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ULSTER SCHEME NOT DISCLOSED BY ASQUITH

Unionists Tried to Draw Out Premier, Who Resented "Browbeating" and Declared Government Was Not Supplicating for Truce — Bonar Law Used Threats.

LONDON, Feb 24.—In the house of commons today the opposition tried to obtain from Premier Asquith a disclosure of the concessions to be offered Ulster in the home rule bill by supporting a resolution introduced by Bertram G. Falle, the Unionist member for Portsmouth, "that the house considers it imperative in the interests of public peace that the premier shou'd submit his proposals without delay."

The prime minister refused to divulge his proposals, saying that the government was prepared to put forward its suggestions at the earliest moment when they could be adequately considered by the house, which would be before Easter. The government, he declared, had no reason to supplicate for a truce, less to hoist the white flag of surrender. To his followers he would say that the government was not going to betray a great cause at the eleventh hour.

The opposition should understand that the government would not be brow-beaten or hustled into a course which in its judgment would not promote, but embarrass, the purpose the men of all parties should keep in view

Law's Strong Words.

Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, asserted that the country was fast drifting towards civil war. If the premier had proposals to make it was criminal to delay them so long. The government adhered to the policy of drifting; therefore it was the duty of the opposition to make it impossible for the government to force the bill thru the house unless supported by the verdict of the country at the polls. Otherwise, he declared, its passage would be regarded by Ulster as a declaration of war.

The motion was defeated 311 to 238, a majority of 73.

ATTEMPTED TO WRECK LETHBRIDGE LIGHT PLANT

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Feb. 24. — Timely discovery this morning saved the city power plant from being put out of commission. An attempt was made by some unknown person to establish a short circuit by hacking open a two-inch cable carrying 2200 volts and cutting four heavy copper wires. The cable connected the switchboard with the big emergency booster pump.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD WILL CONTROL ALL FUTURE ISSUES OF SECURITIES BY RAILWAYS

Strong Stand of Railway Committee at Ottawa to Restrict C. N. R.'s Capitalization Foreshadows Important Legislation—C. N. R. Replaced Stock Deposited With Government by New Issue.

(Special to The Toronto World)

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—There was a lively time at the meeting of the railway committee today, and it looked for a time as tho the decks were being cleared for the first assault upon the proposed government loan to the Canadian Northern Railway Company. It was the Canadian Northern bill which was before the committee and R. B. Bennett and W. F. Nickle elicited much curious information from the company.

Thus it appeared that the cession of stock of the par value of $7,000,000 to the government last summer was followed almost immediately by an additional issue of stock to the same amount. Hence an amendment moved by Mr. Bennett today prohibiting the increase of the company's capital beyond $77,000,000. The discussion widened, however, resulting in a most important principle being adopted when W. F. Maclean (South York), while supporting the Bennett amendment, declared that the government in revising the railway act, should affirm the policy that no railway company could issue stocks or bonds without authority from parliament and subject to the control and supervision of the railway commission or some public utilities commission to be established.

Commission to Control.

While Mr. Cochrane, who also was present, did not commit himself at the time, The World is in a position to state that upon the ministers' return immediately after Easter a new railway act will be put thru parliament, and that it will contain a clause placing all railway securities under the supervision and control of a public service commission.

The discussion this morning in the railway committee was precipitated by R. B. Bennett of Calgary, upon a bill providing that the capital of the company should not be increased beyond $77,000,000 without the consent of parliament.

Should Apply to All.

W. F. Maclean (South York) said the amendment was in the right direction, but appealed to the minister of railways to announce the policy of the government as to regulation and control of all stock and bond issues by railway companies. He declared that no railway company should be permitted to make any stock or bond issue without the authority of parliament and subject to the direction and control of some public service commission like the railway commission,

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Riots in Budapest

BUDAPEST, Feb. 24.—Serious demonstrations by the unemployed have been held during the past week, culminating today in a procession of 30,000 to the parliament house, demanding that the government provide work. Finally the demonstrators began stoning windows and looting shops. The police drew their swords and dispersed the rioters, many of whom were wounded.

