27.—The arrival of Lord Gray, Canada's new governor general, was awaited with much curiosity. It had been so widely heralded as a keen imperialist of the Rhodesian type that it would not have been altogether a surprise if his utterances on landing had been such as to stir the blood of a self-governing people. But to the surprise of the new representative of the crown in answer to the various addresses of welcome have only been replete with the common place compliments concerning the loyalty of the Canadians and the deep love which the king bears them.

Lord Gray perhaps feels that he should not go too deeply into the subject of imperialism until he has met Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has been taking a rest in California. The absence of the premier upon a simple mission of pleasure when the representative of the crown was to arrive in Canada, is one of the subjects upon which the well educated press of Canada will not comment, having still that respect for monarchical institutions which prevents anything like free discussion of matters pertaining to the crown. Privy councillors and all those surrounding the vice-regal person, are sworn to secrecy. Those who approach the inner circles, however, feel that Earl Gray has not been too highly pleased upon the Canadian people by all the means which his position places at his command. These means are yet many, the imperfectly understood by the people. There are royal favors and distinctions for the willing political tools, obstruction and threats of appeal to the people for those who prove unamenable to the wishes of the home government. The Canadian people prefer to be decorated to fighting an electoral battle unnecessarily.

What He Stands For. However, the new governor general is the nominee of the imperialist party in England, that party which is trying to saddle taxation for the military purposes of the empire upon the colonies, and it will be his mission to press that policy upon the Canadian people by all the means which his position places at his command. These means are yet many, the imperfectly understood by the people. There are royal favors and distinctions for the willing political tools, obstruction and threats of appeal to the people for those who prove unamenable to the wishes of the home government. The Canadian people prefer to be decorated to fighting an electoral battle unnecessarily.

Altho Earl Gray himself has yet said nothing which would be an indication of a policy, his advent has been marked by unusual activity on the part of the government press of Great Britain in defining the duties of the colonies toward the maintenance of the imperial navy. The exact amount of the contribution which would be right has been named, and one imperialist journal in Montreal has gone so far as to say that unless Canada is given official sanction by the utterances of Premier Balfour and the action of the admiralty in withdrawing ships from Canadian waters.

The Effect Disappointing. But the effect is not what was to be hoped for. The leading Canadian papers represent the action of England as "mild," and Professor Goldwin Smith asks the pertinent query: "If Great Britain defend us?"

This inquiry has touched such a sore spot that imperialists have indignantly asked, "what do you mean?" It will be a fair query to reply that with the protection of a British fleet in its waters, Canada has lost more territory to the United States thru treaties arranged by British diplomats than Mexico did after her disastrous war.

Another sign of the times was the declaration by a Catholic bishop to a body of students that they must prepare for the independence of their country. Heretofore the Catholic hierarchy has looked upon British connection as the safest guarantee for the secular privileges it enjoys in Canada. When the future of a country is so openly discussed by leaders of opinion, existing institutions are rather in peril.

Police Its Own Coasts. As to the immediate result of the withdrawal of British ships from Canadian waters it will have exactly the contrary effect of what imperialists desire. Canada will not contribute to the imperial navy, but will continue the work of policing its coasts as it now provides for its land defenses, and gradually the idea of depending upon imperial forces for protection will vanish from the popular mind.

Were a commercial treaty arranged with the United States which would make the Canadian farmer reasonably independent of the British market, the talk of strengthening the bonds of the empire would entirely vanish from Canadian politics.

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OLGA RONNING. JAMES BAKER. EDNA GALLAGHER.

### NICHOLAS ISSUES REFORM UKASE

It Promises "Fullest Measures of Relief that Can Be Granted."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Emperor Nicholas' long expected reform ukase was issued last night. The document deals with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the zemstvo presidents, and while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety as demanded by the memorial, promises that all shall be referred to the council of ministers, with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be granted.

One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, the freedom for all creeds and sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with. The various subjects will be referred to committees for early report.

Naturally it has not met the fullest wishes of the liberals, but, on the other hand, it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of liberal reforms. It is complained, that there is some ambiguity of expression in the various sections of the document, which must be left to interpretation by those to whom the various reforms are intrusted.

Points Covered. In brief, the subjects which are referred by the ukase to committees of the council of ministers for early report are:

First—A just and equitable enforcement of existing laws with a view to securing the harmonious administration of all the courts.

Second—Zemstvo organization with a view of giving the widest latitude and autonomy to the various zemstvos, calling additional zemstvo representatives where required and creating smaller zemstvo units capable of dealing directly with the local needs of the peasants.

Third—Equality of all citizens before the law, this touching the much-mooted question of peasant equality before the courts.

Fourth—Arranging a scheme of workmen's assurance, for the benefit and participation of factory workers throughout the empire.

