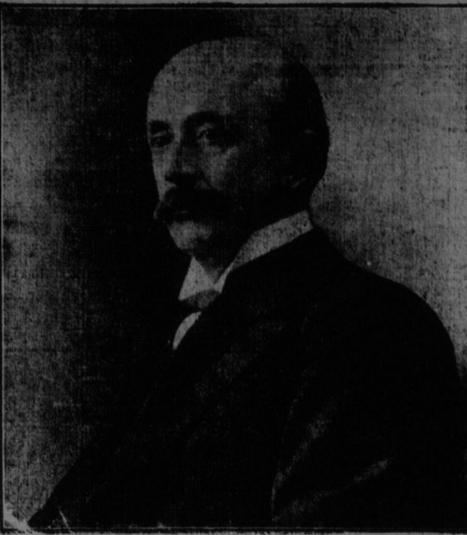


SOLONS BEGIN SESSIONAL DUTIES

EARL GREY OPENS LAST PARLIAMENT

Usual Ceremony at Opening of Third Session Which May Also Prove Last for Laurier Government—Speech from Throne Disappointing, Containing Little Reference to Legislation.

Hudson Bay Railway and Quebec Bridge Come In Special Mention—House Adjourns Until Monday After Short Session—Interesting Notices of Motion—Compliments for Mr. Taylor.



HIS EXCELLENCY EARL GREY.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 17.—The third session of the eleventh Parliament of Canada was opened this afternoon with the customary ceremonies. His Excellency drove from Government House to the Parliament buildings accompanied by a cavalry escort and honored by the customary salute of nineteen guns was met by the guard of honor drawn up in the open space opposite the Parliament buildings and escorted into the Senate Chamber. The attendance of spectators was unusually large and brilliant.

On the return of the Commons to their chamber the proceedings were brief. The first words uttered had reference to the famous Drummond and Arthabaska election. Mr. Speaker announcing that the seat had become vacant and that he had ordered a by-election. Not Appointed of Result. "What about the result?" asked John Haggart. But Mr. Speaker had not been apprised of the result.

Next came a pleasing incident. Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved, as usual for a striking committee to select the standing committee of the House. This is a small committee composed of a few front benchers from both sides, and the chief whips. He included Geo. Taylor's name, as in years gone by.

Mr. Taylor suggested the substitution of Geo. H. Parley's name for his own. Sir Wilfrid Laurier acceded, observing as he did so that it was evident that reports in the press to the effect that Mr. Taylor was retiring were verified, and that he had ceased to act as whip. He would take advantage of the occasion to say how much he regretted Mr. Taylor's leaving the post he had occupied for twenty-five years. Mr. Taylor was a good fighter

and he was sorry to see him abandon the office he had held for so many years. Mr. Taylor Makes Hit. Mr. Taylor expressed his appreciation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's kindly words, and suggested that in carrying out his long delayed promise of Senate Reform the Premier send to the Upper House members who had twenty-five years of service in the Commons, such as himself and Mr. Pater-son.

There was laughter at this hit, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised to consider the suggestion. They had opened one riding by elevating an old member to the senate and had lost it. They might lose Mr. Taylor's riding if they opened it. Mr. Borden added his word of appreciation of Mr. Taylor's services. Mr. Taylor had served the country as well as the party and while a good fighter, was also a fair fighter. Though he was as strong a Tory as could be found in Canada, he was confident that he had no enemies. The past tense should not be used of Mr. Taylor, who would yet render good service to the country.

Adjourned to Monday. The House then adjourned to Monday when the debate on the address will be resumed. The notices of motion contained one interesting item—it is a resolution by Mr. Melgion, of Portage La Prairie, that "A substantial reduction in the import duties on agricultural implements is now due the agriculturists of Canada and is in just accord with the true ends of a protective tariff." This is significant from a tactical as well as from a political point of view. Politically it is an important move. Tactically it is amusing, because it upsets a trick which the Liberals have worked for years. Session after session Mr. Knowles, Liberal member for Moosejaw has on the first day put down a resolution of duty on agricultural implements resolution; then he said, "I do not intend to move it."