NON-MILITANTS MADE PROTEST

Men Participated in Demonstration in Parliament Square Against Asquith's Attitude Toward Suffragettes.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—An independent body of non-militant suffragists, for the most part men, has been persistently trying to obtain a personal interview with Premier Asquith, but the only concession the premier would grant was permission for a small deputation to see his secretary so that their protest in writing against forcible feeding and the "Cat and Mouse" Act might be submitted.

The deputation went to Downing street tonight, accompanied by a large number of supporters, and afterwards proceeded to Parliament square, where a demonstration was held in protest against the premier's attitude. Several hundred police were concealed in the neighborhood of Downing street in readiness for trouble, and they dispersed the demonstrators after considerable hand-to-hand scuffling.

Six of the suffragists were arrested, among them Laurence Housman, the author and artist; H. W. Nevinson, the war correspondent, and other prominent men.

"A Cigaret Maker's Romance."

Those who have not already booked seats for Mr. Martin Harvey's engagement this week at the Princess are reminded that few remain except for today's matinee, when "A Cigaret Maker's Romance" will be played. Great interest is also displayed in the visit of Mr. Tom Terriss, another eminent actor from England, who comes to the Princess next week in Dickens plays, for which the advance sale of seats opens tomorrow morning.

SUBURBS SHOULD BE SERVED BY RAILWAYS

Complained That I. C. R. Ignores Rights of Halifax Commuters, Led to Discussion of Conditions in Toronto—South York Member Urged Remedial Legislation

(Special to The Toronto World)

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—On the motion to go into supply in the house today, A. K. Maclean, the Liberal member for Halifax, complained of the failure of the Intercolonial to furnish proper suburban service to the City of Halifax, and the rather curious spectacle was presented of the prime minister and the minister of marine (who complained of conditions in St. John, N.B.) endorsing to some extent the complaint of an opposition member.

W. F. Maclean (S. York) then called the attention of the government to the refusal of the railway companies to furnish suburban service for the City of Toronto. He pointed out that the traffic conditions in that city were almost intolerable, and asked that the new Railway Act contain a provision compelling the railway companies to furnish a suburban service to cities where such service could be rendered by them at a profit.

He could see no reason why the railways refused a service to Toronto which they gave, and had long been giving, to the City of Montreal.

On going into supply Mr. Maclean of Halifax, complained of the subur-

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WESTERN PROVINCES' DEMAND THAT RESOURCES BE RESTORED UNREASONABLE, SAID PREMIER

Borden, Replying to Opposition Taunts, Explained Return of Lands Would Necessitate Readjusting All Provincial Subsidies — Oliver Alleged Two Hundred Millions Bribe Offered.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The opposition pot employed itself in the house for some hours today calling the government kettle black, because of its failure to restore their natural resources to the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The discussion was opened by Mr. Buchanan of Medicine Hat, who labored the point that the restoration of these resources had been an article of faith in the Conservative creed since 1905. The prime minister said, in reply, that the return of the lands would involve a readjustment of the provincial subsidies in which the maritime provinces were especially interested. While entirely willing to do the fair thing by the prairie provinces, he regarded their present demand for the return of their lands, together with the continuance of the financial grants made to them in lieu thereof, as unreasonable and unjust.

Bad Faith Alleged.

In the discussion which followed the Liberals, led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, taunted the government with inconsistency and insincerity, and read at length from many speeches delivered in the past by Mr. Borden and other Conservative leaders, including

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Villa Still Obstinate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Consular Agent Carothers, at Juarez, telegraphed Secretary Bryan tonight that Gen. Villa had notified him that he would not surrender the body of Wm. S. Benton at this time, but would turn it over to the United States at some later day, with an additional statement concerning Benton's death.

NO COERCION IN ATTITUDE TO U.S.

