

FRENCH CABINET HAS RESIGNED

ACTION CAUSES POLITICAL SENSATION

Premier's Opponents in His Own Party Accused of Plotting Overthrow

Paris, Feb. 27.—Premier Briand and the whole French cabinet resigned at 10 o'clock this afternoon.

The decision to retire was reached on Saturday afternoon at a conference in the premier's office, when the political situation was thoroughly canvassed. The bare majority of sixteen which the government received Friday night in a vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies following the premier's arraignment by the radical socialists, Louis Malvy and Paul Meslin, was a sore blow to the premier and his associates, who had been sustained many times in previous crises by much larger votes. In the end M. Briand said he was "sick of it all."

The decision of the ministry to withdraw has caused an enormous political sensation. The Conservative newspapers declare that the forces of extreme radicalism are triumphing over conservatism and progressive reform, regarding the clerical issue which was raised on Friday as a mere pretext to attain M. Briand's downfall. They point out that it is ridiculous to accuse the man who constructed the separation law of an intrigue against the ministry, and that the state are completely divorced, M. Briand has been following out a general programme of "appeasement."

The vote in the chamber of deputies therefore is interpreted as the result of an intrigue against M. Briand's administration in his own party, who have been plotting his overthrow since the great crisis in the railway strike and blocking the premier's programme of nationalization in laboration in connection with public service corporations.

NEW TRAIN FOR COAST

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—The Canadian Pacific has decided to put on a magnificent through train from Toronto to Vancouver next March. Business is increasing so rapidly that the express cannot even now accommodate passengers arriving here daily by the Toronto-Winnipeg train bound to the Pacific coast points, particularly Vancouver and Victoria.

FREIGHT CARS WRECKED

Crushed Down Embankment and Smashed to Pieces.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Seventeen Grand Trunk railway freight cars, heavily laden, were thrown down the embankment west of the Humbler yesterday morning and piled in a heap. Most of the cars were reduced to kindling wood and their contents, consisting almost wholly of iron, was scattered broadcast. Alexander, a sectionman, had his leg broken. The freight was bound from Port Huron to Portland. It was 30 o'clock last night before the line was clear. The monetary loss will reach \$35,000.

INVESTIGATION IS DEMANDED BY JUDGE

Woman Declares She Handed Him \$3,000 Before He Sent the Miners to Jail

(Times Leased Wire.)

Denver, Colo., Feb. 27.—District Judge Whitford appeared to-day in the federal court here and demanded a grand jury investigation of statements made before a legislative committee by Mrs. Margaret Miller that she had handed Whitford \$3,000 in cash three days before he sentenced 16 miners to jail for contempt, incurred in violating injunction issued by him.

The statement of Mrs. Miller was made before a committee investigating alleged proceedings brought against Whitford by the Federation of Labor. She alleged that a man, whose name was not revealed, gave her the money and asked her to hand it to Whitford, giving her \$10 for her trouble. She said this man was formerly an agent for the Mine Owners' association of Cripple Creek. She asserted that her conscience inspired her to appear voluntarily before the committee and tell her story.

Mrs. Miller is out of the penitentiary at Colorado Springs, having been sentenced to a term on the charge of having aided Mrs. Sarah Alt of Cripple Creek. Judge Whitford appeared personally in court, received in full the charge made against him by Mrs. Miller and said: "If this charge is true I should not be impeached, but indicted, contrary to the law and sentenced to the penitentiary for the full term of the statutory period."

"Criminal Judge Blais promised to consider Judge Whitford's request."

EIGHT INDIANS KILLED IN FIGHT

FOUR OTHERS CAPTURED BY STATE POLICE

Two Squaws and Two Children Accidentally Shot During the Battle

(Times Leased Wire.)

