

BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENED; NOW FOR FISCAL FIGHT

England Expects That Premier Balfour Will Voluntarily Dissolve in the Autumn.

GOOD WEATHER FAVORS THE OLD-TIME PAGEANT

London, Feb. 14.—More than usual interest attaches to today's opening of Parliament, as the belief is practically universal that it will be the last session of the present Parliament. Even should the Government escape defeat, it is thought that Premier Balfour will voluntarily dissolve Parliament in the autumn and take the opinion of the country on the fiscal and other questions now agitating the electorate.

Good weather favored today's pageant, which followed the procedure of former occasions. Big crowds were about from an early hour watching the assembling of the troops, which lined the brief route from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords.

The usual interest was shown in the time-honored search of the vaults beneath the Houses of Parliament by the yeomen of the guard with their lanterns and halberds. Between this ceremony and the appearance of the royal procession a constant stream of carriages containing peers and peeresses in their robes of state, and officials in brilliant uniforms enlivened the somewhat tedious wait.

The royal processions were the same as last year, that of the Prince and Princess of Wales from Marlborough House consisting of three carriages, with an escort of household cavalry, preceded by a few minutes the cortege of King Edward and Alexandra from Buckingham Palace. Five state carriages, each with six horses bearing state officials, preceded the royal coach with the sovereigns, drawn by the eight cream-colored Hungarian horses, which have figured in all the state processions of recent years. Household cavalry acted as a bodyguard, while, in pursuance of their privilege, a detachment of Yeomen of the Guard marched alongside the state coach.

LOUBET TO RESIGN

French President to Step Out Before His Term Expires.

New York, Feb. 14.—A Paris dispatch to the Herald says: President Loubet will resign office before the expiration of his seven-year term, which ends on Feb. 15, 1906. His reason for this is that the triennial renewal of the Senate and the general election for members of the Chamber of Deputies will take place next year, and Parliament will not meet until the close of 1905.

Consequently to avoid the election of a president by new members he will resign in time for his successor to be elected by the present chambers, reunited in national assembly in the palace at Versailles, according to the constitution.

Frozen to Death.

Bellevue, Feb. 14.—A man named Barnum, whose parents reside in Thurlow, and a companion left Madoc on Saturday night in a sleigh for Crookston, both were frozen to death. On the way Barnum fell out of the sleigh and met morning he was found where he fell, frozen to death. Deceased had a flask of whiskey in his pocket.

LINER SILVIA SAFE AT ST. JOHNS

Had Terrific Battle With Ice and Blizzard and Almost Foundered.

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 13.—The long overdue steamer Silvia, from New York and Halifax, arrived here this afternoon after a terrific experience in a blizzard, driving her eighty miles to seaward, among great ice floes on the Grand Banks.

The engines broke down for 24 hours in the height of the storm, during which all the passengers and crew labored incessantly at the pumps, momentarily expecting that the ship would founder.

After the storm had abated the engines were repaired, and on Sunday the steamer reached Tropassey, where she remained until this morning, and then started for this port, having been unable to report here safely, owing to the telegraph line from Tropassey having been broken down in the blizzard.

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The scene in the neighborhood of Buckingham Palace was particularly animated. Large crowds selected this point, whence to view the pageant, and when the sovereigns issued from the gates of the palace they were greeted with a great burst of enthusiasm, which quickly spread the whole length of the fine new processional road, leading from the site of the Victoria Memorial to the Horse Guards' parade, and accompanied the monarch and his consort throughout the route.

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THROUGH THE ICE

Gallant Attempt at Rescue Which Ended in Two Deaths.

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CZAR'S SOLDIERS LOOT AND KILL

Bodies of Reservists Stop Trains, Attack Officials and Flee to Woods.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—Fresh disturbances of a serious nature have broken out among the reservists of the Russian provinces bordering on Germany. At Kiev, the great pilgrim city, styled the Jerusalem of Russia, the reservists began looting in the outskirts of the city and killed a police officer. They were fired on by Cossacks. Eighteen reservists were killed and more than 30 wounded.

At St. Petersburg, in the same neighborhood, the reservists smashed the windows of a train. When orders were given for the train to start they refused to move. Some lay down on the rails, saying they preferred this death to Japanese bullets in Manchuria.

At Kursk a party of reservists attacked three mobilization officials, killing one and badly wounded two. It is reported the ringleaders were shot the next morning in the prison yard after a summary trial.