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TARIFF REFORM UNIONIST POLICY

A. J. Balfour Speaking at Nottingham, Declares He Will Stand By This Plank—Rosebery's Resolution Adopted.

London, Nov. 17.—Politically this was an uneventful day, with the exception of Arthur J. Balfour's speech at Nottingham, which was awaited with keen anticipation as an exposition of the Unionist election programme. Curiously enough, the question of whether the Unionist leader would make any new departure on the Irish question. It was quickly evident that except on the question of the reform of the House of Lords, on which the Unionist party is now firmly committed to Lord Rosebery's scheme, the Unionist platform stands the same as at the last general election in all its principal planks.

Mr. Balfour at Nottingham. Nottingham, Eng., Nov. 17.—Arthur J. Balfour, the leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, addressed an important political gathering here tonight. It was on account of this engagement that Premier Asquith consented to delay the presentation of his official statement until Friday. Mr. Balfour dealt with the present crisis from all angles and outlined the policy of the Unionists.

Tariff reform, he said, stood as the great constructive policy to which the Unionists were committed, but if the benefits therefrom were only purchasable by throwing the burden on the wage earning classes he would not touch it. The Unionists proposed to wage no defensive warfare, but to show that country that they had an imperial and domestic policy carrying infinite advantages to the country. He advised his audience not to believe all the unauthorized reports concerning the cause. He considered that the House of Commons should be the dominant element in a two-chamber system and that dispensations arising between the two chambers should be submitted for the people's arbitration.

In the opinion of Mr. Balfour the House of Lords membership should be reduced to men of public service. There should also be an element elected by the peers and another element equal to the other two, representing the great bodies of public opinion. He opposed a wholly elective second chamber, because it would usurp the position of the first.

Resolutions Carry. London, Nov. 17.—Lord Curzon in the House of Lords today strongly urged the adoption of Lord Rosebery's resolutions as a practical and generous plan for a reformed Upper House, in which the hereditary element would not exercise a preponderant influence. Baron Courtney, who is regarded as an excellent authority and who is a staunch Liberal, though he thought that the resolutions are vague and illusory, said that he disagreed completely with the view of the government that the constitutional conference having failed, it was impossible for Parliament to reach an agreement. He declared that a threat had been made to take the matter out of the hands of Parliament and to appeal to the man in the street.

Lord Lansdowne having supported the resolution on the grounds that it was necessary to bring the Upper House into closer relations with the democracy and the Earl of Crewe declaring that he would not vote against them, as he thought that a great deal might be said in favor of Lord Rosebery's proposition, the resolutions were carried without a division of the House.

FIREMEN SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Shots Fired At I. C. R. Trains At North Sydney Junction.—No Action In McDougall Assault—Smallpox Situation.

Special to The Standard. Sydney, N. S., Nov. 17.—The remains of C. Bruce McDougall, killed last evening, were sent to Moncton, N. B., tonight, in charge of his brother, J. McDougall, who arrived here today. Those investigating the assault on McDougall Monday night were given a fresh clue today when two men after the inquest said they knew for a certainty that the three men who beat McDougall and Power, came from Glace Bay. Nothing will be done in the matter however. It is said that the paper will be continued by McDougall's brother, who assisted in its publication.

Shots were fired at the I. C. R. train this morning, and last night at North Sydney Junction. The bullet aimed at the night train struck the boiler and, glancing, struck the fireman, inflicting a serious wound. The strange part is that the shooting was resumed this morning on the freight. The shots were fired from bushes near the station, and the I. C. R. police are investigating. All shots were directed at the locomotive.

The smallpox situation is serious. Dominions, nineteen cases are quarantined and schools are closed, all gatherings being prohibited except church meetings. Only one case exists in Sydney and two at Glace Bay.

MOTORMAN KILLED AT MARLBORO, MASS.