Reno, Nev., Feb. 27.—News of a battle between state troops and Indians yesterday at Kelly ranch, 40 miles west of Tuscarora, in which eight of the Indians were killed, four captured and one of the state police, Jack Herdic was killed, reached here to-day. In the fight two squaws and two children were accidentally killed and one squaw and two children were captured.

The band of Indians wiped out in the fight was the one which had murdered four wealthy stockmen in northwestern Tashoe county more than a month ago. Since then, under Sheriff Perrell and officers of the state police have been constantly on their trail, through hundreds of miles of mountain canyons from the scene of the massacre at Little High Rock canyon.

Just at noon yesterday a posse of state police who were striving to cut off the Indians' supplies from the Pyramid Lake reservation to which they were fleeing, came upon the band at Kelly's ranch.

As soon as they sighted the police the Indians opened fire, talking cover behind every available rock and tree. For more than three hours the battle was fought before a rush ended the red men's resistance.

There is no doubt but that the band wiped out was that which killed the stockmen. Watches and property belonging to the massacred victims were found among the Indians' effects after the battle.

When the posse and the Indians clashed, the bucks and police both took to cover and the Indians opened fire at once. Before long their ammunition was exhausted and they fell back upon the bushes and arrows of their bows. The fighting with desperation until all were down and chanting their death songs which rang out above the rattle of their pursuers' rifles.

The end of the fight came with the killing of the last Royal. Military college at Sandhurst and suggests this special inducement will be made in order to fill the commissioned ranks.

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AERONAUTICS IN BRITISH ARMY

Over Half Million Dollars for This Branch of Service.

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 27.—The army estimates for 1911-12 show a total of \$138,450,000. This is \$300,000 less than the estimates for the preceding year. In an accompanying memorandum War Secretary Haldane points out that there is a disquieting shortage of qualified pilots for the Royal Military college at Sandhurst and suggests this special inducement will be made in order to fill the commissioned ranks.

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DICTATORSHIP PROBABLE

Will Probably Be Established in Portugal Dictatorship until the Presidential In April

Lisbon, via Fuent de Onaro, Spain, Feb. 27.—Ruling of Portugal by a military dictatorship until the presidential election in April is believed to be imminent to-day. Troops sent to suppress Royalist outbreaks are acting with great severity. It is believed that Minister Machado will control the dictatorship if such a regime is established.

