

No Naval Grant Will Be Passed Till After Election Unless Compromise Is Reached

ENGINEER STOPS TRAIN ON EDGE OF WEAK BRIDGE

Plot of Montreal-Boston Passenger Faces Imminent Death For Himself by Sticking to His Post.

THE STRUCTURE FELL

But Coaches Remained on Track—Another Bridge Goes Down Just After Train Passes Over.

LYNDONVILLE, Vt., March 22.

Feeling what appeared to be imminent death for himself, the engineer of a passenger train from Montreal for Boston today brought the crowded coaches to an abrupt stop on the edge of a tottering bridge.

STRANGE TALES FROM OTTAWA.

John: I want to know if it's so what Billy told 'em 'bout the 'Don. John: 'Fais bitin' ye, th' morn' John: I never saw things like that when I was in Ottawa.

Carnegie to Queen's

KINGSTON, March 22.—Today Queen's University authorities received a cheque for \$100,000 from Andrew Carnegie, his contribution to the endowment fund.

FRIEDMANN GOING BACK HOME TO COMPLETE SERUM TESTS

On His Return He Expects United States Government Medical Authorities Will Have Completed Tests.

German Monopoly of Smokes and Drinks

BERLIN, March 22.—The Berlin Government, in order to cover the continually increasing expenditure on the army, is contemplating the establishment of government monopolies in the sale of cigars, matches and alcohol according to the Lokal Anzeiger.

LOVE MUST HANG IN TWO MONTHS FOR WIFE MURDER

Mr. Justice Lennox Charges Against Prisoner and Says Jury's Finding Is Correct.

SENTENCE PRONOUNCED

Unbroken Chain of Circumstantial Evidence—Comment on Position of Convicted Man's Son.

By W. E. Macdonald.

OWEN SOUND, March 22.—"Henry Love, you have heard the verdict of the jury. Do you wish to say anything before the sentence of this court is passed upon you?"

WE WILL BE TOO LATE.

"We are told that there is no emergency. The word emergency must be taken according to what we are to do. If we are to wait for a spreading war cloud what value will the postponed act be?"

Australia Ready.

"We are told Australia has built a fleet unit and why not Canada? Canada should not be a copyist. But secondly and most important Australia has already done its duty towards the British navy and already has its fleet unit in existence."

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PERMANENT NAVY POLICY TO PEOPLE ASSERTS MEIGHEN

It Will Be Given Mature Consideration by Government, Says Portage La Prairie Member.

MEANTIME THE GRANT

British Navy Represents An Outlay of Four Hundred Million Dollars—Will We Do Our Part?

By the year 1915 Germany will have 17 battleships to Great Britain's 25. In battleships cruisers they will be equal. As the ships of the super-dreadnought types drop out Germany's proportion of modern battleships will be the greater.

While the main proposal of the Borden government is three of the greatest Dreadnoughts to be placed at the disposal of the admiralty, the permanent policy of this government awaits mature deliberation and the desire of the electors," declared Mr. Meighen.

STURGEON FALLS, March 22.

Sturgeon Falls was hard hit by the storms, roofs being blown off and several small buildings blown down. The fire department was kept busy and responded to 16 calls. A regrettable accident occurred to the fire department when the fire hall tower was blown down as the department was just starting for a fire.

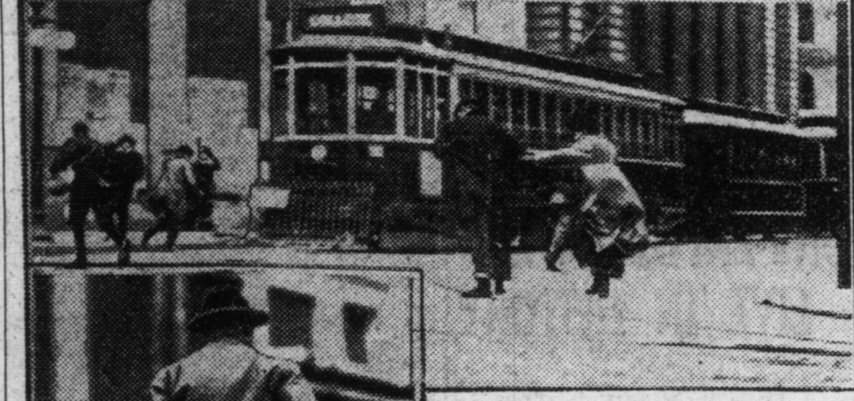
T. N. O. Trains Stalled.

NORTH BAY, March 22.—The steps of the Royal Theatre was damaged and the skylight blown off. Along the line of the T. & N. O. not much damage was done, but wires are down and no details are available. Passenger trains which left North Bay yesterday for Cochrane and Porcupine have not reached their destination yet and are stuck in snow-drifts or feeling their way thru a terrific blizzard without telegraph guidance.

NEW "MOVIE" AT BLOOR AND ST. CLARENS AVENUE WHICH WAS WRECKED BY FRIDAY'S STORM.



