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## Total Abolition of Bar Rooms Rowell's Temperance Platform

### Official Pronouncement is Expected This Week After Opposition Caucus—Cancellation of All Club Licenses is Also to Be Demanded, According to Inside Information.

N. W. Rowell's prohibition policy is expected this week was the intimation given The World by a big man in the temperance ranks yesterday. According to the intimations he had received the opposition leader in the Ontario Legislature had finally got his adherents in the house and the party bosses in the machine up to the point where they are ready to make an advanced bid for the support of "the barroom must go" party.

The Rowell pronouncement, it is understood, is extremely advanced, for it may have a string to it admitting of another provincial plebiscite. The ultimatum which the alliance served on the opposition leader last month called for:

The abolition of the bar-rooms. The abolition of club licenses. Action has been accelerated by the insurgency movement within the alliance, notably by the announcement by the chairman of the new political action committee of a determination to show a provincial organization in the field to organize the temperance vote, irrespective of party interests.

As explained in The World Secretary Ben H. Spence has been using his utmost efforts to keep the control of the organization machinery in his hands, respecting this phase of the vote irrespective of party interests.

In the Ross regime days the political machinery of the alliance was directed by F. S. Spence, with Dunoon Marshall, a subsequent Liberal candidate, and now minister of agriculture in the Alberta Government, organizer.

The New Scheme. Now the scheme is said to be for the new Rowell alliance campaign to be conducted, with F. S. Spence as managing editor of The Pioneer, Ben H. Spence, chief organizer, with his staff of half a dozen superannuated Methodist and Presbyterian ministers, as subordinates.

With the forty thousand dollar annual alliance revenue and Liberal support, there will be no lack of sinews of war.

Pending the official pronouncement by Leader Rowell, the alliance staff is as the tenter hooks of anxiety.

Alliance Officers. A temperance Conservative handed the following statement to The World yesterday respecting alliance affairs:

"Ray B. Spence declares that he has no thought of being 'Office Boy' of Chairman Austin's political action committee. He claims there is no need for any interference with his work as general manager of the alliance. That he has divided the province into districts and placed field secretaries over each, and that they are now engaged in the work of organization for the next provincial election. That he and his field secretaries are quite capable of doing this work without the aid of Chairman Austin and his committee.

"For years the Spence brothers have been charged with endeavoring to make the alliance a cog in the Grit machine. This may or may not be true, but many temperance Con. agitators are anxiously awaiting why it is that Mr. Spence is so anxious to keep the political organization in his own hands, and why has he placed this political work in the hands of his field secretaries, every man Jack of whom is a Liberal?"

"It is said that every paid official of the alliance from Manager Spence to the office boy is a Grit."

## BOXING APPEAL TO BE RETRIED

### Judge Morson Recalled His Decision on Account of a Technicality Regarding Appeal Notice.

Judge Morson recalled his decision yesterday dismissing the appeal of the National Sporting Association from the finding of Magistrate Denison in the case of holding a prize fight without police sanction.

The dismissal was on a technicality, the reason being that the notice of appeal was not served upon Inspector Kennedy. Thus the appeal was never heard.

J. G. O'Donoghue drew attention to the fact that under a late statute an appeal is made legal only when a magistrate or informant was served with due notice.

## SUBSCRIBERS WERE CREDITED WITH MONEY NEVER PAID IN

### Officials of Farmers' Bank Took \$80,000 and Apportioned It Opposite Names of Men Who Paid No Money at All—W. R. Travers Will Give Evidence After a Consultation With His Solicitor.

In charge of one of the guards from Kingston penitentiary, W. R. Travers, former manager of the Farmers' Bank, is in Toronto again, for the purpose of testifying at the royal investigation now being held in Osgoode Hall. Travers was on hand yesterday morning, but was not called and will not be until a number of other witnesses have been examined and the manager has had a chance to consult his solicitor, Hartley Dewar, K.C.

"When am I to be called, Mr. Heddinger?" asked Travers of the crown counsel at the conclusion of yesterday's hearings.

"I could not exactly say, but I may have you up to-morrow," replied the counsel.

"Well, I do not want to be discourteous and I certainly want to help you all that is possible," said Travers in a determined voice, "but I must see my counsel before I can testify, and as he is out of town, I may not be able to consult him before the afternoon. You know that if I were your client you

would naturally feel as Mr. Dewar does, that I should consult him first before giving my evidence."

