

## HOME RULE BILL IN PARLIAMENT

### Premier Asquith Will Introduce Long-Expected Measure To- day—House of Commons to be Thronged

### SECRET OF DETAILS HAS BEEN WELL KEPT

### Mr. Bonar Law to Deliver Speech—Committee Stage Is Expected to Occupy Six Weeks

LONDON, April 10.—The members of the British cabinet put the finishing touches today to the Home Rule bill which Premier Asquith is to introduce in the house of commons tomorrow.

The members of the government and the few nationalist members who have been taken into their confidence have kept secret the details of the measure, but with the exception of the clauses relating to the control of excise and customs and the number of the Irish representatives to be retained at Westminster, the general outline of the bill is pretty well known.

The measure is expected to follow closely that which was proposed by William E. Gladstone. Until quite recently the Nationalists have shown no opposition to the suggestion that the Irish excise and customs should remain under the control of the imperial parliament, but lately there has been a strong movement in Ireland in favor of securing control of this revenue by the Irish parliament.

Among many forecasts, that which suggests that the imperial government retain control of the customs and excise of Ireland for a certain number of years after which they should pass to the Irish parliament, is accepted generally in London, and is expected to be represented in the house of commons at Westminster, but by few members.

While the interest in Premier Asquith's speech does not compare in any way with that aroused by the late Mr. Gladstone's efforts there will be a full attendance of members and the public galleries will be filled to capacity. Big contingents have come over from Ireland, including several bishops, who will be seated in the distinguished strangers' gallery if the Irish members are successful in the ballot for seats in which members take precedence. With the exception of two members who are now in Australia the nationalists will be present in full force.

The premier is a master of condensation and in all probability will not take less than two hours to state his case to the house. He does not need to fear the defections in the Liberal party, from which Mr. Gladstone suffered. There are only two Liberal members who are known to be opponents of home rule. These are Thomas Charles Reginald Agar-Roberts and Sir Clifford John Cory, members from Cornwall and Devonshire, where the protestant element is strong.

At the conclusion of speeches of Liberal and Unionist leaders tomorrow the debate will be adjourned until Monday, and the division of the house will be taken on Tuesday. The second reading will take longer and the committee stage of the bill is expected to occupy at least six weeks. The introduction of closure will be necessary, however, in order to conclude within that time, as the Unionists are determined to obstruct the measure in every way possible.

John Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, said tonight, the demonstration in Ulster yesterday had not affected the bill in the least and that the Nationalists were just as hopeful as ever of securing what they had fought for so long.

### Order of Debate

The order of the Home Rule debate has been changed slightly. Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionist party, will follow Premier Asquith; John E. Redmond then will speak and James Ramsay MacDonald will follow him. Mr. Balfour will probably speak on Monday and Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition on Tuesday. Mr. Redmond, John Dillon and T. P. O'Connor are the only Irish members acquainted with the details of the bill, a draft copy of which was entrusted to them under pledge of secrecy. Curiously one copy was lost. It was left in a motor bus. This caused intense fluttering among the members. Scotland Yard instituted a vigorous search and the missing document was recovered, unopened, in an envelope.

As a precaution against a suffragette demonstration tickets to the ladies gallery in the House of Commons tomorrow has been restricted to wives and daughters of members.

### Vacant Archbishopric

TORONTO, April 10.—The latest rumor in connection with a successor to the late Archbishop McEvay names Bishop McNeil of Vancouver, B.C. A number of the local clergy when asked what truth there was in it admitted that his name had been mentioned, but no one knew with what authority.

## UNDER ARREST

### Man and His Wife Charged With Inoculating Boy Under the Influence of Liquor

WINNIPEG, April 10.—Wheeler Bley and his wife are under arrest at Gadsden, Alberta, charged with inoculating Ezra Busty a 10-year-old boy. After he had imbibed too much liquor in the alleged liquor racket. They received fatal burns.

## TURCO-ITALIAN WAR

### Large Force Effects Landing in Libya Under Cover of Bombardment

ROME, April 10.—In accordance with a pre-arranged plan while the Italian squadron was creating a diversion by bombarding the Turkish positions around Zuarra, to the west of Tripoli, a large force of troops direct from Italy landed and occupied an important strategic point on the coast of Libya. The operation is reported to have been a brilliant success, the Italians not losing a single man.

## Death of Seattle Pastor

SEATTLE, April 10.—Rev. N. J. Ellstead, 67 years old and for the last 19 years vice president of the United Norwegian Lutheran church in America died at his home here today of an illness of several weeks. He had held important pastorates in the east and in the mid-west. He came to Seattle last July.

