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Thursday, August 28, 1913.

THE "EMPIRE" THAT
REALLY NEEDS HELP.

Here is a bright sample of
good Conservative arguments
in favor of the British Colum-
bia government. It is culled
from the Prince Rupert "Em-
pire" in all its purity of dic-
tion and meaning: "If Sir Ri-
chard McBride were guilty of
the charges made, and pub-
lished, there would be very
great possibility of his down-
fall. That, however, is impro-
bable, on account of no one be-
lieving the gross slanders." To
argue further, if Sir Richard
could not be guilty because no
one believes the gross slanders
a man could walk across Cana-
da in two days because an
aeroplane does not resemble a
Pullman car—oh, shucks,
what's the use!—The Saturday
Sunset.

HON. GEORGE'S E. FOSTER'S
MISSION TO AUSTRALIA

An attempt has been made
by some Conservative journals
to apologize for the undoubted
failure of Hon. G. E. Foster's
mission to Australia. It is
naively explained that the Min-
ister of Trade and Commerce
did not actually go to Austral-
ia to negotiate a reciprocity
treaty. He was engaged in a
great Imperialist mission. Hence
as an ardent Imperialist the
tour of Mr. Foster was a daz-
zling success. Did he not go
to Great Britain, to New Zea-
land, to Australia, to China,
to Japan and to Korea (omit-
ting Fiji), and has he not im-

proved in health and broaden-
ed in his outlook upon the
large affairs of this little
world? Has he not told us on
this coast that we are neglect-
ing a grand and manifest op-
portunity for the study of the
characteristics and the view-
point of Orientals? Doubtless
the Minister will prepare and
submit a report after he re-
turns to Ottawa. How, then,
the Conservative organs argue
can the great Imperial under-
taking of Hon. G. E. Foster be
said to be a failure? As a
matter of fact, none of the
Ministers from Mr. Borden
down (with one notable ex-
ception) considers that there
is any necessity for action. As
one of them has said, when
they came into power they
found everything so well ad-
justed and the machinery run-
ning so smoothly that there
was only one thing for them to
do; sit down comfortably and
watch the wheels go round.
Even the tariff was so nicely
balanced in all its bearings
that to attempt a readjustment
might bring disaster. And yet
it is not a singular thing that
just as soon as this careful,
cautious and inactive adminis-
tration came into power busi-
ness conditions in Canada be-
came unsettled?

Hon. "Bob" Rogers, it must
be admitted, is one active spirit
in the ministry. He believes in
doing things. And in every-
thing he does there is also
"something doing for the
boys."



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lar and cuffs. (3). Coat and skirt in grey, covert, coating
over a chiffon blouse with a Directoire collar.

CHILDREN CAUGHT AND SOLD
AS SLAVES IN PHILIPPINES

COMMISSIONER STATES THAT SLAVE OWNING AND PEONAGE
ARE GENERAL IN THE ISLANDS—CHILDREN
KIDNAPED FOR CHINA.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Slavery
in the full meaning of the word
exists throughout the Philippines,
even in the City of Manila, and
peonage is general in the islands,
according to a special report
Commissioner Dean Worcester
has made to the insular bureau.
It has not been received by the
war department, but copies are
in the hands of other officials.

Filipinos in parts of the island
commonly capture children and
sell them into slavery for profit.
Some are sent to China, where
they are dressed in the native
fashion. Some children have
been enticed from their homes by
slave agents on promises of
scholarships in schools and some
of those, in an instance which
Mr. Worcester reports in detail,
were sold and others farmed out
for money.

He cited the case of a 13-year-
old girl bought for some pigs and
a cloak. The supreme court of
the islands released the slave
trader on the ground that no
crime had been committed be-
cause no physical force had been
used. This one case, Mr. Wor-
cester says, has blocked other
slavery prosecutions. The Philip-
pine assembly has blocked laws
for the suppression of the traffic,
he says, because many of its
members come from provinces
where slavery flourishes. One of
his reports on the traffic, he says,
lies tabled in the Philippine as-
sembly.

Mr. Worcester declares he had
great difficulty in getting facts of
slave cases and intimates that
reports were withheld by the of-
ficers of the Philippine constabulary. He cites the case of a
Philippine assemblyman caught
redhanded owning a slave girl in
Manila, and says:

"I could obtain conclusive evi-
dence of a hundred, a thousand,
ten thousand of them, but why
multiply cases? It is simply a
case of time and work."