Trolley Cars Met In Rounding Curve And Victim Is Wedged Between Them—Three Others Hurt.

Northboro, Mass., Nov. 17.—A collision between two Worcester trolley cars at a blind curve near here today resulted in the death of James Mansfield, a Marlboro motorman, of one of the cars, Motorman Fred Columbia of the other car, and two passengers were injured, but none seriously. Both cars were badly damaged. The collision occurred at a blind curve about a mile and one-half outside this town. Motorman Mansfield's car was bound from Northboro to Worcester with a single passenger, Miss Anne Haskell, 24 years of age, of Northboro. In the collision Miss Haskell was badly cut about the face and body.

The other car in charge of Motorman Fred Columbia and John Stewart, conductor, both of Northboro, was on the way to Marlboro from Worcester. Five passengers were aboard, but only one, John T. Navies of Worcester, a liquor dealer, was hurt. He sustained various injuries. Motorman Columbia was cut about the head and hands. Motorman Mansfield was thrown out of his vestibule and when the cars settled to the ground he was wedged between them.

\$103,005,169 EXPENDED ON PANAMA CANAL

Immense Amount of Work Being Accomplished in Making Harbor Entrances—Completion Not Far Off.

Washington, Nov. 17.—With the completion of the Panama Canal now not far off, interest attaches to a formidable array of figures in the last issue of the annual report indicating the cost to date, and extent of the various branches of the great work of canal construction. Up to September 30 last, there had been expended on the Atlantic division \$25,751,484; the central division \$69,897,775; the greatest item being over fifty-eight million dollars on excavation, probably accounted for by the tremendous cut at Culebra. Into the Pacific division went \$2,347,183 for excavation, foundation, masonry, and the like. Miraflores dams and spillway have cost to date \$355,863; locks at the same point \$2,239,257; La Boca locks and dams \$432,999, and altogether the sum of \$103,005,169 has been spent on construction and engineering, excluding charges for sanitation, hospital, and civil government.

Work of constructing the harbor entrances is receiving much attention. The dredges at work in the Atlantic entrance last month removed 548,488 cubic yards of material, or more than has been taken out in any month, except December, 1908.

NEW YORK WANTS \$500,000 FOR WATER

New York, N. Y., Nov. 17.—The American Sugar Refining Company which has paid out more than \$2,000,000 in settlement of underweighting frauds, must reimburse New York city to the extent of \$525,000 for water, if a report of a referee handed down today is sustained. The city alleged that from 1897 to 1903 the sugar company used at its Williamsburg plant unmeasured water the taxes on which amounted to more than half a million dollars. Morgan J. O'Brien as referee finds for the city.

