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**Official Investigation of the Proudfoot Charges Opened Yesterday—Heated Arguments Between Counsel Lead to Innuendoes Being Expunged From Evidence—Letter From Harry Mansville Caused a Disturbance.**

From the lips of L. E. C. Thorne, the arbitrator in the Taylor-Scott contract under investigation by the special committee of privileges and elections, now in session at the legislature, came a vindication late last evening of the honest and straightforward dealing of Hon. W. J. Hanna in the settlement of all contracts and the conduct of all government matters germane to the charges preferred by William Proudfoot of Centre Huron. In all his acquaintanceship with the provincial secretary, dealing with the issuance of the flat in which corrupt practice had been charged and the settlement of the contractor's claim which gave rise to the whole situation, he had found nothing that was in any way derogatory to the character of the minister, either by deception, self-interest or at all subversive of the interests of the province. In his knowledge further, all proceedings had been of an honest nature and without irregularity. The history of the department as he knew it, from an inside knowledge thru years of experience, was capable and reliable.

**Four Witnesses Heard.**

Mr. Thorne concluded a series of four witnesses appearing in succession since the initial assembly of the committee at 10 a.m. and without close examination from both prosecuting and defending counsel.

At the opening of the session Messrs. Hartley Dewar, K.C., and W. J. Elliott appeared for William Proudfoot, who launched the charges, and later in the day these were reinforced by the testimony of M. K. Cowan, Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., and W. M. Ferguson, K.C., were retained by Hon. Mr. Hanna and Sir James Whitney.

The earlier part of the examination in which S. A. Armstrong, assistant provincial secretary, J. R. Cartwright, deputy attorney-general, and Warden Gilmore of the Central Prison appeared in the witness box was devoid of incident. The atmosphere of the evening, however, became charged with legal controversy, and harsh expressions speed back and forth freely. The ruling of the chairman as to the relevancy of material was again and again submitted amid excitement to the committee and each time sustained. Parts of the evidence also, which due to the persistency on the part of the accusing counsel were entered upon the records, was as rapidly expunged. At 11 o'clock adjournment until 10 o'clock today took place.

**Papers Are Lost.**

Mr. Dewar began the examination by asking S. A. Armstrong, assistant provincial secretary, for the contract originally made between the Taylor-Scott Company and the government. Mr. Armstrong told that it with certain relative papers was not to be found. A letter of July 9, 1907, and one later were also missing. These were from the inspector of the Central Prison to the contractors and vice-versa.

"Was there an attachment showing the five details under which the claim was made?" asked the counsel.

"No, I do not think so," was the reply.

Mr. Armstrong stated that the papers were lost.

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**THE GENTLE ART OF HOLLER.**

**Jeff: Is that you, John? That crier he is an awfu' place.**

**John: How so?**

**Jeff: Th' way they call out th' yin an' th' yan. Do you mean 'hollerin'?' There's two kinds. There's th' kin' th' T'y put up when it hollers against anything that Little Hocken proposes. Then all our crowd starts to holler in Th' T'y and to holler at th' yan in hall, with Tommy Church in th' lead, an' to holler th' loudest. Th' reporters all start to holler, an' to turn han'p'ring, and they get raises up pay by their hollers an' jumpin'.**

**Jeff: I saw them at it—**

**John: I saw them at it—**

**Jeff: I dinna see muckle in either. John! You don't! Th' only way to run a city is by holler; holler in th' paper, holler in th' street, holler in th' city hall, an' holler at your typewriter when dictatin' (shunder and lightning) articles. Yuh ought to hear our Johnny doin' it after he's worked himself up over somethin' at Hocken's, give me a good holler in mine every time, a fresh start-off.**

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**Tyrone Power is Appreciated.**

The audiences which have greeted Mr. Tyrone Power Monday evening and again last night at the Princess have been thoroughly appreciative and indicate that the people enjoy the stage's best offerings. There will be a popular-priced matinee today.

# The Toronto World

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## SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY WILL TAKE OVER THE HOME LIFE ASSETS BY DEAL CLOSING TODAY

**Negotiations Which Will Be Concluded This Morning Cover About Two Million Dollars, Including Adelaide Street Building—Policy-Holders Will Be Protected.**

This afternoon a meeting will be held to complete negotiations for the absorption of the Sun Life Assurance Company, Montreal, of the assets of the Home Life Assurance Association, T. A. Macaulay, the Sun Life managing director, meets directors of the smaller company to settle a few undetermined questions. Until the negotiations are terminated and ratified officials of the companies affected refuse to give details of the financial arrangements made. It is quite likely, however, that the amount involved will reach two million dollars. John A. Life, said last night that negotiations had been progressing for two or three weeks, but he had not been advised that they were practically completed. The World heard yesterday. Home Life officials declared the policyholders were being fully protected in the deal. The transaction for the Home Life is entirely independent of the Union Life Assurance Company and the National Agency Company. The three companies have the same directorate with H. Polman Evans president of each, the only exception being that of J. K. McCutcheon is managing director of the Home Life. The deal, it was declared, was entirely separate from the affairs of the Union Life, although the two companies appeared to be interlocked.

If today's meeting successfully concludes negotiations, the Sun Life will make the Home Life building, at the northwest corner of Adelaide and Victoria streets, its Toronto headquarters. This property, opposite the postal extension site, is valued at from \$500,000 to \$600,000. The building will be remodelled.

