

LIBERALS OPPOSED TO PROBING GRAFT

They Sat in Sullen Anger While Miller Faced Bar of House.

NAVAL AID BILL ON SECOND READING

Both Sides United in Opinion that Canada Should Recognize Captain Scott's Bravery — Grant will Likely be Made.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Three separate subjects occupied the House today. First, R. C. Miller, former president of the Diamond Light and Power Co. was brought to the bar, was ordered to tell how he spent \$41,000 which he says he laid out in graft, defied the House and was committed to the custody of the House, to appear again tomorrow.

Secondly, A moving and pathetic scene took place when both sides united in paying honor to the memory of Capt. Scott and his fellow heroes. Mr. Borden intimating that a grant of money will be made by Canadians to the defendants of the brave men who died.

Thirdly, The Naval Aids was resumed, this time on the second reading of the bill.

The Miller case proved exceedingly interesting and absorbing that between 1907 and 1911, while the Laurier government was in power, Miller, as president of his company, obtained a number of contracts which aggregated \$117,000. He could not account to his company for \$41,000, and said that he had paid it out to certain persons to get the business. Tomorrow accounts committee, observing this avowal of graft, in effect a statement that the government had paid \$117,000 when the company got only \$76,000 investigated, and Miller refused to say to whom he had given the money. The question was put to him again at the bar of the House, and he defied the authority of the House on ground that to answer might incriminate him.

Miller was promptly committed to the custody of the Sergeant at Arms and is in custody tonight. Tomorrow he will be summoned again to appear, and if he still proves obdurate will be confined closely within the precincts of the House. If he persists in his refusal the House has power to send him to prison. The British House has repeatedly sent offenders to Newgate and the Tower.

Liberals Show Sullen Anger.

The behavior of the Liberals was very curious. They did not dare to challenge a division, the defiance of the House being open and gross, but they showed sullen anger. In view of the fact that Miller has accused the Laurier government of grafting on a serious scale, and that an investigation which proved his statements untrue would vindicate the honor of the Laurier government, this restless impatient anger wears a very curious aspect.

Further, as the Liberals are in opposition and must oppose the bill, the accounts committee, they naturally would desire that the committee be made strong. Yet they resented the precedent being established of a witness being forced to answer.

Placed at the Bar.

On the special order being called, the Deputy Sergeant at Arms brought Mr. Miller into the House and placed him at the bar.

Mr. Middlebrooke moved that the Speaker require Mr. Miller to answer the question to whom he had paid the sum of \$41,000 to secure contracts aggregating \$117,000.

The motion was carried. Mr. Miller asked for the privilege of being represented by counsel.

Mr. Middlebrooke moved that this be granted and the motion carried. Accordingly Mr. Miller's counsel, George Kidd, appeared beside him.

The Speaker then repeated the question and Mr. Kidd said that under advice of counsel his client refused to answer on the ground that it might incriminate him to answer and that it was an unwarranted interference with his private affairs.

Mr. Middlebrooke held that this defense did not incriminate Mr. Miller. Answers would be privileged or would do him no harm. He accordingly moved that the witness be taken into custody by the Sergeant at Arms.

On Mr. Speaker putting the question cries of dissent rose from the Liberals. The yeas and nays were called and Mr. Speaker declared that the yeas had it. An effort was made to divide the House but this failed, only two Liberals, Messrs. Chisholm (Antigonish) and C. A. Wilson (Laval) rising.

MUCH GOOD ADVICE FOR FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN

Practical Addresses by Experts Marked Yesterday's Sessions at Fredericton — Members of Women's Institute Open Convention — York and Sunbury Poultry Show.

NEW BRUNSWICK WILL BE KNOWN AS HOME OF "THE BIG RED APPLE"

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Feb. 18.—The second day of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Convention was a busy one, the extensive programme arranged in advance kept the delegates busy. The different sessions through the day were well attended and the keenest interest was displayed in all proceedings.

In the morning and afternoon classes in judging of heavy horses were conducted by Dr. Standish and interesting discussions were carried on. In the afternoon Prof. Stevenson of the Agricultural college at Truro conducted a class in dairy cattle judging.

In the evening the second public meeting was held in city hall, President Smith acting as chairman. The chief items on the programme were the addresses were of a practical nature. The committees on resolutions and nominations were also named at the meeting.

Breeding of Heavy Horses.

Dr. J. Standish opened the evening session with an instructive address on the question "Breeding and Rearing of Heavy Horses."