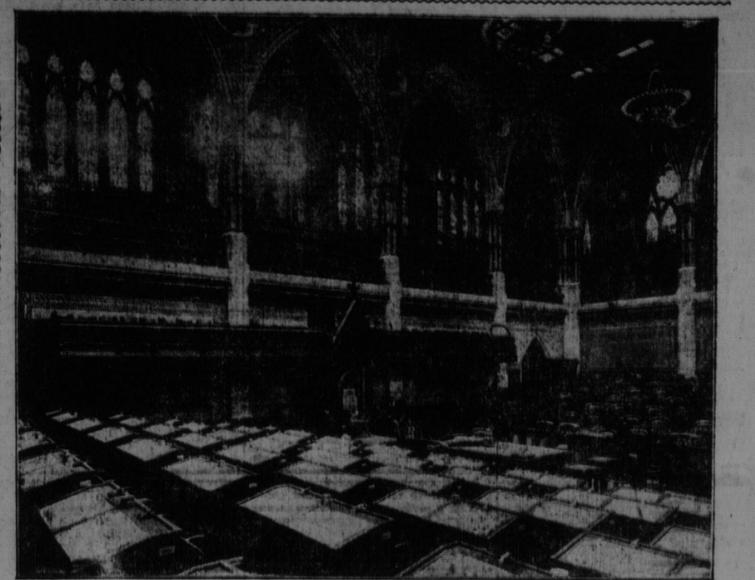
KING'S EXECUTIVE MEETS AT HALIFAX

Bishop Worrell Recommends Campaign For Raising \$125,000 For College Purposes.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Nov. 17.—A meeting of the executive of Kings College was held in the Church of England Institute, the Bishop of Nova Scotia in the chair, tonight. The Bishop of Fredericton was also present. Bishop Worrell recommended that an effort be made to raise an additional endowment fund of \$100,000 and also \$25,000 for the erection of buildings for science and other uses. This report was referred to a strong committee and their report is to be presented at a meeting in St. John in February. The reports of Kings and also of the collegiate school were very satisfactory indeed. A resolution was moved to hand over the funds and securities to the Eastern Trust Company.

LYNN CASE TO JURY TODAY

Salem, Mass., Nov. 17.—Testifying through interpreters, Wassill Ivanowski, and Andrei Ison, on trial in the Superior Court here for the murder of Thomas A. Landrean, a shoe manufacturer, and Policeman James H. Carroll, on June 25 last, today concluded giving evidence in their own behalf. They agreed in nearly every statement, saying the shooting and robbery were not the result of prearrangement. The case was not given to the jury today as was expected. District Attorney W. Scott Peters had not finished his closing argument when adjournment was taken at 6:45 tonight. The jury will receive the case tomorrow forenoon.



INSIDE VIEW OF HOUSE OF COMMONS, SPEAKER'S CHAIR IS SEEN TO THE LEFT.

POLICE CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED

Mayor Gaynor Patterns New York Detective Force After Scotland Yard As Forecasted in Standard.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 17.—The big shakeup in the police department that has been predicted ever since Mayor Gaynor took office occurred today and the new order will go into effect next Saturday morning. The changes made today go to the foundations of the police department and place the entire detective force on a new footing. Beginning Saturday morning there will be no more branch detective bureaus in any of the boroughs except Brooklyn, which by geographical necessity has always been something of a law unto itself. Detectives will no longer report to captains of precincts or inspectors of districts but to the lieutenant captain of detectives who will be directly responsible to the inspector at headquarters in charge of the entire bureau, who in turn is under the second deputy commissioner. William Flynn, who recently received his command as chief of the eastern division of the United States secret service to accept service at the solicitation of Mayor Gaynor under his new commissioner, James S. Cropper.

In short, the plain clothes men, the handy man of captains and inspectors, the ready errand runner for "the system," have come to the end of their rope. Detectives will be no part of the precinct command and will work independently of the uniformed police. This is the policy of the English detective force which works under Scotland Yard, a centralized control, and it is also in line with the policy of the secret service in this country.

BOX CAR CLIMBS ON I.C.R. ENGINE

Peculiar Accident at Campbellton in Which Trainmen Have Miraculous Escape From Injury.

Special to The Standard. Campbellton, Nov. 17.—A rather peculiar accident occurred on the I. C. R. last evening almost in the railway yard here. Fortunately no person was seriously injured, although the engine men had a narrow escape from death. Conductor Dickie's special was running in the yard slowly with a box car trailing behind the van when the local express came along and ran into the special just at the neck end west of Andrew street crossing. One end of the boxcar was lifted right upon the engine and the van was also turned up on end, both cars being badly demolished. A flat car near the front of the special was doubled and twisted out of shape by the force of the collision. At the time of the accident it is said that one of the train hands was at the window at the top of the van and held his position unscathed until after the trains came to a standstill. W. J. Smith while looking at the wreckage from the point of the rocky bluff, fell over the cliff and sustained some bad bruises which however, are not serious.

AWFUL DEATH OF AVIATOR

Denver, Colo., Nov. 17.—With one wing tip of his machine crumpled up like a piece of paper, Ralph Johnstone, the brilliant young aviator, holder of the world's altitude record, dropped today like a plummet from the height of 500 feet into the inclosure at Overland Park aviation field and was instantly killed.