## TRADE MINISTER FOR ONTARIO SUGGESTED

**Retail Merchants Will Ask the Government to Create a New Department—Dominion Labor Bureau Was Criticized as Distributing Misleading Information.**

"That the executive be requested to lay before the Ontario Government the fact that there is no proper provision made whereby many important trade subjects that affect the Province of Ontario can be dealt with in a proper manner, and that they should provide a department of trade, with a minister of trade presiding over it, similar to the department of agriculture and the department of labor."

The above resolution was unanimously passed at the 14th annual convention of the Ontario Retail Merchants' Association, held in Massey Hall yesterday. It was the outcome of the declaration on the part of President Wesloh, of Berlin, that such a department in the Ontario Government was now an absolute necessity.

"There is a pronounced lack of facilities possessed by the Ontario Government in giving information on the conditions of the province," said President Wesloh. "They have a department of labor, of agriculture, of mining, and for almost every other interest. But the most important of all—the commercial interests of the province—has been overlooked and has no department at all."

"At the present time some very important rules and regulations concerning retail merchants are placed under the direction of the department of agriculture or the department of labor. The result is that we have inspectors giving us instructions who are not familiar with our work."

A Little Concern.

The Dominion Government also came in for censure in the following resolution:

"That it is the opinion of this convention that the publication issued by the department of labor, at Ottawa, giving the wholesale prices in Canada of various articles, does not in any way assist either the merchants or the general public, and that it is misleading in its intentions, and apt to leave a wrong impression in the public mind. We, therefore, ask this convention to advise the Dominion Government to discontinue the publication of such a list of prices."

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## Italy May Be Austria's Ally

### LONDON THINKS ALARM NEEDLESS

**Optimism Has Not Vanished From Diplomatic Circles, Despite Messages From Vienna and Berlin.**

**Special Cable to The World.**  
LONDON, April 29.—(Copyright.)—Despite the alarming messages from Vienna and Berlin optimism has not vanished from London diplomatic circles. A very high authority stated today that it is quite incorrect to say Austria had broken away from the concert of Europe. At the last meeting of the ambassadors' conference her representative was still working with the representatives of the other powers, and late tonight no official information had reached London to confirm the report that Austria had determined to act alone.

The alarming message from the Austrian capital and lack of official confirmation suggest the revival of what is known as "the heir apparent's press bureau," which has been responsible for 90 per cent of the groundless alarms which have come from the far east during the past six months.

The situation, however, contains elements of great peril. Montenegro gives evidence of being determined, and Austria will not agree to wait much longer. It is suspected that some of the powers are not ready to support warlike measures against King Nicholas, and, besides, it is generally believed nothing serious will happen before the next meeting of the ambassadors on Thursday.

## TROOPS NOT YET OVER FRONTIER

**Austrians Are, However, Reported to Have Seized Railways—Albania Is Storm-Tossed.**

LONDON, April 30.—(Can. Press.)—A Graz dispatch to The Daily Telegraph says that the Austrian military authorities have taken possession of the railways running to the south, but that no movement of Austrian troops across the Montenegrin frontier has occurred as yet.

The Vienna correspondent of The Chronicle gives details of a plot according to which the Turco-Albanian committee at Constantinople appealed to Essad Pasha and King Nicholas to save Albania for the Koran by overturning the provisional government at Avlona. This was described as an instrument set up in the interests of the great powers.

The committee also summoned Djavid Pasha to assist Essad Pasha. The latter concluded a compact with Crown Prince Daud, which afterwards was signed by King Nicholas. This compact provided for the sultan's sovereignty over Albania, the state which was then being proclaimed by King Nicholas, and the latter proclaimed himself as king. It is rumored that Djavid Pasha has overthrown the provisional government at Avlona.

An Antivari despatch to The Express says: "Fifteen thousand troops are here and soldiers are arriving continually. Every preparation is being made to hold the town against attack. Famine prevails, however, and only the smallest supplies can be given to the starving thousands."

## OUTBREAK MAY YET BE AVERTED

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LONDON, April 29.—(Copyright.)—Dr. Dillon in a Vienna dispatch to the Morning Telegraph, indicates that unless at their meeting in London on Thursday the ambassadors of the powers reconsider their attitudes, Austria will re-assert her liberty of action, and adopt suitable measures, either in conjunction with such other powers who may be willing to aid her or alone, to evict the Montenegrins from Scutari.

Down to Monday Austria was continually to continue the political line she had been pursuing theretofore, unless the inaction of the powers should compel her to change her tack and resume her liberty of action, whereas today she declares that her hand is free and she is accordingly busy, very busy in devising a scheme for occupying Scutari.

**Little Ground for Hope.**

"Those are the rugged facts of the case; the airy hope is that on Thursday, Europe, which is now in a pathological state of divided intellect, and feeling, may merge the two in some felicitous formula that can be embodied in a fruitful action. Few people of critical discernment share this hope, because no reconciliation of the two opposite tendencies among the governments is possible without a compromise to which Austria, with her real and weighty interests in the Balkans, cannot and other powers yearning for prestige, will not consent."

## BRILLIANT HORSE SHOW OPENING

**LOT OF COLOR GOOD JUMPERS AT THE OPENING ON FIRST NIGHT**

**Gaily Gowned Women, Brilliant Decorations, Good Music and Beautiful Horses Made a Memorable Scene.**

Color ran riot last night at the armories when the nineteenth Canadian National Horse Show opened under most auspicious circumstances. Fine weather, music, brilliancy, gaily-gowned women, and the finest horses in the Dominion. What more could be desired by even the beautiful Queen City of Canada?

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