The crown representative agrees with Travers that he should want to have his client consult him first and advised the banker to get Mr. Dewar as soon as possible.

Travers clearly shows the marks of prison confinement. He looks at least ten years older, and although he smiles and jokes, there is a forced ring in the voice and a hollow note in his bright talk that tell plainly that words that it is only the dauntless spirit of the man which holds him together.

"Here is the best old fellow at Kingston," laughed Travers, grasping The World reporter around the waist and introduced him to Guard Atkins. "We want Mr. Atkins to be made warden. He is the best man in the place. Oh, it is a fine place," he concluded with just a touch of irony in his voice.

For nearly three hours Mr. W. H.

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## C. P. R. PLANNING NEW LINES NORTH OF CITY

### Surveying Cutoff Connection at Islington With Main Roads and Considering Cross Town Line From Weston to Wexford—Grand Trunk Also Active.

The Canadian Pacific Railway have not completed their plans of development about Toronto. Surveyors were at work for the last day or so on a right of way from Lambton westward, the objective of which may be Brampton, and if that be the case, making a short line from Toronto to Brampton and Orangeville.

Some time ago the C. P. R. surveyed a line from Islington to Weston, in a northeasterly direction, which would admit of a cut off connection between their line to Subury and their main line west to Chicago, and also the T. H. and B. This cut-off will run northeasterly to the west of the Humber, crossing under the Grand Trunk bridge at Weston.

But it is understood that they have also in mind the construction of a line from Weston to Wexford, above the north part of the city and parallel with the line at present from West Toronto to Leaside; and that this line to the north would enable a lot of freight to go from Weston to Wexford out of the city limits and make a shorter cut and at the same time save a lot of grade climbing. This would relieve the congestion not only on the Es-

planade, but on the line at present crossing from West Toronto to Leaside.

The new line would cross Yonge-st. in the neighborhood of York Mills and would permit of any amount of siding accommodation and industrial sites further north, as well as making the main point of delivery of all kinds of building supplies in what is coming to be the main centre of population for Toronto.

"I would almost follow it," this development of the Canadian Pacific goes on up to the north that the Grand Trunk will have to build a line across the north of the city, using part of the old belt line and running from West Toronto or Weston to Scarborough Junction. This would also take a lot of freight and other traffic, including building supplies for North Toronto, out of the present limits of the city.

Indeed, there are people who say that the Grand Trunk have already located this line and that it runs thru some of the Lea farms near Leaside Junction, but just where it will cross the Don and make for Scarborough is not yet known. It is likely however near Todmorden or further up in the direction of Donlands.

## CHEAP POWER FOR EAST BY AUTUMN AT LATEST

### Contracts Will Be Forwarded to Kingston and Prescott Next Week, and Brockville Will Vote on Bylaw in Short Time, According to Announcement of Hon. Adam Beck.

Final arrangements are about to be completed between the federal government and the hydro-electric commission with regard to the water powers to be leased in the eastern part of the province. The organization is now completed to such an extent that Hon. Adam Beck expects to go to Ottawa next week and put on the finishing touches.

"We are now in a position to say," stated Mr. Beck last night, "that contracts will be forwarded to Kingston and Prescott next week, while a preliminary contract will be submitted to the Town of Brockville, with the view of enabling the municipality to vote on a bylaw authorizing the council to make a contract with the commission. If these contracts are executed without delay, the commission will be able to begin construction of the line from Morrisburg to Kingston and from Mor-

risburg to Brockville, the latter as soon as Cornwall comes to a conclusion regarding a contract with the commission. Negotiations are now pending with that end in view. If this is done we expect by the autumn to be able to supply these municipalities with power."

The situation with regard to Chat's Falls, Mr. Beck explained, was that after the plans and specifications had been filed in Carleton County, the commission had decided to serve notice on the owners of the property, advising them of expropriation proceedings and giving a description of the property required. It was then up to the owners to go on with the arbitration if they wanted it.

The commission expects to have an order for a large block of power in western Ontario. Mr. Beck stated that contracts would be closed in a few days for the sale of 1600 hp. for consumers not far from Niagara district.

## An Autopsy on Reciprocity

OTTAWA, March 20.—(Special.)—A special committee of the senate, and under the chairmanship of Senator Edwards, will meet to-morrow to investigate the losses which the west has sustained thru the defeat of the reciprocity agreement as compared with the advantage which accrue from the defeat of that agreement. The latter part of the investigation was insisted upon by the Conservative members of the upper chamber, who objected to the Liberal majority securing publicity for only one phase of the whole question.