When the spectators, crowded about the inclosure, reached him, his body lay beneath the engine of the biplane, with the white plane that had failed him in his time of need wrapped about it like a shroud. Nearly every bone in his body was broken. He had gambled with death once too often, but he played the game to the end, fighting coolly and grimly to the last second to regain control of his broken machine.

Fresh from his triumphs at Belmont Park, where he had broken the world's record for altitude with a flight of 9,714 feet, Johnstone attempted to give the thousands of spectators an extra thrill with his most daring feat, the spiral glide which has made the Wright aviator famous. The spectators got their thrill, but it cost Johnstone his life.

800 Feet Up. He was then at an altitude of about 800 feet. With his planes tilted at an angle of almost ninety degrees, he swooped down in a narrow circle, the aeroplane seeming to turn almost in its own length. As he started the second circle the middle spur which braces the left side of the lower plane gave way, and the wing tips of both upper and lower planes doubled up as though they had been blinged.

For a second Johnstone attempted to right the plane by warping the other wing tip. Then the horrified spectators saw the plane swoop and plunge straight toward the earth.

Johnstone was thrown from his seat as the nose of the plane swung downward. He caught one of the wire stays between the planes and grasped one of the wood braces of the upper plane with both hands. Then working with hands and feet he tried by main strength to warp the planes so that their surfaces might catch the air and check his descent. For a second it seemed he might succeed, for a second the machine turned completely over and the spectators fled wildly as the broken plane with the aviator still struggling bravely in its mesh of wires and stays, plunged among them with a crash.

Scarcely had Johnstone hit the ground before morbid men and women swarmed over the wreckage, fighting each other for souvenirs.

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STANDARD OIL CLEAR OF FINE

Judge McCall Finds Against U. S. Government In Important Case Involving Penalties Of \$30,000,000.

Jackson, Tenn., Nov. 17.—In a ruling which required just twenty minutes to read, Judge John F. McCall, in the United States Circuit Court today wrote "his to the efforts of the government to have assessed against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana penalties aggregating in excess of \$30,000,000. The rulings of the court instructing that a verdict of not guilty be returned, took place on the conclusion of the chief case of the prosecution and in substance holds with the contentions of the defense that after four years the United States failed to build its structure of evidence other than on sand.

The suit at issue was probably the most important litigation against one of the greater corporations ever fought out in the south. Concluding Judge McCall said, citing the right of the great and small to an equal footing before the courts, "When the courts swing away from this rule, and those convicted of crime, are convicted by other means, the justice of our boasted jurisprudence will soon become a hollow mockery and the judgments of our courts will be held in derision and contempt."

The formal charge to the jury sustaining the motion of the defense and instructing a verdict of not guilty followed.

It is understood that the termination of the present suit will have an important bearing on other suits against the larger corporations pending.

CHOLERA SUSPECT HELD AT QUEBEC

Quebec, Nov. 17.—The Canadian Northern steamer Royal George which arrived this morning from Bristol is held by the immigration authorities because of a suspected case of cholera. The patient is a Russian named Gathies Seidan and is a man about 40 years of age.

He was destined for Ontario, Wis., but Dr. Bailey, of the United States immigration staff, rejected him and ordered the ship held up for inspection. Consequently none of the passengers were landed. It is probable that they will have to remain on board until advices come from Ottawa.

CLEARED OF MURDER; FACE SERIOUS CHARGE

Montreal, Nov. 17.—Chevrier, Demerote and Perrault, the three men charged by the coroner's jury with the murder of Cecile Michand, acquitted by Judge Bazin owing to lack of direct evidence, are still awaiting trial on a charge of abducting the girl and a still more serious charge under the Callous Act, and at the inquest the coroner stated that there was no doubt of their guilt in this connection. Even though the murder charge fails it is improbable that the crime against the little girl will go altogether unavenged.

BLUEJACKETS ROBBED.

Brest, Nov. 17.—Four American bluejackets were waylaid and robbed last night by a gang of waterside rangers. The police arrested the ringleaders.