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LOYD-GEORGE'S BIG LAND SCHEME.

The despatches tell us that England is breathless with astonishment at the audacity of the Exchequer in trenching upon one of the most sacred of all the sacred vested interests—that of land. He has declared that Britain's land system is a ghastly failure, and one must not be overready to attach the same discouraging label to his campaign against it on account of the indefiniteness of his speeches as they are briefly reported to us. He knows and clearly understands the evil. He also knows and clearly understands the remedy. His political career has not warranted the fear that he will hesitate over the application. He knows that land owners can take to themselves the benefits of increased fertility of the soil and improved agricultural methods, that they can take to themselves the benefits of mineral richness, and also the benefits of the improved industrial processes which multiply the productive power of labor. He knows the land owners can take to themselves the benefits of Britain's freedom from trade obstruction, and the benefits of every improvement in industrial, commercial and financial meth-

ods. He knows that even his old age pension and his maternity benefit will be collected by the land owners, who will thereby be enabled to proportionately shade up rentals. It is clear to him that the land system must bring every benefit and improvement to naught, for the land owners are not obliged to leave the productive workers anything more than a bare living. Where this hard principle of business is abandoned the results are still more deplorable, for the land is then turned into private parks and the producers driven away.

Lloyd-George has shown the courage to adopt emergency measures to avert the racial deterioration and destruction which the British land system would, if unchecked, entail. Will he be equally courageous in adopting a fundamental and permanent reform? There is every reason to hope that he will. But if he should prove disappointing, if the mountain should bring forth a mouse, the cause of reform must go on without him. The movement has now too much headway to be checked by recalcitrance anywhere. Even without the stimulus of the Chancellor's commanding ability it will be carried on to ultimate success.

DR. SUN YET SEN'S SENSATIONAL FLIGHT FROM CHINA TO JAPAN

VICTORIA CHINESE WANT TO KNOW WHERE \$5000.00 THEY CONTRIBUTED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY FUND HAS GONE

Victoria, Oct. 20.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been arrested in Japan. Word to this effect came in on the Empress of India, illustrating the curious channels by which news items of world interest often travel. The great Chinese revolutionary leader is charged with misappropriating in the neighborhood of two million tael, approximately \$160,000, presumably from the funds of the revolutionary party.

Local Chinese some time ago became suspicious when they received no receipt for the \$5,000 they forwarded him for the furtherance of the cause. They were treated in this way once before by a Mandarin at Canton to whom they sent money. Investigations were carried on in the usual Chinese way and it was discovered that other money forwarded to Dr. Sun had not been received by the heads of the party.

It was only a few days ago that passengers from the Orient brought information that Sun Yat Sen had travelled on the Awa Maru, disguised as a Japanese and landed at Kobe. Passengers on the Empress of India confirm this, saying that it has been known for some time he was hiding near Kobe, but that he had not disembarked at the city. Dr. Sun left the ship at Kobe and had no difficulty in hiding as he has many friends there.

Another fact in connection with his sensational flight from China came to light through the American consul at Formosa, who was a passenger on the boat and who stated that Dr. Sun did not travel directly from Hongkong to Japan, but spent some weeks in Formosa and boarded the Awa at that port. This circumstance fills in the big gap since the announcement of his flight from Shanghai some weeks ago and his discovery on board the Awa Maru. The arrest in Japan was undoubtedly at the instigation of the Chinese Government, for those familiar with the situation state that Japan would never have taken any steps to interfere with Sun.

Japan is believed to have financed the revolution and was altogether too friendly with Sun Yat Sen to have taken steps of its own accord. There is an extradition treaty between Japan and China, however, and Sun is held pending the presenting of arrangements for taking him back to China to face the charge against him.

The Empress of India, inbound, received the information from the Empress of Russia, outbound. The two vessels were in wireless communication and the Russia had picked up the information in a message from the Oriental coast.

ENGLISH CAPITAL TO BUILD RAILWAY TO GROUNDHOG COAL

ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WAY FOR LONDON SYNDICATE TO TAKE UP LARGE COAL AREAS AND SUPPLY COAST CITIES WITH FUEL

According to a special article in the Vancouver Province, English capital is behind a project to develop the Groundhog coal fields on a large scale and in this connection will build a railway from Stewart to the coal fields. The Miner has on more than one occasion pointed out that Stewart is by far the nearest town to the coal deposits, and being on tidewater has the additional advantage over all other competitors in the matter of economy in the handling of the "black diamond." The writer in the Province says he has the best direct authority for stating that arrangements are under way in London to organize a company to take up a large portion of the Groundhog Mountain coal field and build a railway from Stewart to afford transportation so that the coal can be mined and shipped out to coast cities, in which the anthracite coal would no doubt be in demand for heating purposes; though it is probable the price will be high on account of transportation costs and the cost of living to miners working there until the field becomes well developed.

Whether or not it is the purpose of the English company to take over Sir D. D. Mann's Canadian Northeastern Railway charter the writer does not state, but the outlook appears to be more hopeful that a move of importance is now on foot in which Stewart promises to play an important part.—Portland Canal Miner.

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Edmund Baxter, district engineer, accompanied by his wife and Road Superintendent C. J. Gillingham, returned on Wednesday from a trip of inspection of the trail to the Naas. The party experienced very unpleasant weather on account of an almost continuous rain and snow storm. Engineer Baxter expressed himself as very well pleased with the amount of construction accomplished on the Stewart-Groundhog pack trail, which is expected to be completed to the telegraph line early next week.—Portland Canal Miner.

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QUEENSTOWN NOTES.

D. E. Maxwell of Victoria was a guest at the Yakoun Hotel during the week.

It is reported that a Liberal association will be organized for the northern end of Graham Island.

A new boarding house, under the management of William Twaite, has been opened at Queenstown.

Walter Cross is making extensive improvements on his property. He is enlarging his residence and erecting barns for his cattle.

A. W. McKirahan received a nasty cut on his right hand while assisting in getting out stringers for Bert Tingley's wharf. The injured hand was capably dressed by Mrs. Tingley at the hotel.

B. L. Tingley is having a wharf built opposite the hotel for his own use. It will be 235 feet long. The piles have been driven and as soon as the lumber can be delivered the work will be proceeded with.

Bears are plentiful in the Mayer Lake district just now and ranchers don't take chances in leaving food stuffs outside their doors any more. West Singer had the misfortune to lose a fine large pelt, as well as a side of bacon, and the blame is all attached to bruin.

Laurie Hughes has been taking the "cure" for the past few days at Queenstown, after being several months with Gillespie & Green's survey party on the west coast. Mr. Hughes will leave tomorrow for his ranch at Tow Hill, but intends to return for the masquerade dance on Hallowe'en night.—Queen Charlotte Islander.

Wrong Cheese

Bread and cheese and kisses
They go together, hey?
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