He charges that Philippine as-

semblymen maintain peonage on
their own farms.

Washington, Aug. 25.—What-
ever is done by the United States
with respect to the Philippine
Islands is to be gauged by the
best interests of the people of the
archipelago and not by what
might be construed as selfish
purposes of the American gov-
ernment.

That is the view of President
Wilson and Francis Burton Har-
rison, newly appointed governor
general, take of the question of
Philippine independence, accord-
ing to information today at the
White House. The President be-
lieves the United States in the
profoundest sense is the trustee
of the Philippines, and to carry
out its trusteeship wisely is the
keynote of the policy of his ad-
ministration.

It was indicated at the White
House that while no proposal for
immediate independence was be-
ing now considered, a policy of
active preparation for granting
the independence with a few
years will be pursued by the
United States.

NOTICE.

The Board of Trade having
been in correspondence for some
time with the Department of
Lands and Works with regard to
the advisability of the govern-
ment placing their waterfront
land on the market for bona fide
industrial purposes, and as Hon.
Mr. Ross, minister of lands and
works, will be in Prince Rupert
in a few days, the Board of
Trade will appreciate any one
who is desirous of securing such
property for bona fide purposes,
placing full particulars before
the undersigned on or before
Saturday noon, August 30th.

J. LORNE MACLAREN,
Secretary P. R. Board of Trade,
201-3

WEATHER REPORT.

Furnished by F. W. Dowling,
Observer.

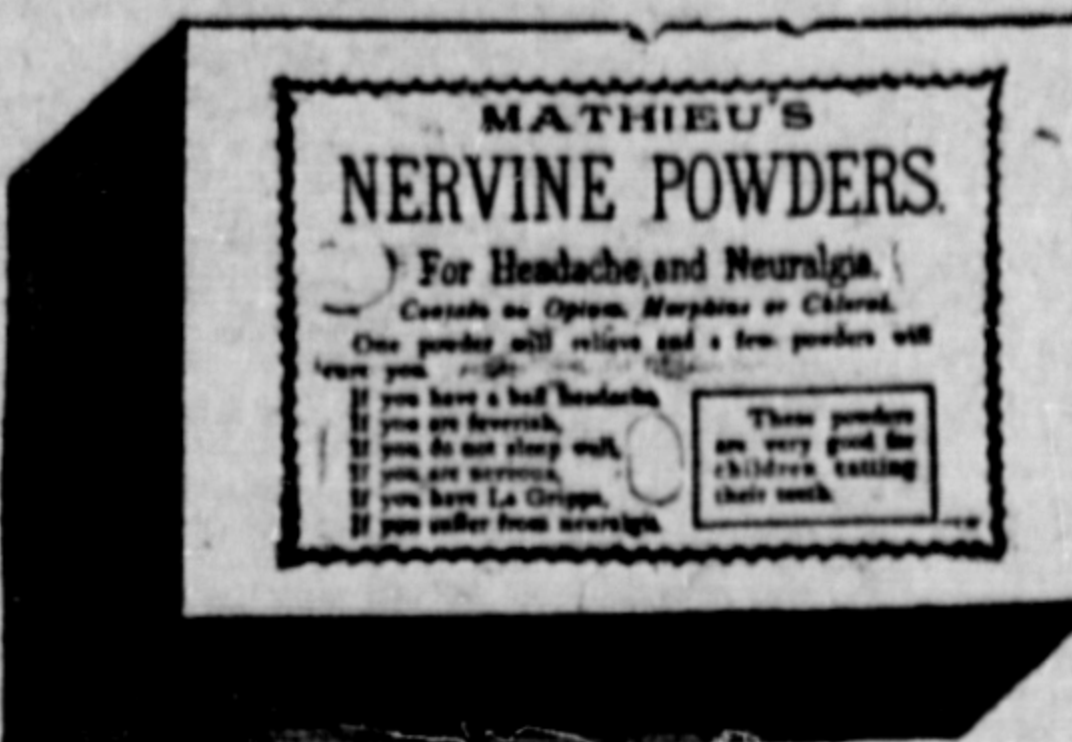
For 24 hours ending 5 a. m.
August 28, 1913.

Barometer, reduced to sea
level 30.232
Highest temperature..... 60.0
Lowest temperature..... 50.0
Rain17

Society Kicker.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Miss
Katherine Johnson, the 19-year-
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