

WILLISON'S VIEWS ON RAILWAY ISSUE

He Suggests Deficit May Be Larger Before Improvement Comes.

Exception to certain remarks made recently by Hon. T. A. Crerar was taken by Sir John Willison before the Young Men's Canadian Club last night, in his address on "Canadian Economic Outlook."

Mr. Willison said he could see no prospect of a reduction in Canada's \$70,000,000 railway deficit before a still larger deficit occurred, and that he believed that the present economic situation should be handled by the different groups, who have hitherto contented themselves with quarrelsome "roversaries that did not get them anywhere."

"I am not sure that Mr. Crerar is more definite than the ministers of railways," said Sir John, in referring to Mr. Crerar's remarks that duplication of lines should be avoided, and that the railways should cease to operate lines which were proving unprofitable.

"It is easier to accomplish such things at an after-dinner speech," Mr. Crerar suggested that we should reduce the capitalization of our railways until the accounts balanced, if any of us could do that, "life would be very simple."

He believed that Mr. Crerar ignored the fact that the more writing down of railway capitalization did not reduce the great obligations under which the country labored. It would simply amount to an imposition upon people who did not use the railways to any extent.

Head Public Section.

No government could be held responsible, he added, as the people were themselves responsible for such a situation. Every line railway construction proposed had been sanctioned by the public and we never should have had three transcontinental railways, but rather one with branch lines feeding it. Thus expenditure could be kept down.

Favors Immigration.

Sir John favored immigration, altho, he said the feeling was against it and no competition could be had from the United States and Canada. By increasing our population we could meet our economic difficulties, and we need great unoccupied areas which could be turned to good effect. However, it would be a very wise thing to do, "life would be very simple upon any new enterprises at present. We should avoid all such undertakings as the Georgian Bay canal, but we should spend freely upon immigration projects and for the prospective settlement of our natural resources, as well as upon intensive manufacture of our products as much as possible."

Sir John denied emphatically that he had made a pessimistic speech in Hamilton, as was reported, as he had great faith in the future of Canada.

ALL ARMENIA CLEARED OF BOLSHEVICK TROOPS

New York, March 22.—Attempts by the Bolsheviks to recapture Erivan and other parts of Armenia from which they were recently driven have failed, according to a radio message received here today by the near east relief. All of Armenia, it was stated, had been cleared of Bolshevik troops.

Anarchists in Sympathy Start a Hunger Strike

Milan, March 22.—Thirty anarchists imprisoned here have started a hunger strike in sympathy with the anarchist leader Enrico Malatesta, whose condition as a result of his hunger strike is not dangerous, according to the prison authorities. Malatesta has been in prison here since last October when he was arrested in connection with an anarchist plot.

Exports of Pulp Less in February

Canada's Trade in This Line Fall Off, Compared With Year Ago.

Montreal, Que., March 22.—(By Canadian Press).—Canadian exports of pulp and paper for the month of February were valued at \$5,663,815, against \$5,187,487 in February, 1923, a decline of \$476,328 and were 10.1 per cent below those of the preceding month.

AGAINST REDUCING RACING IN WINDSOR

Windsor, Ont., March 22.—Members of the Retail Merchants' Association, at a meeting here tonight, unanimously decided to bring a resolution sponsored by Major Geo. H. Wilson, favoring a curtailment of the number of racing days in Windsor during the summer months. Prospects of a division of members on the resolution attracted a record attendance, a majority averting a vote by having the resolution sent to the board of directors for their consideration.

LIBERTY LEAGUE PLANS FOR HUGE MEMORIAL

Windsor, Ont., March 22.—Windsor Liberty League launched their anti-prohibition appeal here tonight when a public organization meeting was held at league headquarters.

EXTOLS FERGUSON AS TORY LEADER

H. P. Hill, M.L.A., at Same Time Roundly Scores the Attorney-General.

"We made no mistake when we selected Hon. G. Howard Ferguson as the leader of the Conservative party," declared H. P. Hill, Conservative member for West Ottawa, amidst thundering applause, in addressing a crowded meeting of Ward Four Liberal-Conservative Association executive, held last night in the "Inglisook" corner Bloor and Spadina.

He said there was no man in the house who could oppose him in government matters, either in debate or in knowledge of the affairs of this province. There is no leader who has a more devoted band of followers than he has.

In an address of considerable length, Mr. Hill scored Hon. Mr. Raney mercilessly. The attorney-general was the force in the cabinet, but his force, delving as he did into every department, amounted to nothing but noise and everywhere in an effort to smear out fraud," said the speaker. "He smelt fraud in every nook and cranny of this province."