In his address Mr. Standish dealt with some of the common mistakes made by the breeder both at birth and in the early years of the animal. He pointed out that there is no phase of agricultural pursuit from which greater revenue is obtainable than in breeding heavy horses. A horse of good character will realize at least \$50, which is more profitable than either beef or butter.

Environment and Soundness.

Environment and soundness of the animal are essential in the rearing of good horses. Where

INFUL TOLL OF LIVES IN MEXICO CITY

Burning Dead Bodies With Flame from Broken Gas Main.

PITIFUL EXPERIENCE OF AMERICAN RESIDENT.

Watched by Wife's Corpse While Soldiers Robbed the House — Fashioned Coffin Himself and Buried Her in Basement.

Mexico City, Feb. 17.—(By courier to Vera Cruz, Feb. 18.)—From a source usually considered careful and conservative it has been stated that the number of dead in the Mexican fighting is not less than two thousand, while the total of the wounded amounts to from eight thousand to ten thousand. The great majority of these are not soldiers, but men, women and children unable to escape the lines of fire. This estimate was made after hearing the reports of scores of officers of the white and red cross societies and of the hospitals.

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A Pitiful Story.

In the basement of an apartment house a few blocks from the arsenal is the grave of Mrs. E. W. Holmes, one of the two Americans killed early in the fighting by the entrance into her home of a shell. For three days her husband stayed alone there with the corpse unable to remove it and unwilling to leave it, perhaps to suffer further mutilation.

Soldiers entered the apartment where he kept vigil and, before his eyes, robbed the body of its clothing and nails in the building and tools self constructed a coffin in which he laid the body of his wife. He carried the coffin to the arsenal and there buried her grave. No less frightful experiences doubtless have been those of many Mexicans, especially among the poorer classes.

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THREATEN TO KILL WITNESS

Squealer in New York Police Graft Investigation Afraid to Continue Evidence — Would Cut Tongue Out.

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New York, N. Y., Feb. 18.—If Luigi Tancredi, a state witness in the police graft investigation, does further "squealing" supplementing his testimony that was followed by the indictment of a patrolman, his tongue will be cut out, according to the threat of two men whose identity Tancredi did not know. This information reached Attorney Whitman today.

Newspaper clippings telling how a one-time gambler, since shot to death by an enemy, cut the ear of an employe who "squealed" and nailed it to the wall of his resort, were shown to Tancredi by the man who said they would cut out his tongue if he gave more testimony for the state.

Tancredi, a hotel keeper, involved in his grand jury testimony Policeman Thomas Robinson who, with Dennis Sweeney, inspector and John J. Hartigan, detective, was indicted yesterday. Sweeney under suspension was reduced to captain today.

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MADERO OUSLED; HELD AS PRISONER

Arrested in National Palace by Soldiers of General Blanquet

BATTLE AT END IN CITY OF MEXICO

General Huerta Proclaimed Provisional President by Followers of Diaz and Blanquet — Cabinet, Ministers Were Also Captured.

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Francisco I. Madero has been forced out of the presidency. He was arrested at the national palace shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon by General Blanquet.

General Victoriano Huerta, remainder of the federal troops was proclaimed provisional president. About the time Madero was seized by Blanquet his brother, Gustavo Madero, the former minister of finance was arrested by General Huerta, who was dining with him in a public restaurant.

All the members of the cabinet were promptly placed under arrest with the exception of Ernest Madero, the uncle of the president, who held the portfolio of finance. He was apprised of the intentions against the government and managed to make his escape.

Notwithstanding the fact that some definite action was expected today, the capture of Madero, arrested a week ago in the city, was a surprise. It could not be ascertained for several hours.

Was Result of Plot.

The direct movement against Madero was the result of a plot which had been brewing since yesterday and which possibly existed with Blanquet for a much greater length of time.

From the first it had been known that General Blanquet was unwilling to fight. His men were of the same mind. He held complete command over them, and it was known that they would follow him in any adventure, which they did at the national palace this afternoon. The force numbering 1,000 men arrived at the national palace and immediately to the palace tentatively to relieve the reserves there. The reserves were sent out into the field.

An agreement between Generals Blanquet and Huerta was reached last night, but the first intimation that Blanquet's men had of the new role they were to play was shortly before the successful stroke was made. Blanquet drew his men up in order and delivered a stirring speech.

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LAST MINUTE FLASHES

TAKING PATTERN FROM ENGLAND.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—Women in favor of equal suffrage stormed the senate chamber and cordials of the state capital today in advocacy of "Votes for Women." Every member of the senate opposed to the enfranchisement of women was sought out and asked to support the suffrage amendment.

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