## EXPLOSION AT POWDER WORKS

### Superintendent W. A. Wilson of Northfield Plant, Suc- cumbs to Injuries—Another Employee Seriously Hurt

NANAIMO, April 10.—Superintendent W. A. Wilson of the Canadian Explosives company was killed and a laborer named W. Woods was seriously injured in an explosion at the works at Northfield this morning about 10 o'clock. Other deaths were probably averted through the fact that a warning blast was given.

It is believed that Superintendent Wilson was not killed instantly, dying after the explosion. He was one of the most efficient men that has ever held the position here, and was about 40 years of age.

Little is known of the laborer. The explosion was caused by overheating of the nitrate mixer. When the employees found that this condition existed they left the building and summoned the superintendent from the office. Mr. Wilson was 200 feet from the building and approaching it when the powder went off.

## CHURCH UNION

### Members of Westminster Presbytery Favor Idea by a Large Majority

VANCOUVER, April 10.—Balloting upon the question of church union has been completed by the Presbyterian churches of the Westminster Presbytery, which extends from Arassie to the coast and from Dawson to the international boundary, and the results show a large majority in favor of church union, with a lesser majority favoring the proposed basis of union.

The total number of elders, members and adherents declaring for union is therefore 3,220 and against 1,015, a majority of 2,205.

### MAGDALENA BAY

### No Danger of Any Foreign Power Purchasing Property on Mexican Coast

NEW YORK, April 10.—It is impossible now and always will be for any foreign country to purchase Magdalena Bay property from the Mexican government, according to a statement tonight by Manuel Lujan, commissioner of the United States from General Pascual Orozco, leader of the revolutionary army in Mexico. The law of Mexico forbids the selling of any part of the national domain, he said. It prohibits the disposition by the federal government of any land within the zone of a certain width adjoining the sides of seas, bays and navigable waters which are reserved for coast defenses and for other public uses.

### Local Option Defeated

MONTREAL, April 10.—Two Quebec municipalities defeated local option today—Lennoxville by 193 to 96 and Beaufort by 126 to 73.

## POLICE READY FOR VIOLENCE

### Any Outbreak Incited by Mem- bers of I. W. W. on C. N. P. Construction Work to be Promptly Quelled

## MANY CONSTABLES CONVERGE ON LYTON

### Party of Strikers Force Men to Cease Operations at Cisco— Trouble Expected Along C. P. R. Tracks

LYTON, B.C., April 10.—At the I. W. W. headquarters today things were quiet. Most of the men from the town are out on picket duty and are meeting every train coming into Lyton. Some threats have been made as to what they will do in case any non-union men were brought into town, but from all indications and from the staff of provincial officers at Lyton, any attempt of the strikers would quickly be taken in hand by the police.

At Cisco a party of strikers of about 250 gathered at the Washboka camp during the night and made the men stop work this morning. Trouble was expected and Constable Yachan, in charge of about 15 police, under command of Inspector Smith, was on the ground to quell any trouble or violence that might occur.

It is learned tonight that there are quite a number of strikers between Dox and Cisco, eight miles west of Lyton and along the C.P.R. tracks and an outbreak is threatened at any moment. Inspector Smith has a number of provincial police coming into Lyton on nearly every train from different parts of the province and he is increasing his staff daily. The automobile line of Mr. Keenan was used last night in transferring the police from Lyton to Cisco.

At other points along the line between Spence's Bridges and Lyton the strikers are practically tied up and very few station men are working. The seat of the trouble is mostly between Lyton and North Bend. From all reports there are about 500 strikers between these points. Inspector Smith has things fairly under control.

### Will Settle in Idaho

ST. LOUIS, April 10.—H. G. Stobart, a rich steel man of Sheffield, has decided to leave England owing to the labor troubles. He is en route to the northwest of Canada, where he will invest his fortune.

## HIS MESSAGE TO HUMANITY

### General Booth Hears China Calling and Must Find Men and Money Before He Passes Away

## EIGHTY-THREE YEARS OLD YESTERDAY

LONDON, April 10.—General Booth, of the Salvation Army, is 83 years old today. He has sent a message to the newspapers, in which he says:

"At the end of 83 years of my pilgrimage I testify to the faithfulness of God, to the true happiness of a life spent in seeking to be of benefit to others, to the grand possibilities of goodness which ever are the hope of humanity. The span of life which may yet be left to me, I propose to spend in this, the highest service I know."

"My sight has failed, but I am told that an operation I intend to undergo next month will much restore it. Although there must be some risk of total blindness, I shall go through it. Whether it succeeds or not, I hope to be spared to visit Canada and the United States during the year on which I am entering, as well as to inaugurate further efforts for the spread of the work in European countries."