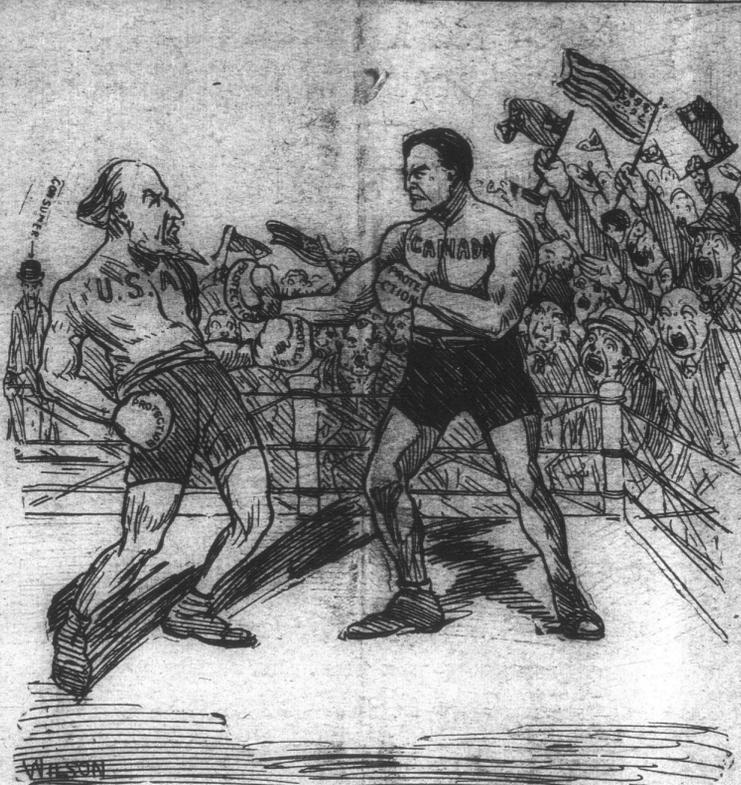
FISHERMEN ADRIFT ON BIG ICE FLOE

One Hundred Men Reported Safe—Four Hundred Not Yet Accounted for

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Reports to-day from Narva and Helsinki speak of the ice effect that approximately 100 of the 500 fishermen who went adrift on an ice floe in the Gulf of Finland are safe to-day.

One portion of the floe, carrying about 45 men has been driven ashore near Helsinki island, and another portion with about the same number of men has grounded near Kolisto, in Bjorko Sound.



JINGO VIEW OF RECIPROcity. YANKEE PROTECTIONISTS AND STANDPATTERS—Hand him an annexation upper cut, Uncle! BRITISH AND CANADIAN PROTECTIONISTS AND STANDPATTERS—It 'im in the bread-basket, Johnny!

MUTINY AMONG TURKISH TROOPS

SOLDIERS FORTIFY THEMSELVES IN PALACE

(Times Leased Wire.)

Philippopolis, Bulgaria, Feb. 27.—Mutiny by the garrison of the Yildiz palace, which objected to being sent against the rebels of the Yemen district, is reported to-day in dispatches received here from Constantinople.

With the Yildiz mutineers are a battery of artillery and the rebels are fortifying themselves in the palace against expected attack by a large detachment of troops and police which surround the fortress. A fight is likely to-day.

Little news of the crisis has come out of Constantinople, as the censorship is of the strictest kind. It is believed that the strongest measures will be taken to suppress the revolt, as there is great danger that it may spread from Constantinople to the army.

FUNERAL OF FRENCH MINISTER

Paris, Feb. 27.—Premier Briand delivered the funeral address over the body of the late Minister Brun at the Austerlitz railway station here to-day. Two miles of solid troops lined the route taken to the station by the funeral cortege.

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THIRTY MEN FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

Their Ice Boat Falls Into Crevasse in the Caspian Sea

(Times Leased Wire.)

Astrakhan, Russia, Feb. 27.—Thirty men who formed the crew of an ice boat on the Caspian sea were found to-day frozen to death.

Their ice boat had plunged into a crevasse, and though the men escaped the water, they froze before they could reach a shore.

WILL KING YET REIGN IN STATES?

DEBATE ON DIRECT ELECTION OF SENATORS

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—"If we can't govern ourselves, let us have a king," was the meat of an address by Rayner of Maryland, in the senate to-day, speaking to the resolution for the direct election of United States senators.

"I would rather trust the people than a legislature," said Rayner, "and I consider that the carrying out of this resolution would be the greatest political reform in a generation."

"If the people haven't the intelligence to select their own representatives then we had better submit a constitutional amendment and change the government to a monarchy. If the people must have political slave masters, let us invest them with a royal power, for it will have been shown that the republic is a failure."

"One senator has said that the resolution before this chamber would wreck the constitution and founder the ship of state. I venture to say that no amendment will ever be made to the constitution that will impair the spirit of that instrument. The ship of state will easily weather a gale that has practically spent itself in this chamber. It may be necessary to change pilots, to jettison part of the cargo, the shores may be strewn with stranded hulks, but, armed with manhood and courage, the honor of the nation and the ship of state are safe."

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EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS CERTAIN

VOTE ON RECIPROcity WILL BE DELAYED

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Both Republican and Democratic leaders to-day told President Taft that an extra session of congress was inevitable if he is determined to get a vote on Canadian reciprocity.

Senator Bailey declared he would prevent a vote on a permanent tariff board and the regulars have offered to agree if the Progressives, on their part, will permit a vote on reciprocity and on the Lorimer case. As the Democrats intend to filibuster against the Progressive plan, a tie-up seems certain.