Mr. Hill recalled the pathetic plight into which the Hon. Mr. Raney had plunged himself with the appointment of a commission of inquiry to investigate the alleged grocers' combine. In this matter Mr. Raney had spoken in an uncertain way of the fraudulent manner in which the grocers were controlling places. "The force of that inquiry you will remember," to quote the speaker, "was to investigate the manner in which the grocers were controlling places. The force of that inquiry Mr. Raney plunged the government into the now famous timber inquiry, which after a year spent in collecting and hearing of evidence, the expenditure of round \$100,000 had resulted in the payments of 500 timber concerns in respect of alleged over-run."

ROCKWOOD HOSPITAL REPORTS A MYSTERY

Kingston, Ont., March 22.—(Special).—The mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earle of Napanee from Rockwood Hospital has created widespread interest and there is a feeling that thorough investigation should be made. Little is known as to her going away, her previous relationship with the institution, the work she was engaged in and who were with her previous to her disappearance, which, it is understood, occurred between noon on February 19. A cursory search followed but up to the present, no right inquiry has taken place and the relatives and friends of the woman are anxious that the department should authorize a thorough investigation.

HAMILTON GIRL AFTER PLUNGE SAVED BY LIFE BELT

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That she was going to jump into the river. She got out of the auto and the two men went in search of a police constable to restrain her from the leap which they apparently believed she intended to take. They sighted P. C. Britton and taking him into the car drove with all despatch back to the bridge. The girl was still standing by the railing in the centre of the bridge. Britton jumped out of the auto and ran towards her and upon seeing him, Miss Kiriland climbed up on the railing and jumped. Britton snatched up a life-saving belt that he found handy and threw it to the struggling girl. She grasped it and hung on to it until she was pulled to shore.

NEW CHINESE SURTAX

According to a cablegram from the American Legation at Peking, the surtax of 10 per cent of the duty will be applied to all goods entering or leaving China on or after March 1.



GUNMEN STRONGLY OBJECT TO ATTENTIONS OF CAMERA MAN.

The World staff photographer made an attempt yesterday morning to snap William McFadden and "Jack" Conley as they left Toronto jail for the police court in the charge of having murdered Cecil Sabbe, the Harbord street druggist. They were remanded until March 30, while only McFadden and Conley were mentioned in the verdict of the coroner's jury as suspected slayers of the druggist, the murder charge still stands against Conley.

On the left of the picture is Detective Bert Green, who played an important part in the round-up of the bandits. Conley and McFadden are shown making a determined effort to shield their faces.

TWO-YEAR TERM FOR COL. LAUGHRAN

Sentence Imposed for Concealing Birth of Illegitimate Child.

Guelph, Ont., March 22.—(Special).—Colonel Laughran, the young Maryboro township farmer, who was found not guilty on the charge of murdering an infant illegitimate child of Nellie Westred, alias of Maryboro, in July, 1917, but was found guilty of concealment of the birth of the child, by the jury which heard the case at the spring assizes at the court house last night, was brought before Justice Masten today and sentenced to Kingston penitentiary for a term of two years, the maximum penalty under the criminal act. C. L. Dunbar, the prisoner's counsel, who put up such an eloquent plea for the accused before the jury, again pleaded for leniency. He pointed out that had the prisoner been declared not guilty of the crime of murder, and had the indictment against him originally been for concealment of birth, he would have been tried long ago. He had been languishing in jail for ten months, and he submitted that this ought to be considered by the court.

WOODBROOK STEP TO HELP GARFIELD

Effort Under Way to Secure Pardon for Man Sentenced to Death.

Woodstock, Ont., March 22.—(Special).—Steps locally are about to be taken to commute the death sentence of Norman Garfield to imprisonment for life. Today it was learned that Rev. Mr. Gaetz, his spiritual adviser, was in Toronto relative to the matter. Meanwhile Garfield is conducting himself as a model prisoner at the jail. He is visited twice daily by his wife. In the morning she is allowed to spend one hour with him in his cell and again in the afternoon another hour is allowed, but not alone, the guard being always in attendance. Rev. Mr. Gaetz is also a daily visitor at the jail.

ABSOLVE TWO MEN OF RESPONSIBILITY

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A weak heart, could not stand any excitement. Her husband came over from their home at 38 Mercer street to Williams' and demanded that the brothers used revolvers and shotguns with such effect that the housewife fled in terror, and the street and fell against the fence with a broken head. She was taken to the hospital and died.

