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**MR. HYMAN'S RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED;
INTERESTING TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS****They Show That Mr. Hyman's Health Was Shattered—
He Repudiates Insinuations That His Resignation
Was Prompted by Other Motives Than Stated.**

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Ottawa, March 14.—The privileges and elections committee met this forenoon, when Mr. James C. Duffield, of London, was examined by Mr. A. A. McLean. The witness said he knew Mr. Jarvis, who witnessed the resignation of Mr. Hyman. He sent Mr. Jarvis the telegram he received from Mr. Hyman from Coronado, Cal., dated Feb. 2, and which was as follows:

"Please have seal attached to my resignation as member for London, and have same properly witnessed."

The witness said that as far as he could remember he sent the telegram to Mr. Jarvis.

Asked if he had any other communications or telegrams from Mr. Hyman, he said he had a telegram of March 1 from Mr. Hyman, which referred indirectly to his resignation.

Mr. Aylesworth—If it does, put it in. You had better read it.

Mr. Duffield read the telegram, which was as follows:

"Any statement or insinuation that my resignation as a member or a minister was prompted by any other motive than was contained in my letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier is absolutely untrue."

Mr. Duffield explained that he made some cuttings from Toronto newspapers the day after Mr. Fowler made his speech in the house, and he enclosed these in an envelope and sent them to Mr. Hyman.

The telegram no doubt was a reply to these cuttings from the press, there was just sufficient time for Mr. Hyman to get these and send the telegram.

Mr. Duffield said he met Mr. Hyman in St. Louis in November and went along with Mr. and Mrs. Hyman to New Orleans. He was with Mr. Hyman for three or four days.

Mr. Aylesworth—"What was the condition of Mr. Hyman's health?"

Mr. Duffield—"He was a nervous wreck."

Mr. D. H. Bowen, telegraph operator at London, identified the telegram as the resignation being the one received at the London office of the C. P. R.

This was all the evidence.

As Mr. Barker had placed a great deal of matter from the Hansard on the record, after a controversy as to whether the correspondence should be read or not, it was decided that Mr. Aylesworth should proceed.

Mr. Bristol moved that the correspondence should not be read, and Mr. German moved that as Mr. Barker's

resolution called for the correspondence the letters should be read.

Mr. Aylesworth read a letter from Mrs. Hyman, dated December 12.

The first letter from Mrs. Hyman was dated December 12, and was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Aylesworth:

"For the first time since I joined Charlie on the 26th of November, he has spoken to me of his letters. He asked for them, and I am sorry to say that the few he opened upset him greatly, and I am afraid will undo a great deal of work."

"Charlie looks better and brighter, but cannot concentrate his thoughts on any subject. He seems much worried over an article in the London Advertiser, Nov. 24, to the effect that the resignation of his seat was not legal, and cannot be acted upon. I do not understand it, but I am quite sure you will not mind explaining it to me, and also what is necessary to make it regular."

Mrs. Hyman said that Mr. Hyman was worried over a statement in the newspapers that Sir Wilfrid had written him about his resignation, as he received no such letter. Mrs. Hyman had all his mail up to the 24th, and there was no such letter from Sir Wilfrid.

The next letter from Mrs. Hyman was dated from Los Angeles, Dec. 27. Mrs. Hyman said that she was writing this while Mr. Hyman was out for a walk, because he had said that every Sunday he was going to make up his mind what to do. Sometimes he looks better, and again worse. Many days he could not sign his name and she had to do it for him. He was very nervous, and he was very much upset by the department. He could not agree at the time to all that his friends wished, and return to his department.

Another letter was dated December 30, with a note enclosed from Hyman. This note read:

"My Dear Aylesworth:

"The wife is writing you today. I simply cannot and I am sorry it cannot be as you and Sir Wilfrid wish. Please tell Sir Wilfrid of my deep sympathy in all his troubles. Heaven bless you, my dear old fellow."

Mrs. Hyman says that she had a letter from Mr. Duffield about Mr. Hyman running again in London, and she told Mr. Hyman, so as to get it all over. It upset him very much, as well as his work in the department. He could not agree at the time to all that his friends wished, and return to his department.

Another letter was addressed to Sir Wilfrid by Mrs. Hyman, which, after referring to Mr. Hyman's poor health, states he deeply regretted the necessity of his resignation.

The sub-committee reported unanimously that the resignation was invalid and improper, and the whole matter was reported to the House by the committee. This closed the work of the committee.

NEW LICENSE FEES

No. 3 Committee Defers Adoption of the Schedule.