The C.P.R. Sky-Scraper an Eddy Maker



THE GALE IN TORONTO

These photographs were taken at the corner of King and Yonge streets late Good Friday afternoon, and show the effect of buildings like the new C.P.R. cloud-catcher on the wind. Tall buildings catch every passing breeze, and in a storm like Friday's it was almost impossible for pedestrians to preserve a proper balance.

FIREMAN KILLED IN FRIDAY'S BLOW

Hose Tower at Sturgeon Falls Blown Down Just as Brigade Responded to Call.

TORONTO PATIENTS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Two Cases Where Satisfactory Results Appear to Have Been Achieved.

HOTEL IN "DRY" TOWN IS BURNED DOWN

Boarder Aroused West Lorne Guests Who Were Unable to Save Anything But Lives.

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TO END THE AGONY.

Sudbury Star: W. F. Maclean, M.P., sounded a high note in the naval debate when he suggested a workable compromise between the opposing parties. How much better it would be if the Dominion Parliament could adjourn the sitting whenever there arises a scene of grave disorder. It is contended, however, that Speaker Sproule exceeded his powers when he directed the chairman of the committee of the whole to terminate the debate and to put the question to the committee. The point may be a technical one, but it will be insisted upon and the authorities seem to support the opposition. Still, it must be remembered that the house is the judge of its own procedure, and that its decisions cannot be questioned by any other tribunal.

THE CODERRE CHARGES.

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Election Within Year, Perhaps Three Months

Constitutional Authority Give s Opinion That if Naval Bill is Put Thru by Closure Senate Will Throw it Out and Government Will Be Forced to Pass Redistribution Bill and go to People.

OTTAWA, March 22.—(Special.)—A constitutional authority who refuses to be quoted, but whose knowledge and experience cannot be doubted, and who had been in the fullest touch with the situation, including a perusal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's last manifesto, sizes things up about as follows:

Unless a compromise is reached there is no chance of the Canadian parliament passing the Borden proposal of \$35,000,000 for three dreadnoughts to increase the effective naval forces of the empire.

The only way the bill can get thru the house of commons will be by closure, and closure means a long fight over the rules and their amendment. It will be a fight, as the Liberals will contend, for freedom of discussion. They will resist, so they say, to the point of physical encounter. If the bill is put thru the commons under such conditions the Liberal majority in the senate will throw it out on the ground that it was carried by closure, that it had not been a question in the late election, and that a redistribution of seats is due, and, therefore, they will only be following precedent by sending the government to the electorate for final and authoritative settlement.

But this would not necessarily dissolve the house. The government could say that they intended to reintroduce the bill the following session, and if they had closure they would force their other measures up to the senate. But in the end it will be a general election within a year, perhaps three months.

But no naval vote will be passed by parliament until after the people have spoken.

Closure Will Give Opposition Clear-cut Issue for Appeal

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Mr. Borden intimated that the government would carry the naval bill even tho' the closure should become necessary. Sir Wilfrid Laurier understood by this threat says the Liberals will continue the fight. Many believe that closure will give the opposition a more clean-cut issue and one that will more directly appeal to the mass of the people. On the other hand history affords no record of closure being repealed after it has once been adopted. The mild Gladstone closure of 1882 was denounced by the Tories but subsequently the Balfour Government made it more drastic. Today the Unionist party inveighs against the Asquith guillotine altho' they can still obstruct by their control of the upper chamber. In the United States since the Democratic victory of 1910, the speaker has been shorn of his once autocratic power, but the house of representatives will never return to the rules which threatened to bring on a condition of anarchy during the contested presidential election of 1876.

A Contrast With Washington.

Should closure be adopted in the Canadian House of Commons the United States Senate will be one of the few national legislative bodies of the world without rules to restrict discussion and to end debate. The senate has persistently refused to adopt the closure and it must be confessed that it steadily grew in power while the house steadily lost prestige after the Reed rules were put into force. In this connection it may be averred that the change of the rules at Washington seemed to be the more drastic because the speaker of the house of representatives was and is frankly the leader of the house and makes no pretense of occupying a quasi-judicial position. The Canadian speaker aims at being more like the British model, but he does so under difficulties inherent in the method of his selection and the tenure of his office.

Speaker Sproule is Fair.

Mr. Speaker Sproule is an old and experienced parliamentarian. He has sat in the house for many years both as a government supporter and as a member of the opposition. He was as a private member insistent upon his rights and would be loth as speaker of the house to have any member on either side treated unfairly. The Liberal members, especially those long in the house, would probably prefer him to many other government supporters. Indeed in the general discussion upon the rules of the house which they are anxious to have take place at an early day, they will insist that no criticism of Speaker Sproule is involved.

They do insist, however, that Mr. Sproule exceeded his powers last Saturday night. That he has the right to take the chair at any time for the purpose of quelling disorder is not disputed; it is also admitted that he may, upon his own motion, adjourn the sitting whenever there arises a scene of grave disorder. It is contended, however, that Speaker Sproule exceeded his powers when he directed the chairman of the committee of the whole to terminate the debate and to put the question to the committee. The point may be a technical one, but it will be insisted upon and the authorities seem to support the opposition. Still, it must be remembered that the house is the judge of its own procedure, and that its decisions cannot be questioned by any other tribunal.

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Fair and Cold

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