By a vote of 66 to 12 the senate this afternoon decided to continue consideration of the Lorimer case, and Senator Crawford commenced speaking. Senator Stone announced that he would address the senate Wednesday.

Senator Jones of Washington "was up a tree" to-day because of conflicting telegrams received from Seattle constituents bearing on the reciprocity measure. He read both in the senate. One message was signed by lumber and logging firms and urged him to support the measure. Another was signed by Seattle bankers, who asked him to oppose the agreement, saying the passage of the treaty would ruin all industries involved.

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MAYOR AND ALDERMEN ARE AGAIN IN OFFICE

House Passed Enabling Act This Afternoon and His Honor Attended to Give Royal Assent—Terms of the Bill.

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 27.—Victoria is again in possession of a city council, empowered to carry on all the routine of civic business. The very first thing done at the first morning sitting of the House was the introduction by Premier McBride of a bill to provide for a special election of mayor and aldermen for the city, incidental to which the old council is authorized to carry on the affairs of the capital. The bill was put through committee at once, and this afternoon his honor attended and gave the royal assent to it.

The premier, in introducing the bill, spoke of the urgency of the measure, and asked for immediate action on it. The House agreed to, and after first and second readings went into committee on it. The preamble and the sections validating the acts of the council and continuing them in office temporarily are as follows:

"Whereas an election for the purpose of electing mayor and aldermen for the city of Victoria was held on the 12th day of January, 1911, and as the result of such election A. J. Morley was elected mayor of the said city of Victoria, and W. C. Moresby, W. F. Fullerton, W. McKay Ross, Alex Peden, William Gleason, H. M. Fullerton, Geo. Okell, W. H. Langley, W. M. Russell Humber and H. F. Bishop were elected aldermen of the said city of Victoria:

"And whereas the election of the said mayor has been declared invalid by the courts on the ground that the list of voters used in such election was not properly compiled, and therefore not a valid list:

"And whereas the list of voters used for the election of the said aldermen was the same list as was used for the election of the said mayor, and therefore the election of the said aldermen was not valid:

"And whereas it is necessary and expedient to hold as quickly as possible a new election for mayor and aldermen of the said city of Victoria and to compile a new list of voters for the said election, and until such new election to provide for the government of the said city of Victoria:

"And whereas neither the Municipal Elections Act nor the Municipal Clauses Act contain provisions for the compilation of a new list of voters under the circumstances which have arisen, and it is necessary to make special provisions therefor and for the holding of an election on the said new list:

"Therefore, his Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia enacts as follows:

"1. It is hereby declared that the election of mayor and aldermen for the said city of Victoria held on the 12th day of January, 1911, is null and void, and it is hereby declared that the mayor and council for the said city of Victoria, elected in the year 1910, discontinued office on the said 12th day of January, 1911, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 86 of the Municipal Clauses Act.

"2. All acts and things done and proceedings entered into, done or passed, and by-laws passed by the said A. J. Morley and W. C. Moresby, W. F. Fullerton, W. McKay, Alex Peden, Wm. Gleason, H. M. Fullerton, Geo. Okell, W. H. Langley, W. M. Russell Humber and H. F. Bishop, shall be deemed to be valid and of full force and effect, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, he deemed to be valid to all intents and purposes whatsoever, just as if the said mayor and council had been properly elected: Always provided, that the same were within the jurisdiction and powers of the said mayor and council if they had been properly elected.

"3. The said A. J. Morley and the said W. C. Moresby, W. F. Fullerton, W. McKay Ross, Alex Peden, Wm. Gleason, H. M. Fullerton, Geo. Okell, W. H. Langley, W. M. Russell Humber and H. F. Bishop shall be deemed to be respectively the mayor and council of the said city of Victoria from the 12th day of January, 1911, until a date to be fixed by the lieutenant-governor in council by proclamation published once in the British Columbia Gazette, upon which date the said offices of mayor and aldermen shall be and become vacant, and during the said period the said mayor and aldermen shall have the same full and complete powers to carry on the following as if the said mayor and aldermen had been duly elected:

"(a) All necessary routine business of the city of Victoria.