No. 3 committee last evening considered a new schedule of license fees, but it was laid over till next meeting. Through an error, the schedule presented last night, if adopted, would mean that a fee would be charged for the selling of tobacco, in corner groceries, etc. This the committee does not want. It will, however, see that a fee is imposed for the selling of cigarettes, cigarette paper and cigarette tobaccos, no matter where sold.

**GEO. H. BARR GETS
IMPORTANT PLACE**

**Londoner Is Appointed Head of
the Dominion Dairy
Department.**

A special to The Advertiser from Toronto says:

G. H. Barr, of London, has resigned his post as dairy instructor for Western Ontario and head of the dairy school at Stratford, to enter the Dominion service as head of the dairy department. He is succeeded by F. Hearn, of Stratford.

BUD McCURT'S DEATH

**Jury Says There Was No Justification
for the Fatal Blow.**

Cornwall, March 13.—A huge crowd attended the adjourned inquest into the death of Owen (Bud) McCurt, the hockey player, which was held in the court house here tonight by the coroner, Dr. Hamilton. The jury brought in the following verdict:

"That the said Owen McCurt came to his death by a blow from a hockey stick in the hands of Charles Masson during the progress of the game of hockey played in the Victoria Rink in the town of Cornwall, on the 6th day of March, 1907, and that in the opinion of this jury, although there is no evidence of any ill-feeling previous to the blow, there was no justification for personal provocation for the above blow at the hands of the said Charles Masson. Your jury further recommend that an act be passed by the Legislative Assembly whereby players and spectators engaging in or encouraging roughness or foul play in the game of hockey may be severely punished."

**NO DANGER OF
AN ICE FAMINE**

**Dealers Get in a Good Supply—
Prices Will Remain Un-
changed This Season.**

The local ice dealers have about completed their harvest for the year, and they gave the assurance today that there will not be the slightest danger of a shortage.

"There will be enough for all this summer," one of them told The Advertiser.

The last two months have not been any too favorable for the cutting of ice; nevertheless the dealers managed to get a very good crop, being able to keep their men at work for 20 days or more. This is much better than a year ago, when much below the usual quantity was secured.

The dealers who get their supply from the north branch had difficulty this season owing to the large quantity of slush ice that had collected. It was expected that this would be cleared out, but the river remained frozen, and made it necessary for the ice men to cut from a few places which happened to be free of the objectionable class of ice.

To some it meant the hauling, by teams, of every cake of ice cut, instead of being able to cut at the doors of the ice houses and run the ice down the river. The additional expense was rather heavy, but the dealers had to bear that or do without.

"I got at least 200 tons more than last year," one of the dealers said, "and there is no use of complaining. Yes, the people need not fear this summer. There will be abundance for everyone."

Asked as to the prices, it was stated that they will be the same as last year.

TWO NEW C.P.R. LINERS

**Company Has Practically Decided to
Build Them For the Atlantic**

Montreal, March 14.—The Canadian Pacific has now practically decided to build two new steamships for the Atlantic service, which will take the place of the Empress of Ireland and Empress of Britain. These latter steamers, it is understood, will be transferred to the Orient service, and will provide a faster and better service on the Pacific than any now in existence. This new service will be the present express from the China and Japan line, and these it is proposed to put on the Australia and New Zealand route.

DUKE MICHAEL HELPS

**Czar's Brother Contributes \$100,000
to Relieve Famine Sufferers.**

St. Petersburg, March 14.—The Grand Duke Michael, brother of Emperor Nicholas, has given \$100,000 for the relief of the famine sufferers, and has sold to the Peasant Bank for distribution to the peasants, 65,000 acres of his estates in Orel province, at an average price of \$14 per acre. The Peasant Bank has now contracted to purchase 8,212,000 acres of land.

LOST EVERYTHING.

Coaticook, Que., March 14.—J. B. Bourque's Block, occupied by himself and Frank Malouine as a tinmith shop and residence, was destroyed by fire last night. Neither Bourque or Malouine had time to save any of their household furniture or any of their clothes. Loss on building about \$3,000; insured.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Toronto, March 15—8 p.m. Showers have occurred today in the Maritime Provinces, and a few snow flurries in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Chilworth depression is situated tonight in the Ohio Valley, causing rain over Lake Erie.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 18 below—44; Atlin, 14 below—34; Port Simpson, 34—38; Victoria, 34—50; Calgary, 6—36; Battleford, 4—26; Qu'Appelle, 14—16; Winnipeg, 10 below—22; Port Arthur, 6—36; Parry Sound, 30—40; Toronto, 36—40; Ottawa, 34—40; Montreal, 32—38; Quebec, 30—36; St. John, 30—38; Halifax, 20—36.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, March 14—8 a.m. Today—Northerly to westerly winds; clearing; a little lower temperature.