In the government of Podolia Volina 300 reservists due to the woods, where they are wandering about in the deep snow. Parties of Cossacks have been sent to capture them and in case of resistance they will shoot.

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[Special To The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 14.—A bill in charge of

NEW RAILWAY COMPANY

Mr. Calvert Seeks Incorporation For the Canada and Middlesex.

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94 PERSONS DROWNED

Small Jap Steamer Collides With Harbor Works at Osaka.

London, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from Kobe to the Express reports that the small steamer Natoriya collided with the harbor works at Osaka on Sunday and sank, and that 94 persons were drowned.

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Mr. McKenzie (Bruce), for a railway from a point near Hanover, in the county of Grey, thence through Durham, to connect with the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, between Flessher and Dundalk, was adopted at the railway committee meeting today.

NOT TO RESIGN

Hon. S. N. Parent Says He Has No Intention of Stepping Out.

Quebec, Feb. 14.—Hon. S. N. Parent stated this morning that there is no question of his resignation.

G. T. P. BONDS

London Paper Says There Will Be \$15,000,000 at Four Per Cent.

London, Feb. 14.—The Daily Mail states that an issue of about fifteen millions dollars at four per cent bonds, is imminent in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme.

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STILL IN GRIP OF JACK FROST

Cold Wave Hits Montreal, Toronto and the East.

PETROLEA TIED UP BY STORM

Trains Stalled, Starving Passengers Fed by Farmers—Relief for Nova Scotia.

Petrolia, Feb. 14.—Weather here is very cold, 25 below zero. All trains are badly behind. Business is at a standstill. Several oil rigs have had to shut down entirely on account of the cold.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—The temperature at the observatory this morning registered 7 below with a stiff gale blowing.

Halifax, Feb. 14.—A Charlottetown special says the severity of one of the worst winters in the memory of the oldest inhabitant relaxed yesterday morning when a thaw set in after a succession of storms with temperature below zero that paralyzed trade.

Cape Travers branch railway has been blocked one week and the main line sixty days. All available engines and snowplows, together with as many snowshovelers as possible, have been lighting the drifts, to find the line cleared one day and blocked as bad as ever the next. Men, exhausted, frost-bitten, and their faces stung by drifting snow, have refused to work, and operations have been suspended till the storm abated.

The opening of the Legislature, postponed from last week till tomorrow, is again postponed, also a mass meeting to discuss the question of winter communication and a steam ferry between the capes.

Four men have walked from Cape Travers to the city, 38 miles, over an unbroken wilderness of deep snow. Forty passengers are at Cape Travers waiting for the trains to start.

In Nova Scotia conditions on the railways are seriously improved.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—Frost has taken the night with the snow in delaying the trains today, the temperature being so low that the locomotives find difficulty in getting up steam. This condition affects trains coming into Montreal, both from the east and west. Heavy snowdrifts also have played a part in causing delays.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 14.—This city experienced the coldest weather of the season last night, the mercury at its lowest point having recorded 16 degrees below zero. The day is clear with a gradually rising temperature.

New York, Feb. 14.—After a drop in the temperature of 30 degrees since yesterday noon, New York was shivering today in a cold snap from the west. The thermometer recording 5 degrees above zero, and a high wind prevailing.

Reports from points up state say last night was the coldest of the season. Nineteen degrees below zero was registered in sections of the state near New York City.

Through trains from the west on the New York Central railroad were badly delayed by the cold, and engineers being compelled to slow down to prevent accidents due to frost-filled car wheels, axles and rails, while the locomotives were unable to make steam fast enough to haul the trains at their usual speed. The twentieth Century Limited from Chicago, due at 9:30 a.m., was four hours late; the Chicago Express, due at 7 a.m., was two hours and forty-five minutes late, and the Montreal Express, due at 5:55 a.m., was one hour behind time.

Lockport, N. Y., Feb. 14.—High winds prevailed last night, during which the temperature fell to 12 degrees below zero in this city, and to 17 below in the country districts, causing the snow to drift, badly blocking country roads and causing an almost entire stoppage of traffic on the steam and trolley roads reaching Lockport.

The theater train, which left Buffalo last night, was held up in the snow. The train is stalled at Beach Ridge. The passengers have been cared for by farmers.

The New York Central train from Rochester, due here this morning, is stalled beyond Albion. A Niagara Falls train is snowbound at Sanborne. Depressed snowplows on the trolley lines with boys planned to dig Buffalo have tied up those lines.