"In the East, China calls me, and before I pass away I must find men and money that the Salvation Army may play well her part for the vast population of the celestial empire."

The operation referred to was performed on May 21. General Booth has now, as a result of a cataract, only a faint glimmer of sight. He cannot read, but manages to write, guiding his right hand with his left over the paper. His medical advisers say, however, that after the operation he may have ten years of good sight.

Congratulatory messages from all parts of the world, including felicitous notes of greeting from King George and Queen Mary, were received by General Booth today.

## ONTARIO'S LIQUOR LICENSE ACT

TORONTO, April 10.—The Ontario government today introduced amendments to the liquor license act, prohibiting the storing of liquor in local option districts, empowering the government to suspend licenses in the vicinity of any public work and raising the maximum fine to five hundred dollars for infractions of the act.

## NELSON'S FINANCES

NELSON, April 10.—By taking the assessment nearly 1,000,000 the city council has extended the borrowing powers of the city by \$100,000. This increased borrowing power will be utilized to obtain money for sewer and water improvements and a new fire hall, and later for the construction of a third unit at the power plant. The assessment roll shows the value of lands at \$1,413,322, and improvements very much below the actual value.

### Boy Murderer

SPOKANE, April 10.—Joseph Green, the 10-year-old boy convicted of the murder of Manuel Stahle in a deserted mine kiln near here, was sentenced today to a term of from 15 to 20 years in the penitentiary.

## CHILD'S MOTHER GIVES EVIDENCE

### Farmer Charged With Murder of Stepdaughter Who He is Alleged to Have Beaten to Death

WINNIPEG, April 10.—Victor Erickson, a farmer of Tumika district near Maple Creek, was charged today with the murder of his three-year-old stepdaughter, who he is alleged to have beaten to death.

In the analysis of a woman named Wilhelmina testified that after several beatings his three-year-old stepdaughter had succumbed to fearful injuries.

Qua Jeffrey, a neighboring farmer, said three weeks before the child's death he was at Erickson's home and saw the little child's hands tied together and the prisoner beat her for five minutes. The little mite did all she could to please the stepfather but he would kick her and beat her for no apparent reason. The climax came on March 5 in the morning when he literally beat her to pieces, according to stories of eye witnesses, including the child's mother.

## COAL STRIKE IN U. S. A.

### Miners and Operators to Confer Re- garding Differences

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—Prospects of an early resumption of anthracite mining grew brighter today after the miners and the operators decided to talk over their differences. When the negotiations, broken off on March 25, were resumed here this afternoon, G. F. Baer, president of the Reading Co., proposed, on behalf of the operators, to arbitrate their differences, that is to let the anthracite coal strike commission, which settled the strike of 1902, investigate present conditions and decide whether any modification of the commission's award is necessary. At this time, in the discussion that followed, the miners practically threw this offer aside and the conference finally agreed to appoint sub-committees to take up the demands of the miners with power to make recommendations for adjustments.

The sub-committees were appointed and after a brief joint session they adjourned until tomorrow. Alvan Markle of Hazelton, an independent operator, will act as chief chairman of the conference, but will have no vote. Aside from the offer to put the settlement of the differences up to the strike commission, neither side made a proposition, but the willingness with which both agreed to discuss the demands is looked upon as a good sign. It is expected the concessions will be offered in the sub-committee sessions. When the conference met, President White laid the miners' demands before the operators.

### KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10.—A referendum vote on the question of accepting the wage proposition drafted at the recent conference of operators and union officials at Cleveland, and taken by the thirty thousand miners in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma today. The result will not be known for several days.

## AN IMPERIAL TRADE UNION

### Empire Reciprocity is Theme of Hon. George E. Foster at Banquet to West Indian Commissioners in Toronto

## AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA IS MOOTED

### Proposal to Commercially Bind Together All the Oversea Dominions and Then Ap- proach Mother Country

TORONTO, April 10.—Speaking tonight at a dinner tendered the West Indian commissioners by business men, Hon. George E. Foster said the treaty was only the beginning of a wider trade union. There was no reason why Canada and Australia could not reach an agreement and then it would be possible in a few years to bind all the outside emporiums. They would then be ready to march on the mother country to secure one bond of commercial unity throughout the empire.

The concluding session of the trade conference today passed resolutions urging imperial aid to cable and steamship service between Canada and the West Indies.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

### New York Voters Will Not Wait II Nuclei Gives Colonel Roosevelt a Majority

ROCHESTER, N.Y., April 10.—The Republican party of New York state in convention here today declared for the re-nomination of President Taft and adopted a resolution urging the state's delegation to the national convention to vote for that end.