Friday—Fair.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary. 10 4 Clear

Winnipeg. 10 4 Clear

Port Arthur. 22 22 Snow

Parry Sound. 22 22 Snow

Toronto. 30 30 Snow

Ottawa. 24 24 Snow

Montreal. 22 22 Snow

Quebec. 22 22 Snow

Father Point. 18 16 Cloudy

The sign indicates below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 4 o'clock this morning, and the second column the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

A depression which was centered near the Indian Territory yesterday morning has now reached New York State, causing light snowfalls in Ontario and Quebec.

In the Western Provinces the weather remains moderately cold, and for the most part fair.

Detroit, March 13.—Lower Michigan: Thursday—Cloudy; snow in south portion.

Friday—Fair, warmer; fresh north winds, becoming variable.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 41.5°; lowest, 31° above.

**Tariff Companies Taking
Steps to Re-rate the City**

**All-Round Reduction in Insurance Charges To Be Made
Shortly By the Fire Underwriters' Association.**

A movement is on foot to re-rate London, and it is said the movement will result in an all-round reduction of the rates charged by the tariff companies in this city.

The Advertiser can vouch for the truth of the above statement, because a reporter was this morning shown a communication from the Underwriters' Association, dated February 25, which notified a well-known local agent that the re-rating was to take place, and that it would in all probability result in a reduction in the price of insurance here.

It is understood that for the past three weeks, the Canadian Underwriters' Association has been considering the matter, and an official announcement is to be expected shortly.

Consequently, the mayor's statement that he intends to have all the city's insurance pooled and placed in the hands of the non-tariff companies, as outlined in last evening's Advertiser, is declared to be a mere piece of grandstand play. His worship, the agents say, must have been in possession of the fact that a reduction is likely to take place shortly, and he simply sought to take time by the forelock and relegate to himself all credit for the cut.

Will Do City No Good.

"It will do the city of London no good to take the tariff companies by the throat," one of the insurance men said to The Advertiser today. "Despite all assertions to the contrary there has been a steady reduction in rates since 1904, and there is to be a still further reduction."

The reporter was then shown the tariff books of 1904 and 1907, and allowed to make comparison for himself. The result was very favorable to the tariff companies.

Four cases of reductions may be cited.

In 1904 a Dundas street confectionery paid 50 cents per \$100 for one year's insurance on furniture, stock, etc. On the building, \$1.25 per \$100 was charged.

This year the rates are 74 cents and \$1.14 respectively.

The reporter then took the case of a carriage shop on King street. In 1904 the owner paid \$1.90 per \$100 on stock and \$2.05 on the building. In 1907 the rates are \$1.50 and \$1.58 respectively.

A small grocery in the east end paid 75 cents per \$100 of insurance on stock for one year in 1904, and 95 cents on building. This year the rates are 65 cents and 85 cents respectively.

On the city hall in 1904, \$1.36 per \$100 of insurance was charged. Now the rate is \$1.08 per \$100.

It was further shown that the reductions made are much greater than would appear from these figures. The companies have been in the habit of allowing a reduction of 15 per cent. If the party insured was carrying insurance to the extent of 80 per cent of the value of his premises, this rebate has been increased to 20 per cent, making a material difference in the price of insurance.

Will Not Starve.

There are 35 tariff companies in London, and the agents declare that if the city does take its business away they will not starve. They claim that their companies have been doing the fair thing by the city and the people, but that onslaughts on such institutions are popular, and consequently some men are prone to rely upon their popularity.

It is said that \$1,200 or \$1,500 per year is all the city pays in insurance premiums.

The city is also given very low rates by the tariff companies, according to one of the agents.

On Victoria Hospital the rate is about 70 cents per \$100 of insurance for a three-year term.

On the schools for the same period it is only about 65 cents per \$100.

"We want the city's business and we believe we will retain it," said the agent quoted.

"I believe the non-tariff men at the bottom of the present affair. The further the city inquires into the matter the more convinced it will be that the tariff companies are doing what is right. And as you have seen from the letter I showed you, it is only a question of a short time until another reduction is made. I suppose the mayor will tell the people that he is responsible for the reduction, whereas the movement has been going on for several weeks without any help from his worship."

RIVER RISES DURING THE NIGHT

JAM OF ICE NEAR WONDERLAND

Trouble Feared if Water Continues to Rise—North Branch Still Blocked.