Britain Should Have Special Secretary to Conduct Negotiations, Suggests London Mail.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The novel suggestion is made by The Daily Mail in an editorial this morning, that Great Britain should have two secretaries for foreign affairs, ont to manage relations with Europe and Asia, in accordance with the principles governing diplomacy, rooted in the idea of force, the other to conduct negotiations with the United States, from which the element of force, whether actual or implied, has been expelled.

The Mail argues that Sir Edward Grey's handling of the Benton affair in the old and formal diplomatic way, has resulted in the voluntary casting aside of many of the benefits which should accrue from the happy and peculiar state of Anglo-American relations.

"President Wilson's Mexican policy is based on idealistic and unselfish principles, and, whatever case Great Britain submits to the judgment of the American government and people must be based on the same principles in order to insure of a cordial and attentive hearing."

NINETEEN VOTED FOR LIBERAL AMENDMENT

Government Wins First Battle in Legislature by Majority of Thirty-Nine—Hanna Demonstrates That Rowell Charges Are Baseless—Sam Clarke in Lighter Vein.

The first battle in the Ontario Legislature of 1914 has been fought to a finish and N. W. Rowell of the opposition leads his followers from the field in defeat. At 11 o'clock last evening his elaborately-worded amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, calling for the appointment of a minister of labor to study industrial conditions in the province, went down on a division of the house. The vote stood at 58 to 19, with Allan Studholme of Hamilton voting with the Liberal forces.

The real champion of the government stand was Hon. W. J. Hanna, who sprang into the arena early in the afternoon and opened the fray. From the outset he trained his attack with authority and precision upon the points to which the opposition leader in person had committed himself, and one by one he demolished them. The minister was in fine fettle and warmed up to his subject with such vigor that his followers responded with rounds of enthusiasm. To display the comparative comfort of the province in this season, when the effects of financial depression were weighing heavily upon the continent and to demonstrate the baseless nature of the charge that the social legislation of Ontario was behind the times, were the objects in view, and he pursued them thruout.

The cue of the debate being given by the two leading speakers, the same lines of thought were gathered up and developed by the half dozen who participated. Sam Clarke of Northumberland led off in light vein after the provincial secretary, and in turn was followed by Messrs. J. W. Johnson of Hastings, T. Marshall of Monck, J. A. Hartt of Simcoe, with Mr. Studholme winding up in an impassioned plea for the cause of the working man. Much old sod was turned up by both sides.

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QUARTER MILLION MORE H. P. WILL BE SECURED BY HYDRO

Hon. Adam Beck Said in Addressing Boards of Trade, Addition to Supply is Becoming Imperative—Believes Government Will Eventually Control Telephone System.

The announcement that he hoped to place a scheme before the Ontario Government whereby the Hydro-Electric Commission would secure at least a quarter of a million additional horsepower for peak-load purposes, was made by Hon. Adam Beck in addressing the Associated Boards of Trade at the banquet in the Prince George Hotel last night.

The speaker referred to the fact that the consumption of hydro power had become so great that the limit of the present production was being approached, and this fact made it necessary that means be taken to secure a larger supply.

TELEPHONES ALSO.

After tracing the development of the hydro system, including the radial lines to be operated by the people's power, Hon. Mr. Beck said he had a vision of the future when hydro power would be used all over the province for heat, lighting and operating radials. He also saw the time in prospect when telephone wires would be strung on hydro poles, thereby suggesting future public policy of control of the complete telephone system of Ontario.

PUPILS DETAINED AFTER SCHOOL FILED THRU SMOKE AND FLAME ALL REACHED STREET IN SAFETY

Lansdowne Public School Completely Gutted Yesterday When Fire Broke Out on Lower Floor — Mothers Thronged Spadina Crescent, Fearing for Children's Safety

The old Lansdowne Public School, opposite Knox College, on Spadina crescent, which has stood on its present site for nearly thirty years, was completely gutted by fire, which broke out a few minutes after 3.30 yesterday afternoon, just a few minutes after a great majority of the pupils had been released for the day. The five hundred or so pupils under detention till 4 o'clock, upon hearing the fire signal, marched out in orderly fashion without a sign of panic. The estimated loss is $40,000.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It is believed to have started in the south wall, between the kindergarten on the ground floor and the room immediately above it. In some quarters tinsmiths working on the new annex are blamed for the fire, while others give defective wiring as the cause.