In city comptroller William G. Fender, one of New York's Roosevelt delegates who made a vigorous speech against the platform and declared President Taft could not be re-elected.

The platform was adopted by vote with only a few dissenting votes from the 1,015 delegates.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Theodore Roosevelt defeated President Taft in the preferential primary held in Illinois by approximately 110,000 votes, and Speaker Champ Clark received a majority of more than 140,000 over Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, according to returns early this morning.

## INABILITY TO FORM ASSEMBLY

### Grave Forebodings in China Over Failure to Establish a Capable Government—Pres- ident's Threat

### NO FURTHER FEAR OF HOSTILITIES

PEKING, April 10.—No date has yet been settled on for the assembling of the coalition cabinet at Peking and there are grave forebodings in regard to the continued disagreement among the different factions of the government. There appears to be no fear that hostilities will break out again, but the leaders of the various sections display inability to establish a capable government.

President Yuan Shi Kai has threatened to establish his cabinet and summon another national assembly if the delegates from the south do not arrive here by April 21, but the president probably will not go to such an extreme immediately.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE

### Preponderating Majority Against Idea At Chicago Primaries

CHICAGO, April 10.—Promoters of the women's suffrage movement in Chicago, who hoped at yesterday's primaries to prove that the men voters of this city were in favor of women's suffrage, began to consider tonight what the prospects were in the future. It was discovered that not a single ward in the city voted in favor of the movement. The vote of 138,410 against the proposition to let women vote and 71,354 in favor of it was significant.

### Fire at Mississauga

COBALT, Ont., April 10.—Fire destroyed the sampling plant of the Nipissing mine today, compelling a close down. The loss was \$10,000.

## DISASTROUS FIRE

### Entire Block in Butte, Mont., Wiped Out With Loss of \$300,000

BUTTE, Mont., April 10.—Fire started by a spark from an engine, dropping in loose hay in a feed store, destroyed property valued at \$300,000 this afternoon in South Butte.

An entire block was wiped out, the heaviest loss being the Stone, Ordean and Wells Grocery Co., \$150,000; The Daly Bank and Trust Co., \$50,000. Fourteen dwellings and flats were totally destroyed, ten others partially destroyed, and twenty-five families rendered homeless.

## BATTLE IN ALGERIA

### French Force, After Fierce Engagement, Fought 25,000 Tribesmen to Flight

PARIS, April 10.—Advices from Oudja, Algeria, say that a French reconnaissance under Colonel Feraud, has routed 25,000 tribesmen near Deboua after a fierce engagement. The French lost 20 killed and 43 wounded.

## Death of French Historian

VERSAILLES, France, April 10.—Gabriel Jacques Monod, the noted historian died today. He was born in 1844. He held several professorships, including the chair of history at the University of Paris.

## RAPID SPREAD OF EDUCATION

### Hon. Dr. Young Tells Teachers' Convention of Future Policy of His Department—Wond- erful Progress

KAMLOOPS, B. C., April 10.—The reception tendered the visiting teachers of the Kamloops school board and teaching staff in the evening hours was one of the most pleasant events of the convention. Speeches of welcome were delivered by Mayor Robinson and Dr. Irving, chairman of the school board.

Hon. Dr. Young, the speaker of the evening, outlined the future policy of the educational department and illustrated the wonderful progress made by contrasting the meagre sum spent in 1903, \$76,000, with that available this year, \$750,000 for teachers and \$383,000 for construction work.

Referring to the free text books he said objections had been raised, and with reason from a sanitary standpoint to the practice of returning books to the department. This practice will be discontinued. He dwelt upon the educational value of conventions. Many teachers were prevented from attending on account of the expense. His intention was to recommend that the government bear the expense.

An excellent musical programme was rendered after which dancing was enjoyed till a late hour.

At this morning's session a resolution of condolence to Superintendent Robinson and D. M. Robinson in the death of their brother at Spokane, word of which was received last night, was adopted. An address by E. H. Murphy, of Seymour school, Vancouver, outlined the geographical work of the intermediate grades of the public schools. W. E. Graham lead a discussion, followed by Miss K. F. Wade and J. Kyle. The Strohman trust fund was the subject of an interesting talk by Inspector Winsky.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Burns and Superintendent Robinson, the programme has been somewhat deranged.

## PROSPERITY'S MARCH

### President Hays of Grand Trunk Ex- pects No Slump in Canada

LONDON, April 10.—Before sailing today for Canada, President Hays, of the Grand Trunk railway, denying statements that Canada had over-borrowed, warned the investing public to be more careful in examining Canadian proposals and take the advice of reliable financial houses. He saw no reason for the expected slump predicted while people keep coming to Canada.