The Thames, always responsive to the effects of a spring rain, rose four feet from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon until this morning. At 9 o'clock Engineer Simmie, of the waterworks, reported that it was still rising.

Four feet or more of water was at that hour going over the dam.

About 10 o'clock last night the ice in the south branch went away with a rush, and this morning but very little was to be seen floating in the water.

The north branch still remains undisturbed, however.

Men who have been watching the river all winter said that fully ten feet of slush ice is piled in the north branch north of Dundas street bridge.

This slush ice is very hard to move, and while no fears of a flood in West London are entertained, it is thought that if a rainstorm accompanied by a general thaw sets in, the breakwater will be afforded the opportunity of demonstrating its usefulness.

A giant ice jam has occurred down the river near Wonderland. From that point to the dam, the ice remains unbroken in the river. Every piece of ice that floats down the stream adds to the jam, and it is feared that there will be trouble if the water continues to rise.

The water is running free at the Cove bridge, the jam having occurred far below that point.

Trains on the Grand Trunk Railway in the vicinity of the Cove bridge proceeded at a snail's pace today.

The reason is that the frost is coming out of the ground and the filling put in last fall is slipping in places. Some of the earth embankment is very soft and treacherous.

As a consequence, orders have been given to proceed slowly, and both freight and passenger trains are obeying the order.

The ice in the south branch of the river this year was very thick.

Quite a crowd gathered on Clark's bridge last night to watch the break up, and especially the break up of the rink which all winter has been conducted just west of the bridge.

When the water finally got the better of the ice, the crowd saw huge cakes fully two feet thick floating away.

Thus far there has been no danger to the residents of Front street, South London, but of course a continued rise in the water is bound to cause a flood in the lowlands lying east of Clark's bridge and south of the river.

BAND COMMITTEE HAS NEW CHAIRMAN

**Capt. Little Succeeds Capt. W. J. Reid—
Band's Fine Prospects.**

The band committee of the Seventh Regiment met last night and elected Captain Arthur Little as chairman, and Lieut. Howard Ingram as secretary.

The affairs of the regimental band are reported to be progressing very favorably, and there is every assurance that in a very short time—in fact, when the first parade of the season is held—the organization will be in better shape than at any previous time in its history.

The new bandmaster, Mr. Statter, has had a decidedly uphill row to hoe since taking charge, but he is receiving every encouragement from the committee, which is determined to bring the band to the front.

This is Captain Little's first year as the chairman of the committee. Captain W. J. Reid formerly occupied the position, but this year he is on the regimental committee instead. Captain Little is very popular among the bandman and other members of the regiment.

RUSSIAN ROBBERS BE HEADED EIGHT

Raid Estate and Massacre Proprietor, Laborers and Witnesses of the Slaughter.

Yelisevograd, Russia, March 14.—An estate in this vicinity was attacked by robbers yesterday who bound and decapitated the proprietor, five laborers, and a woman, and two witnesses of the slaughter. A soldier who hid in a haystack and a child, lost their reason. The soldier subsequently died in a hospital of delirium. The booty secured by the robbers amounted to \$1,000.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

March 13. Reported at. From.

Furness. New York. Glasgow.

Vaderland. New York. Antwerp.

Winifred. Boston. Liverpool.

Teutonic. Queenstown. New York.

Ivernia. Queenstown. Boston.

Corinthian. Glasgow. Boston.

L. Champlain. Liverpool. St. John.

L. Michigan. London. St. John.

Kaiser Wilhelm. Bremen. New York.

der Grosse. Bremen. New York.

**RAGING FLOODS
HARRY PITTSBURG**

**Western Pennsylvania and
Virginia Under the
Water.**

ALL RAILWAYS BADLY CRIPPLED

**Populace in Peril of Typhoid Epidemic—
Hundreds of Homes, and Great
Damage Done.**

Pittsburg, March 14.—The stage of water reached in the rivers here today was 30 feet, and it was rising eight inches an hour. The lower portions of Pittsburg and Allegheny and surrounding towns were inundated. The weather bureau says the present flood is the most remarkable on record and the situation is serious.

The health bureau has notified the people to boil drinking water, as the water is poisonous, owing to the flood conditions, and a typhoid fever epidemic is feared. Alarming reports are being received here from all parts of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Ever stream is overflowing its banks, many towns are almost submerged, hundreds of houses are surrounded by water and the people are living in their second floors.

The coal mines along the rivers in the Monongahela Valley are flooded and thousands of miners are idle; mills and business houses have from one to three feet of water in their first floors, stopping business.