Boys Gave Alarm.

Herbert Terry, a lad of about 14 years, was the first to notice smoke and gave the alarm. Standing outside the premises with some comrades, the lad noticed a slight column of smoke coming from the south wall, below the window of the second storey. He notified a police constable, who turned in the alarm, while another lad ran into the school and informed the principal. A third ran all the way to the College street fire hall and notified the firemen personally.

Parents Were Anxious.

Within fifteen minutes of the outbreak of fire, dozens of anxious parents surrounded the school premises, and even the repeated declarations of firemen and policemen that all the

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Dashed Cup of Water Over Beloved Table

"Oh, my poor old table, I've used it for more than twenty years!" cried one of the oldest teachers at the Lansdowne school in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the fire yesterday afternoon. After seeing that all the children of her room were safely in the fire line, the teacher hurried back upstairs, and seizing a cup of water, dashed its contents over the beloved piece of furniture in the hope that it might resist the ravages of the flames. Then she herself gathered up her hat and coat and hurried from the burning building.

GLOBE ARTICLE WAS INCORRECT

Acting-Premier Foy Points to Misrepresentation in Editorial Column of Yesterday's Issue.

With the session less than a week on its way the acting premier has felt called upon to point out the inaccuracy of the columns of The Globe.

"Before the orders of the day were called he asked permission to refer to a serious misrepresentation of facts which occurred in three places in the Tuesday issue.

It concerned the costs of the statute revision commission to date and made the sum $238,354 32, exclusive of printing, whereas it should have read "including." Mr. Foy said that it was worth while pointing it out, as it had appeared editorially as well and that the journal purported to give correct information on the doings of the house.

'CATCH-MY-PAL' FOUNDER HERE

Rev. R. J. Patterson Will Address the Dominion Alliance Convention and Two Mass Meetings.

Rev. R. J. Patterson, of Armagh, Ireland, is in Toronto. Today, tomorrow and on Friday he will tell, at public meetings, how he came to found the "Catch-My-Pal" movement; how it started with six drunkards about a lamp post in his home city in July, 1909; how it spread thru that city, to all Ireland, then the British Isles, and now to Holland and America, until its members number about 300,000. This is the story he is to tell this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Dominion Alliance convention at Massey Hall, and at mass meetings there tomorrow and Friday night.

Briefly, the plan is to get drinking men to sign the pledge, then go and get one of their "pals" to sign, and agree to pass the movement on to another friend.

"My appeal is to the churches to save," he said last night, "to extend the brotherhood feeling to the outcast. The great majority of people in the church today practise Churchianity, but not Christianity."

Mr. Patterson is now on a tour of this country. He is to conduct a campaign in Chicago in April, and later in other cities.

OTHER OUTRAGES TO BE REPORTED

Sir Lionel Carden Will Inform President Wilson of Incidents Similar to Benton Case.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24.—The Benton incident continues to be the subject of sharp interest on the part of the foreign residents, and anxiety to the administration. Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister who has left the Mexican capital for Vera Cruz, from which port he will sail Thursday for New York, says he expects to have the opportunity to tell President Wilson much regarding incidents similar to the Benton case, altho not registered at the headquarters of any of the rebels so prominently identified with the revolution as Villa.

The British minister has further stated that he has collected for his government data regarding scores of murders incidental to death toll in ordinary fighting during the past year.

Men's Fur-Lined Coats.

Men's fur-lined coats of very excellent quality and design are in the numerous bargains being offered by the Dineen Company in the big February fur sale. These coats start in price at $35 and up to $200, all greatly reduced in price. You should visit the showrooms today if a bargain in a fur-lined coat interests you. The W. & D. Dineen Co., 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

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