

THE LIBERAL PARTY HAS LOST NERVE

Speeches in the House Yesterday Lacked Vigor and Conviction.

HON. MR. MURPHY TRIES TO EXPLAIN.

Hon. Mr. Rogers Scores Opposition Leader for Attempt to Exceed all Parliamentary Rules and Practices.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Very simple, very harmless and very childish twaddle," was Hon. Mr. Rogers' apt description today of the speeches made by the opposition during the debate at the address, a debate which is still inconcluded.

It had been expected that Dr. Neely's amendment calling for the removal of the duties on wheat and wheat products would live up to the opposition, but expectations were not realized. The Liberals are still apathetic and as a fighting force they seem to have thrown up the sponge.

Hon. Charles Murphy made a lame attempt to clear himself of the charge that he had raised the race and religion cry in South Bruce. He declared Mr. Pelletier's statement as "misleading and untrue," and his argument was that he had never spoken at Walkerton, Ont. Mr. Pelletier quickly disposed of this by pointing out that the speech was made at Walkerton and the report was made by an independent paper. Mr. Pelletier could not deny that he had spoken at Midway.

At the opening of the house, Hon. Charles Murphy raised a question of privilege. Dealing with an extract read from the Midway Gazette, Bruce county, yesterday, by Hon. L. P. Pelletier, reporting him as having appealed to German racial prejudices, in the South Bruce election campaign, in connection with a speech delivered by him at Walkerton, Ont. Mr. Pelletier stated that the extract was both misleading and untrue. He had spoken of the anti-German character, not of the action of the house, but of the speech delivered by the minister of militia.

Neither had he appealed to the prejudices of Irish Roman Catholics. Hon. H. R. Emerson again questioned the minister of railways in regard to the reported discontinuance of the Ocean Limited from Montreal to Halifax, and the cutting off of other intercolonial trains.

In reply Hon. Frank Cochrane stated that the Ocean Limited would be discontinued during February and March, as it was not paying, and read a list of other trains, mostly summer expresses, which had been also taken off.

Dr. Neely, of Humboldt, resumed the debate on the address. He said that by the lowering of the American tariff thousands of head of live stock were exported to United States markets. There had been a bountiful crop in the west, but the farmers had not been able to sell it in the United States market as they had their live stock. After a reference to high railway rates in the west, the speaker dealt with financial depression and unemployment in Canada.

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Great Anxiety Over Miss Eva Booth



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Botha's Action May Lead to Trouble

Legality of Action in Deporting Labor Leaders Questioned by London Press—Unusual for British Subjects to be Held Out that Way.

London, Jan. 28.—The question of the legality of the deportation of the South African labor leaders arrested searching of the hearts here, even among the papers which are most ready to applaud Premier Botha's vigorous and courageous action. The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial, which does not hesitate to accuse Botha and his colleagues of having started a revolution and fanned the militia at Johannesburg. Mr. Pelletier reads that a very delicate and difficult situation has arisen for the imperial government.

LABOR LEADERS HAD STEAMER TO THEMSELVES

Ten Men Departed from South Africa Were Ignorant of Destination—Take Months to Reach London.

Johannesburg, Jan. 28.—The most minute precautions were taken by the government to keep secret the deportation from South Africa of ten of the principal labor leaders and a strict press censorship was instituted. It was only by accident that the action

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SCHOOL BUILDING IS BURNED

Was New Building—Fire Apparatus Sent from Halifax to Fight Flames—Loss \$30,000.

Halifax, Jan. 28.—The Greenvale School at Dartmouth was completely destroyed by fire early this evening. It was a new wooden building with eight class rooms and the domestic science department, and 450 children have to be looked after by the school board.