Succession Duties.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The succession duties branch of the Provincial treasury received from estates in the Province during the month of January the record sum of \$123,267. The amount received during 1904 was \$458,693, the largest sum since the succession duties act was adopted.

"Down With Autocracy."

London, Feb. 14.—The Standard's Moscow correspondent reports that at the annual ball of the engineering institutes, held Sunday night in the hall where the assembly of nobles sit, after the customary concert, instead of dancing the whole gathering drowned the orchestra by singing the "Marseillaise." Then students made revolutionary harangues, which were enthusiastically applauded. Proclamations were distributed broadcast, amid cries of "Stop the war" and "Down with the autocracy."

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Very Cold.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 14. Sun rises, 7:38 a.m. Moon rises, 12:44 p.m. Sun sets, 5:36 p.m. Moon sets, 2:44 a.m.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—8 p.m. Heavy gales, with snow and rain, have prevailed today in the Maritime Provinces, and snow has also fallen in Quebec and locally in the Territories. Extremely cold weather has set in over Ontario and is spreading eastward.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2 below—6; Swift Current, 12 below—24; Winnipeg, 22 below—8; Port Arthur, 24 below—8; Parry Sound, 4 below—18; Toronto, 6—8; Ottawa, 12—22; Montreal, 2—15; Quebec, 10—22; St. John's, 8—10; Halifax, 12—20.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Feb. 14—8 p.m. Today—High southwesterly winds and very cold; snow flurries tonight.

Wednesday—Northwesterly winds, and very cold.

TEMPERATURES.

| Stations     | 8 a.m. | Min. | Max. | Weather |
|--------------|--------|------|------|---------|
| Calgary      | 14     | 10   | 18   | Clear   |
| Winnipeg     | 20     | 12   | 28   | Clear   |
| Parry Sound  | 4      | 10   | 16   | Cloudy  |
| Toronto      | 6      | 8    | 10   | Fair    |
| Montreal     | 12     | 15   | 18   | Fair    |
| Quebec       | 10     | 12   | 15   | Clear   |
| Father Point | 8      | 10   | 12   | Fair    |

The sign indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperature is considerably below zero throughout Ontario and Quebec, and the weather has become much more moderate in the Territories, but no improvement is indicated east of Manitoba.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 22° above; lowest, 6.5° below.

Macdonald's Generosity.

Montreal Millionaire Gives Another \$7,500 to Guelph College.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Sir Wm. Macdonald, of Montreal, with splendid and unostentatious liberality, has placed to the credit of Dr. Mills, railway commissioner, Ottawa, ex-president of the O. A. C., an additional sum of \$7,500 for the completion of the building and furnishing of the Macdonald Institute and Macdonald Hall in connection with the Agricultural College at Guelph. This makes a total of \$132,500 which Sir William has donated for the building and practical training in nature study, domestic science, and the elements of the mechanical arts at the Guelph College, in addition to what he has given for the site, building and equipment of the provincial consolidated school adjoining the college campus.

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Very Cold Tomorrow.

Keep up your storm collar and be thankful the coal bins are filled. Very cold tomorrow with a northwesterly wind to emphasize the fact, is the prediction of the observatory man at Toronto. From end to end of the Province the temperature is well below zero. Quebec, too, is feeling the nip, and high winds prevail there. In the far west and the Territories the weather has moderated to some extent, but there is no indication of an improvement east of Manitoba.

THE CZAR AFTER AN ARMISTICE

Said To Be Seeking a Way to End War—Notes From the Front.

Paris, Feb. 13.—A dispatch to Petit Parisien from St. Petersburg says the Czar is said to have consulted a competent person upon the best way to conclude a preliminary armistice with the Japanese and then to come to a definite understanding upon conditions that would not be too humiliating or onerous for Russia to accept.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—A dispatch from Gen. Kurapatkin made public today, says: "Early in the morning of Feb. 12 300 Japanese cavalry attacked a bridge near Fengtzong and damaged 30 yards of the railroad. Train service was resumed after some delay. The Japanese bombarded Putlof (Lone Tree) Hill, and Sekheyuan with siege guns Feb. 11. One officer was killed and several were wounded. According to correct returns, the Japanese prisoners captured from Jan. 25 to Jan. 29, total 343, of whom 221 were wounded."

Tokio, Feb. 14.—Man