The investigation will be begun this week and four representatives of the Western Grain Growers' Association have been summoned to give evidence.

## BALFOUR TO MOVE REJECTION OF COAL BILL

### Former Leader's Temporary Resumption of Command of Unionist Forces is a Political Thunderbolt—Asquith Will Be Able to Force Measure Thru.

LONDON, March 20.—(Can. Press.)—The fate of the minimum wage bill seems to be trembling in the balance. A. J. Balfour will move the rejection of the bill in the house of commons to-morrow.

The dramatic reappearance of Mr. Balfour in the role of leader of the opposition comes as a great surprise, the decision being taken at a meeting of prominent Unionists, including Austen-Chamberlain, Walter Hume Long and F. E. Smith, at which Andrew Bonar Law, who assumed the leadership on the retirement of Mr. Balfour last November, requested that the former leader undertake the duty of moving the bill's rejection.

Whether this development heralds the return of Mr. Balfour to the active leadership of the party remains to be seen. The Unionists lately have been greatly elated at the growing difficulty the government has been encountering, due in part to the unpopularity of the insurance bill, the increasing labor troubles and the greatly increased public expenditure involved in social reforms, and evidence of a change in public opinion has been given in recent by-elections.

If, as some of the Unionists assert, the government is riding for a fall, it may come over the minimum wage bill, but there is little doubt that the government can carry the second reading of the bill, as the Labor party and the Nationalists have decidedly given their support to that end.

Laborites Divided. "Difficulties will arise in the committee stage, when the Laborites will move amendments, with the object of having inserted the schedule of minimum rates as fixed by the miners' federation. It appears, however, that the federation only carried the resolution in favor of this procedure by a majority of 12 in 190 votes. Evidently therefore a large section of the federation favor a less extreme procedure, and possibly when the committee stage arrives more reasonable counsels may prevail.

A cabinet council will be held to-morrow to consider the whole situation. It is stated that the ministerialists still hold to the opinion that much of the opposition to the bill will disappear when it comes to actual discussion, and there is little doubt that the miners throughout the country are anxious to resume work. Will Thorne, the Labor leader, to-night expresses the opinion that the coal owners are engaged in a conspiracy to deplete and drain the trades unions' funds, which it would require years to restore. Certainly the financial necessities will tend to shorten the duration of the strike. The probability now is that the parliamentary discussion of the bill will extend into next week, and that there will be no resumption of work until the bill is passed.

## EXTRA MATINEE FOR 'BUNTY.'

Owing to the large demand for seats for the engagement of "Bunty Pulls the Strings," now playing at the Alexandra Theatre, it has been decided to give an extra matinee to-morrow (Friday). This is not the usual custom of this theatre, but owing to the many requests from those who have been disappointed in not being able to purchase seats, the extra performance will be given. This week will be the only opportunity Toronto patrons will have of seeing this bright comedy, as the company is on its way to San Francisco, where it will remain for an all summer run. Seats for the extra matinee are now on sale at the box-office, and the Bell Piano rooms, 146 Yonge-st.

## Woman Killed Three Children And Then Committed Suicide

### TALKED OF I.C.R. IN SABLE GLOOM

### Two Ex-Ministers of Railways See No Rift of Light, But Not so Hon. Mr. Cochrane.

OTTAWA, March 20.—(Special.)—The rather amusing spectacle was presented in the house of commons to-day of Hon. H. R. Emmerson delivering in his usual discursive style, what was in effect as severe a condemnation of the administration of the department of railways by his colleague in the late government, Hon. G. F. Graham, as could have been uttered by any member on the other side of the house.

It was a very jeremiad on the state into which the Intercolonial Railway had fallen under the aegis of "General George," and the humor of the situation was not decreased by the full and free acquiescence of Mr. Graham in the pessimistic picture painted by the oracular member for Westmoreland.

"It is awfully sorry that my predecessor is scored on the Intercolonial," said Hon. Frank Cochrane in commenting on the remarks of the ex-minister of railways. "From what he says, one would think that the whole rolling stock of the road was ready to go to the scrap heap."

Mr. Cochrane, for his own part, was inclined to be more optimistic about the I. C. R. "From what he had been able to learn, the rolling stock could make a very fair comparison with the rolling stock of any other railway."