Damage to property will be at least \$500,000. In Allegheny County several fatalities have occurred on account of the high water and a number of deaths are reported from the river sections.

The danger is increased by heavy ice gorges in the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers, about 25 miles above the city. Once ice gorge alone in the Clarion River at Parker, Pa., is 30 miles in length, and continued rains and high temperature threaten to start it toward Pittsburg.

The Youghiogheny and Kiskiminnis Rivers are swollen and the large volume of water is causing the Monongahela River to overflow its banks. All the railroads entering Pittsburg, except the main line of the Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, are crippled. On the Baltimore and Ohio train service is almost suspended, and on the branch lines there is a complete suspension. Trains on the West Penn division of the Pennsylvania Railroad are being brought direct into the city, as they are unable to reach the Allegheny station. Street car lines in the suburbs are either suspended or are running spasmodically, and many persons are having much difficulty in reaching the city.

Johnstown, Pa., March 14.—The Conemaugh River and Stoney Creek today broke out of the banks following the heavy rains of the past twenty-four hours. The street car service has been abandoned and several miles have shut down. Moxham, the aristocratic residential section, is under water, while a rise of six inches more will inundate many of the principal business streets.

Findlay, Ohio, March 14.—The Blanchard River is out of its banks. Many families in the lower sections were forced to the second story of their homes last night, and railroad tracks are under water.

DEATH OF DR. PETERS

Prominent Surgeon Passes Away Unexpectedly in Toronto.

Dr. George A. Peters, son-in-law of Sir Wm. R. Meredith, and professor of surgery in Toronto University, died yesterday afternoon at his home in Toronto.

Dr. Peters' death was sudden, although his illness extended over eighteen months, four of which he spent at the See House (Bishopstowe) in this city. In one department of surgery, he had been a Canadian surgeon. In the Canadian cavalry service, Dr. Peters was a familiar figure. He invented an electrical target which met with the approval of Lord Roberts and the war office.

Dr. Peters had many friends in this district, who will hear of his death with regret.

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DOES NOT FAVOR IT

Premier Laurier Not Favorable to Permanent Imperial Council.

Ottawa, March 14.—With reference to a Canadian Associated Press cable from London today quoting a Melbourne interview with Premier Wilfrid Laurier, in private letters to him, had declared himself as favorable to a permanent Imperial Council, the Premier stated this evening that he was not in favor of such a Council. The views of the Government on that question have not been changed since the last Imperial Conference in London.

Sir Wilfrid will unite with the other colonial powers in favoring to reach a definite understanding with the Imperial Government as to the position of the colonies in regard to British treaty obligations. The Dominion Government is anxious that Great Britain in making treaties with foreign powers will not grant any trade concessions which would interfere with Canada's freedom to make her own trade treaties with other countries.

**PHELPS-HAYES
NUPTIALS TODAY**

**Marriage of Mr. George C. Phelps,
Well-Known Musician, and
Miss Minnie Hayes.**

The marriage of two well-known young Londoners was celebrated this afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hayes, 629 Wellington street, the principals being Mr. George C. Phelps, organist and choirmaster of the First Presbyterian Church, and Miss Minnie K. Hayes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes. Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor of the First Church, officiated, in the presence of fifty guests, a number of whom were from outside points.

The bride was attired in a very becoming gown of white lace, while the bridesmaid, Miss Ada L. Hayes (a sister of the bride), was gowned in point d'esprit, over silk. Mr. Ernest C. Phelps, a brother of the groom, was best man. The wedding march was played by Mr. Thomas Mitchell.

At the conclusion of the ceremony hearty congratulations were extended, after which the company partook of a very dainty wedding breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were the recipients of very many handsome gifts, among them being twenty-five volumes of Scott's works, from the choir of the First Presbyterian Church, of which the bride has for some time been a member, and a purse of gold from the music committee and friends in the church. The groom's present to the bride was a cross of gold, set with sapphires.

Among the guests from a distance were Mr. C. S. Clark, of Montreal; Mr. J. K. Clark, of Norwalk, Ohio; Mr. John Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Phelps, and Mr. Mattland Phelps, of St. Catharines; Mr. Clarence S. Acton, of Toronto; Mrs. (Dr.) D. K. Black, of Greenville, Mich.; Mrs. D. J. Chenevix, of Windsor; Mr. (Dr.) Wellman, of Acton, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps left on the G. T. R. Limited. Before returning they will spend six weeks with relatives in Florida.

The young couple have a large circle of friends who will join in extending their best wishes.