## Decoyed to Death

NOWATA, Okla., April 10.—Decoyed from her home here or abducted and forced to accompany her abductors to a lonely spot a mile north of Nowata, Mrs. Irene Gehen, 28 years old, a newspaper solicitor and wife of a traveling salesman, was beaten to death with stones on Monday night. The young woman accompanied a friend to the railroad station on Monday night. The next morning her hat was found in a yard near her home. No trace of her was found and today when a boy discovered her body, her head was beaten to a pulp and the body was lying near a number of bloodstained stones. Her purse was untouched. Footprints in the soft earth near the body, indicated she had been accompanied by two men. The woman's husband when last heard from was at Pueblo, Colorado.

## VOLCANO'S TOLL IS THOUSANDS

### Whole Villages Swept Away When Eruption Occurs at Chiriqui Peak in Panama— Natives Terror-Stricken

## MOUNTAIN PEAKS BURST INTO FLAMES

### Submarine Convulsion Creates New Islands—Thrilling Story of Disaster is Told by Eye-Witness

MOBILE, Alabama, April 10.—Thousands of persons have been killed and whole Indian villages swept away by the eruption of Chiriqui Peak near Bocas Del Toro, Panama, according to a story of Captain Olivik of the United Fruit steamer Fort Morgan, which arrived here today.

Captain Olivik says the eruption occurred on April 5, early in the morning, while the Fort Morgan was berthed near Bocas Del Toro and that he witnessed flames shooting from the peak.

Reports of the large casualty list were brought from the immediate scene to Bocas Del Toro by refugees, who escaped the on-rushing lava. He says he watched the eruption on April 5, until he put to sea. Even far out on the gulf, Capt. Olivik says he saw evidence of the disturbance. The sea was affected in many places and the air was filled with dust far out into the gulf.

Captain Olivik says inhabitants of Bocas Del Toro were panic-stricken believing that place might be over-run with the lava that was reaching forth from the peak. Chiriqui Peak as seen from the steamer has shown a volcanic activity, and the sudden bursting of fire and lava from the crest took the inhabitants by surprise.

In describing the eruption Captain Olivik said:

"The Fort Morgan was berthed at the Almirante wharf about 14 miles from Bocas Del Toro on the morning of April 5, loading bananas, when about 6 o'clock the eastern sky blazed forth and a great rumbling was heard. Looking in that direction I saw great columns shooting skywards.

"The natives who had been loading the ship all night were terror-stricken. Some of the men fell on their knees and prayed. All work was suspended for several hours as the people watched the volcano.

"I learned before leaving that the third of a row of mountain peaks situated about a mile from us had burst into flames, or had turned into a volcano. The peak that became active was highest of a group, its height being estimated at 2,340 feet above sea level. At the base of the mountain and on its slopes are a number of Indian villages. It is supposed those were destroyed by lava.

"When daylight came the flames disappeared and a great cloud of smoke covered the country for miles around. Soon after the volcano was seen, the Fort Morgan was caught by a great current and tore at her moorings. The current in Cedar Creek was very hard and I am sure the eruption of the Chiriqui Peak was the cause. When we got out into the open sea great rocks were shooting over the water in places where before we had navigated the vessel. Small islands could be seen all around the shore. I cannot say how high the flames burst from the mountain. It seemed that the flames were bursting from the side."

Captain Olivik is well known in Gulf and Caribbean ports, and has sailed these waters for many years.

## IMMIGRANTS POURING IN

### Portland, Maine, Clearing House For Europeans Coming to the Dominion

WINNIPEG, April 10.—Immigration from the United States through the port of Emerson, Man., for March shows an increase of 100 per cent over the same month a year ago according to Commissioner of Immigration Bruce Walker. The value of effects of American settlers passing through North Portland, Saskatchewan, during March totalled \$9,000,000.

OTTAWA, April 10.—To judge from the extremely heavy immigration traffic for Canada which continues to arrive via the United States port of Portland, Maine, it would appear as if that port had been temporarily annexed by Canada for her own use.

Steamer arriving from months past has unloaded record numbers of immigrants of whom all but a fraction have been destined for Canada. All previous records for passengers landed by any individual steamer were broken on Thursday last, when the steamship Zealand from Rotterdam, specially chartered by the White Star Dominion line in conjunction with the Red Star, landed no less than 1658 passengers, an astonishing as the proportion may seem, no less than 1357 of these were bound for Canada.

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