NEARLY TWO MILLIONS WERE PAID

Auditor General's Report Shows Over Fifteen Thousand Fenian Raid Veterans Have Received Grants.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—In a preface to the first and second volumes of the auditor general's report of the last fiscal year, tabled in the Commons today, Auditor General Fraser calls attention to the fact that when the act authorizing a bounty of \$100 each to Fenian raid veterans was passed in 1912, the minister of militia stated in the house that the estimated number to be paid was between eight thousand and ten thousand.

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MILITARY CONFERENCE IMPROBABLE THIS YEAR

Minister of Militia Don't Think Necessary to Make it Annual Event—Entails Considerable Expense.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—In all probability there will be no military conference this year. For the past two years these conferences have been held, when representative delegates from all parts of Canada have been brought to Ottawa to discuss military affairs.

TRANS-ATLANTIC LINER BATTERED BY SEAS

New York, Jan. 28.—One of the worst trips ever made by the Atlantic transport line Minnesota conference today when, after a 24 hour anchorage near quarantine, enforced by the thick fog which held this city in its grip, the greater part of the last two days, the vessel finally reached her pier.

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MISTAKES OF THE STATES SHOULD BE A WARNING

Ex-President Taft Says Dominion Should Be Prompt in Dealing With Corporate Control—Women Should Show they Would Improve Electorate by Having Vote Before Franchise be Given Them.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—Ex-President William H. Taft this evening delivered before the Literary and Scientific Society of the University of Toronto an address on popular government. Canada, he said, with eight millions of people, had the advantage of profiting by the mistakes of the United States with a population of ninety million. In the past Canada had exhibited discretion in studying the defects that the United States systems had developed and in seeking to avoid them.

Dealing with woman suffrage, Mr. Taft said that the gender sex, in order to prove their case, must show either that they are suffering as a class because they have not the right to vote, or that, if added as part of the electorate, they would so improve the wisdom and patriotism of the electorate that it would be better for all the people. Militancy he characterized as 'hysteria' and a lack of a sense of proportion in those who participate in it does not commend them as a wholesome addition to the electorate.

RUSSIAN COUNT APPEALS FOR TEMPERANCE

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REFUSE TO SHOULD THE RESPONSIBILITY

Montreal Editors Before Bar of Legislative Council Yesterday.

EXPECTED SENSATION MISSING AGAIN

Refuse to Make Direct Charges Against More Than Two Members of Council on Their Own Responsibility.

Quebec, Jan. 28.—Chief interest in the Quebec scandal today centered in the appearance of Messrs. Nichols and MacNab before the bar of the legislative council. The proceedings here were practically a repetition of what occurred in the assembly yesterday, and the newspaper men would make no direct charges on their own responsibility against any other councillors but Hon. Messrs. Berard and Bergevin, though they repeated the names of Hon. Messrs. Devarnais and Gillman as having furnished the Burns detectives with Mr. Mousseau, chairman of the private bills committee in the lower house.

Messrs. Nichols and MacNab said they had no personal knowledge of the party or parties who originated the attempt to investigate the manner in which legislation is enacted at Quebec and later on employed the Burns detectives. They professed the same ignorance as to who had furnished the money to retain the services of the detectives and purchase the influence of legislators.

FORCED TO HARBOR BANDIT, HE CLAIMS

Man Charged With Aiding in Escape Was Told Mason's Didn't Believe in Gallows.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 28.—A new turn was given today to the evidence before the Royal Commission inquiring into the escape of John Krafchenko, when John Westlake, charged with aiding in the escape declared that J. H. Buxton had told him that Krafchenko was a high Mason and that for that reason Krafchenko was being helpful to his freedom. Masons, Buxton told Westlake, did not believe in the noose and for that reason he was working to save the desperado from the gallows.

JIM CROW LAW IS UPHELD IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 28.—The "Jim Crow" law of Oklahoma was upheld by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in a decision handed down today. The court affirmed the decision of the district court at Kansas City which refused to award Dr. William J. Thompson (colored) damages of \$50,000 against a railroad because of an attempt to enforce the "Jim Crow" law against him.

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