J. H. Sinclair (Guyaboro) made an attack on the minimum wage bill.

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## A. M. ORPEN BUYS KING ST. CORNER

### Rice Lewis Corner Sold by W. Claude Fox for \$130,000, After Holding Ten Days.

A. M. Orpen yesterday purchased the Rice Lewis corner at King and Victoria-streets from W. Claude, for \$130,000. Mr. Fox purchased the property from Elias Rogers ten days ago for \$125,000. The transaction is a transfer of the 999 year lease on the front part of the Rice Lewis property, and includes the land and building back about a hundred feet.

Mr. Orpen says it is his intention to convert the property into an office building.

## CHURCHILL TO AID IMPERIAL NAVY.

LONDON, March 20.—(C. A. P.)—Replying to Lord Paget's question as to Dominion representation in the naval councils, the first lord of the admiralty said it was not for the British admiralty to initiate such proposals, but that he would give the dominions every assistance in the development of their unit fleets in harmony with the best concepts of naval policy.

## TO GUARANTEE CANADIAN NORTHERN BONDS.

OTTAWA, March 20.—(Special.)—Mr. Cochrane has given notice of motion for Thursday of a guarantee of bonds or debentures of the Canadian Northern Railway, not to exceed \$35,000,000, for the construction of a line from a point 150 miles west of St. Albert, 115 miles to the Yellow Head Pass.

## HURT IN FALL FROM CAR.

Mrs. Roff Peel of 182 Dowling-avenue, is at her home seriously injured as a result of a fall while stepping on a King-street car in front of the Royal Alexandra Theatre on Tuesday night. Her daughter, Mrs. Simmons, says that the accident was due to the car starting abruptly before her mother had secured a foothold.

## FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Archibald McMaster of 23 Jarvis-street was found dead in bed yesterday at O'Connor's Hotel in Fairgrove, Ont., where he had been working for the past few days.

McMaster was a paperhanger and about 75 years of age. He has relatives in Toronto whom the police are trying to locate to inform them of McMaster's death.



Mrs. James Orr, who killed her three children and then committed suicide.

## CLOAKMAKERS STAND FIRM

### Committee Refused to Sign Agreement, Which They Thought Was Not in Their Interests.

At a meeting of the locked-out cloak-makers, and striking garment workers, from the T. Eaton Co., Ltd., yesterday afternoon, a report was read from the committee on conciliatory conference as follows:

We have conferred with Rabbi Jacobs, Magistrate Cohen and Mayor Geary, with the hope that they might arrange a conference for us with some representative of the firm of the T. Eaton Co., Ltd. However Rabbi Jacobs and Magistrate Cohen, after consulting a member of the firm, reported to us that it was hopeless to try to get a conference, unless we would first agree to do the work exactly as ordered on Feb. 7, and then further agree to sign a statement, that the previous statement of the causes of the strike, issued by us was false, in every particular; that the statements made in our behalf by the committee from the Trades and Labor Council were entirely false, and that we regret all that has happened to hurt Mr. Eaton's feelings, and beg him to take us back to work without any concessions whatever.

Your committee was ready to concede the first point, provided prices could be made definite and satisfactory, but the latter points it could not agree to, as they would be false to ourselves, and dishonorable to our friends.

Respectfully submitted, B. Fiegel, S. Gold, A. Nesovits, committee.

## CARPENTERS GET SMALL INCREASE

### Three Cents Per Hour Granted, to Take Effect on May 1, But Men May Refuse.

At a largely attended meeting of the Master Carpenters' section of the Builders' Exchange, yesterday afternoon, it was decided to increase the rate of wages of their employees to 40 cents per hour. This is an increase of three cents per hour over last year's rate, and is to come into effect on May 1 next.

The carpenters are demanding 45 cents an hour and threaten to go on strike if their request is not met.

## There Are Extremes in Everything.

Extreme fashions in men's hats are very noticeable these days, but the happy medium is the proper idea for spring. It comes in a low crown, wide brim derby by both English and American makers. Dinsen is sole Canadian agent for Henry Heath of London, and Dunlop of New York.

## Entire Family Dead.

He then rushed upstairs, called several times, and then opened the bedroom where he had left his wife and three children in the early morn. The room was filled with fumes to suffocation. Lying on the bed, with all their clothes on, were the entire family, lifeless. He threw open the windows, tried to awaken his wife and

## English and American Makers.

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