SOVIET MAKES APPEAL FOR TRADE WITH U. S.

London, March 22.—The Russian Soviet government has appealed to the United States government to resume trade relations with Russia, says a wireless message from Moscow today.

RAILROAD WORKERS WILL BE ADMITTED

Tom Moore Says Labor Congress Not Appealing Judge's Decision.

Ottawa, March 22.—President Tom Moore of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has issued the following statement:

"The decision handed out by Mr. Justice Ross, on March 14, restoring to the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Workers the right of affiliation to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, will not be appealed, and the members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Workers pay their per capita tax to the congress, they will again have the right to elect their members in accordance with the decision of the courts."

EZEKIEL BERRY TO FACE MURDER TRIAL

Moncton, N.B., March 22.—Ezekiel Berry, of Forest Hill, Albert county, charged with the murder of his wife, was found in a pond, was this morning committed for trial at Hopewell Cape. The preliminary hearing was held before W. Gaskin, J. P. of Coverdale. The prisoner was taken to jail at Hopewell Cape today.

COLLIERIES RESUME

Sydney, N.S., March 22.—Seven collieries of the Dominion Coal Company resumed operations today after a complete shutdown of three days which began on Saturday. The remainder of the company's mines are still idle, but will probably work tomorrow so as to make an equal division of available work among the miners of the district. The output today was six thousand one hundred tons, about half of the normal quantity.

SOVIET EXULTS OVER TREATIES

Announces Ratification of Pacts With Turkey, Persia and Bokhara.

London, March 22.—A wireless message from Moscow announces the ratification by the Soviet government of treaties with Turkey, Persia and Bokhara, and also signature of a peace treaty with Poland and a trade agreement with Great Britain.

"Not all these treaties conform to our desires," says the message, "but they are significant successes for the Soviet and show the consolidation of its power on the international front."

The Polish treaty, according to the message, means cessation of external warfare and a certain diminishing of civil war, provided Poland loyally carries out its undertakings not to ally itself with the aggressors of counter-revolutionary forces in Polish territory. It further points out that the British agreement means resumption of commercial and other relations with the whole series of bourgeois states within the sphere of British influence, and declares that it is indirect recognition of the Soviet by Great Britain, and opens the door to a similar agreement with the United States.

China and Rumania have addressed a proposal to Russia to enter into peace negotiations, continues the statement—"thus France, with her cold, persistent hatred of Soviet Russia, will remain a solitary power keeping aloof from Soviet Russia."

NEW GREEK OFFENSIVE AGAINST TURK IS OFF

Paris, March 22.—The new Greek offensive against the Turks in Asia Minor, which was planned for the end of March, has been abandoned, at least for the present, according to dispatches received by the French foreign office today.

Instructions to the Greek army, which it is believed, called for an advance during the last days of this month, have been cancelled, the services of the Greek troops committed to debark in Smyrna.

In French official circles the change in the Greek plans is believed to be due to the attitude of strong disapproval taken by Britain and France, and also by the fact that the projected offensive probably would not develop the success desired.

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CANADA INVESTS IN WORLD'S PEACE

Hon. N. W. Rowell Makes Striking Comment on Effort and Duty.

London, Ont., March 22.—"Canada and the League of Nations," a largely attended meeting of the Canadian Club here tonight, Hon. N. W. Rowell declared that as a result of her activities the Dominion has now made a larger investment in the world's peace than she has made in any other cause during her history. Canada had given 20,000 of her bravest and best, and had incurred a debt of no less than two billion dollars.

Worth While.

"It is worth her while to do this," he said, "it is worth her while to preserve the peace of the world. Before the conflict broke out, Canada looked upon the other as a potential enemy, and was continually prepared for war. Nations were compelled to form alliances to preserve their power. The heart of humanity cries out for some better means of settling international disputes. Nations should no longer look upon one another as potential enemies, but as potential friends."

League Danger.

One of the dangers of the league, he thought, was that it might result in a policy of not preserving the characteristics of the league. This had been formulated by European nations accustomed to view such matters entirely from their own standpoint.

For an hour or so, he considered the estimate department and the factory. It was a principal seeker.

EXPIRED SUICIDE IN HOME

Cause of Myer's Is Order

The body of Sam Samuel, who was found dead in the city, was taken at the day afternoon at the coroner's office. An inquiry was made into the cause of his death. It was found that he had expired in his home.

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IF PAUL IS MUST

Opposition Say of Proposed

In his search for revenue the province, Peter Smith, proposed a tax on bridge tolls. This bill, which is now before the legislature, is expected to be passed in the next few days.

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