"(b) The payment of all city officials and employees and of all moneys payable or to become payable under any contract.

"(c) The payment of all interest and principal falling due in respect of any present indebtedness of the city.

"(d) Works under construction or works already under contract to be constructed.

"Provided that nothing in this clause shall permit the council to enter into any new contract for the undertaking of new work; and further always provided, the said mayor and aldermen shall not have, during said period, any power to pass any money by-laws or to submit the same to the voters of the said city of Victoria."

While acting the mayor and aldermen will be entitled to the usual remuneration. They are declared not to be liable to any penalties for anything done by them from January 12 to February 21. The lieutenant-governor in council may declare their temporary offices vacant as at a date to be fixed by proclamation, and may appoint two dates later than this for nomination and polling days. The mayor and aldermen shall fix the places for holding nominations, the polling places, a returning officer and a deputy returning officer, who shall preside at the respective polling places and shall, previous to the day of nomination, furnish the returning officer with a list of voters for each ward, and otherwise arrange for the holding of the election herein provided for.

Preparing Voters List.

The lieutenant-governor in council shall appoint a commissioner to prepare a new list of voters, upon which the election shall be held, and which, when finally certified by the commissioner, shall be deemed to be absolutely valid, binding and conclusive, and no appeal or application to the courts of any sort whatsoever shall lie to vary, quash, change or question in any way, or to affect the said list of voters. The qualifications of voters are thus set forth:

(a) Any male or female being a British subject of the full age of 21 years who is the registered owner of real estate of the assessed value of not less than one hundred dollars, and who is within the said city of Victoria on the 12th day of January, 1911.

(b) Any male or female who is of the full age of twenty-one years, who is the registered owner of a residential British subject, duly authorized by the directors of an incorporated company which is the registered owner of lands of the assessed value of not less than one hundred dollars, situate within the city of Victoria on the 12th day of January, 1911.

(c) Any male or female being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years who carries on business within the city of Victoria, and is the holder of a trade license the annual fee of which is not less than \$5, for any part of the year 1910, and who duly filed last October the statutory declaration required.

(d) Any male or female, being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, who was a householder within the meaning of the "Municipal Elections Act" within the city in the year 1910, and duly filed last October the statutory declaration required.

After the list has been prepared it is to be posted at the city hall for at least five days before the court of revision. The commissioner shall hold a court of revision at the city hall, with the ordinary powers of that court, and after he has certified the list he shall have it printed. A copy is to be posted up at the city hall and in three conspicuous places in the city, and remain up until election day. The commissioner shall have power to employ and pay all necessary professional and clerical assistance. He is to have free access to all books and documents and the

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SIR W. MACKENZIE'S VIEWS ON RECIPROcity

Does Not Think Fruit Growers Will Be Seriously Affected

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—In a cable received here from Sir William Mackenzie he says his views on the proposed reciprocity agreement have been misrepresented. He is of the opinion that some details of the treaty are good and some are bad. He does not think the fruit growers will be seriously affected and he says the railways will see to it that western Canada will continue to go to the lakes, and not to the American milling centres. He says nothing in the agreement will hurry annexation or affect business between eastern and western Canada.

CARRIAGE WORKS BURNED

Montreal, Feb. 27.—A fire caused damage to the extent of about \$20,000. The outbreak started in the Braut carriage works on St. Antoine street. There was a high wind at the time, and the flames spread with great rapidity to the adjoining building occupied by Rousseau Garage Company. There were several explosions of gasoline and a quantity of varnish about the place helped the conflagration. The Negro Club's premises above the works was also entirely burned out.