Fifth—To secure citizens against arbitrary arrest and to accord immunity from harsh action from the police except in the cases of persons known to be conspiring to commit overt acts against the stability of the state.

Sixth—The religious freedom of all subjects of the empire without respect to creed or manner of worship.

Seventh—For rescinding all unnecessary repressive laws, leaving in force only those designed for the participation of peasants and for the benefit generally of subjects of the empire.

Eighth—To accord the fullest possible measure of liberty to the press and the removal so far as possible of various restrictive laws.

The ukase promises a full and equitable enforcement of existing laws, assures the zemstvos of the fullest possible measure of self government and the enforcement of the laws now existing in their behalf; promotes a scheme of workmen's insurance, extends the liberty of the press and promises a full legal trial of all persons accused.

Kuropatkin for Zemstvos.

General Kuropatkin, according to an interview with Prince Dolgorouki, head of the Moscow Red Cross detachment at the front, has added his voice in favor of broadening the scope of the zemstvos. This later may be fraught with immense significance. The reactionary Grashdanin publishes a remarkable article against the bureaucracy, declaring that the responsibility for the French revolution, the fall of the Roman empire and the decay of China, whereas Japan has regretted, because, while it overthrew the bureaucracy it retained the principle of the sacred power of sovereignty.

\$30,000,000 HEIRESS TO WED \$50,000,000 HEIR

New York, Dec. 27.—Altho no formal announcement of their engagement has been made, close friends assert that one exists between Miss Gladys Vanderbilt and Robert Walton Goelet. It is said to be a mere question of expediency when Mrs. Vanderbilt will make it known formally. The engagement marks the union of two great fortunes. The richest girl in America, Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, will receive at least \$30,000,000 on attaining her majority, while Mr. Goelet is the only son of Robert Goelet, who left a fortune worth \$50,000,000.

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GUESTS ALMOST CAUGHT FIRE IN THE ST. JAMES HOTEL AT DULUTH—LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$25,000.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 27.—For the eighth time in twenty-three years, the St. James hotel was gutted by fire yesterday. The loss will be \$25,000.

The hotel was well filled with theatrical people, many members of the "Globe of Drink" and "The Sign of the Cross" companies stopping at the hostelry. All reached places of safety, many being only clad in their nightclothes. Among the guests who had narrow escapes were J. A. Odell and wife of Philadelphia. He is a cousin of Governor Odell of New York.

Daniel McDonald jumped from a second story window and escaped unharmed. An investigation is being made as to the origin of the fire, it is believed to have been incendiary.

FAMILY IS AFFLICTED WITH STRANGE DISEASE

New York, Dec. 27.—Attention has been called to the condition of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, who live in Bedford county. They have five children who are afflicted with a congenital disease known as Friedrich's ataxia. Their ages range from 8 to 19 years. They are all absolutely helpless, cannot walk or speak intelligently. They have no use of their hands and have to be fed like animals. There is always the danger of their falling into the fire; for they can neither sit up nor stand steadily more than a moment at a time. The doctors of the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore say that there was absolutely nothing that could be done for them.

PLATT'S GO. MAY LOSE GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

New York, Dec. 27.—Senator Platt's bonding company, which has had the right to itself in the matter of bonding federal employees, is threatened with the loss of its monopoly by a reform contemplated by Postmaster General Wynne in the renewal of all postal bonds on Jan. 1. If the reform is ordered, postoffice clerks and carriers will be bonded directly to the postmaster, instead of to the postmaster general, and clerks and carriers will be allowed to take out their bonds in any company they may select. Complaints of excessive rates charged by the Platt company have been made by the postoffice clerks. The profits of the Platt company from this source alone have been placed at \$30,000 a year.

The new order will affect not only the postoffice employees in this city, but postal officials throughout the country.

William Evans, formerly protector of Chinese in the Straits settlements, who was induced by the British government to go to South Africa to superintend the arrangements connected with the importation and the housing of the Chinese in South Africa, has refused to remain there. He said he would never consent to be a slave driver and that the conditions under which the Chinese worked in South Africa were indescribable.

NAN PATTERSON GETS GIFTS AND LETTERS

New York, Dec. 27.—Nan Patterson spent a gloomy holiday in the Tombs yesterday, altho many folks that sympathize with her did their best to cheer her. The early forenoon mail brought to her sixty-one letters, most of them messages of sympathy and some of them contained money. One enclosed a \$20 bill.

In her mail since the disagreement of the jury have been several letters of a scurrilous nature, and her lawyers have adopted the precaution of keeping from her letters from strangers.

More flowers arrived for her at the prison yesterday, but they were refused—all but a half dozen splendid Jacqueminot roses which Warden Flynn sent to her after giving the bunch a rigid scrutiny.

Daniel O'Reilly, also of her counsel, sent her a specially prepared dinner from a fashionable restaurant. Her father is in Washington, but there was a letter from him.

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