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THE CHANCELLOR'S BUDGET SPEECH

RE-STOCKING FARMS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Important Announcement—Proposal to Tax Corn and Flour Adopted by the Commons.

London, April 14.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, rose in the House of Commons at 4:25 p.m. to-day to make the budget statement. More important, perhaps, than the curious forms of the new taxation is the statement made by Sir Michael that the government has acceded to the Boer demand concerning the re-stocking.

After touching on various details, the Chancellor turned to the prospects of the year. He estimated the expenditure for the coming year at £174,000,000. The revenue on the past basis of taxation was £177,785,000, leaving a deficit of £23,785,000. This will be increased by £3,500,000 by gratuity to the troops.

The cost of war for three years was £157,000,000, but in addition to the heavy outlay for the war, the government has had to meet the cost of the reconstruction of the country, the cost of the Boer war, the cost of the Boer war, the cost of the Boer war, the cost of the Boer war.

The Chancellor proposed to suspend the sinking fund, reducing the deficit by £4,000,000, and to increase by a penny in the pound the income tax, yielding £22,000,000 increase. From July 1st there would be a penny to two pence advance on eight bills, including dividends.

The ordinary expenditure of the country, quite apart from the war, was great, increasing, and in view of the great expenditures for armies and navies in other countries, he thought it desirable to frame some scheme of taxation which would be more equitable.

The Chancellor denied that the registration of duties on grain and flour violated the principles of free trade or the principle of protection. It was, Sir William said, a duty on the grain and flour which had been recklessly abandoned and declared the remission did not reduce the price of food.

Of the balance of the deficit, the Chancellor proposed to borrow £32,000,000, and to find the rest by drafts on the Bank of England. Sir William Vernon Harcourt (Liberal) was the next speaker. He corroborated the view expressed by the Chancellor of Exchequer, that the duty on grain and flour was a duty on the people's food.

DOMINION DISPATCHES

Elections in Ontario Will Be Held on May 23rd—Farmer's Suicide.

London, Ont., April 14.—It is learned on high authority that the Ontario government has decided to hold the general elections on May 23rd.

Montreal, April 14.—Two hundred and fifty employees of the Montreal Heat, Light & Power Company went on strike this morning for an increase of wages, and a revised schedule of conditions.

Montreal, April 14.—At a large attended meeting of the directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., and Dominion Coal Company to-day, it was decided to bring the two companies together under the terms of an option which the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. has held for the past two or three years on the property of the Dominion Coal Company.

Winnipeg, April 14.—The first car of Manitoba wheat sheaves for the big Coronation arch to be erected in London similar to the arches erected here in honor of the visit of the Duke of York has left for the East. Five more cars will be sent. There are 40 cars of wheat afloat, many of them seven feet long. They will be shipped from St. John to Liverpool. The carload shipped was supplied by the immigration department and is part of the stock collected last year.

Yanketook Hill, Ont., April 13.—At Jirigoy's Corners, on Sunday, Neil McGillivray, a wealthy bachelor farmer, committed suicide by hanging himself in the bush. He had been ailing for some time.

Another Death. Toronto, April 14.—The Attorney-General's department was advised to-day that a second fatality had followed the stabbing and shooting affray which occurred at Copper Cliff on Sunday, April 6th.

Principal Grant on Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's Proposals. Kingston, April 15.—Principal Grant, discussing the Imperial budget said: "I think the Chancellor has acted reasonably, whether anything came of it or not, in the directions hereafter of the admission of colonial products without paying duty, I agree substantially with all that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach says. It is unwise to call it a return to a free trade policy, but it is a step in that direction."

DESTRUCTIVE HAIL. Barries, Corn and Cotton Destroyed—Earns Set on Fire by Lightning. Houston, Tex., April 15.—Late reports from the section visited by the hail storm of Sunday night show that great damage was done to berries, cotton and corn. The loss at Alvin to strawberries alone is estimated at \$30,000, with as much more at Webster, Dickinson and Teague City. Fayette county suffered greatly from hail, cotton and corn being bidden into the ground and fruit trees almost stripped of fruit and foliage. It is claimed hail stones over an inch in diameter fell in the locality of Swiss Alp. A number of cows and hogs were killed by lightning at different points, while barns and one residence were burned after being struck. So far as known only one life was lost.

NEW BRITISH LOAN. London, April 15.—The new British loan of £32,000,000 is to be raised by an issue of 2½ per cent. consols.

ELEVEN KILLED ON BRITISH BATTLESHIP

ACCIDENT OCCURRED DURING GUN PRACTICE. Breach of Gun Blew Out, Killing Two Lieutenants and Nine Bluejackets—Several Injured.

Queenstown, April 15.—Gunnery Lieut. James S. S. Bourne, Lieut. Miller and nine bluejackets were instantly killed yesterday afternoon by the bursting of a 12-inch gun on board the British first-class battleship Mars, during gun practice off Berehaven. In addition, several men were injured by the explosion.

George Craig, Died Suddenly at His Home in Arnprior—Colored Centenarian Passes Away.

Arnprior, April 15.—An old and respected resident in the person of Mr. Geo. Craig, police magistrate, died suddenly at his residence here this evening. Deceased leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Justice Craig and George Craig, of the Yukon, are his sons.

CHINESE TROOPS CAUGHT IN AMBUSH

TWO THOUSAND WERE KILLED OR CAPTURED

Reported Rebel Success—Situation in Southern China Becomes Worse—More Soldiers Wanted.

Hongkong, April 16.—A coiric who arrived at Canton yesterday reported that over 2,000 Imperialist soldiers sent by Marshal Su against the rebels were ambushed in a narrow defile and were all killed or captured.

The situation in the rebellious districts of Southern China is increasingly alarming. The vicinity of Canton has telegraphed to Peking urging the immediate forwarding of reinforcements there.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—An official dispatch received from Peking dated Saturday, April 12th, announces that serious fighting has occurred in the vicinity of the boundary of the provinces of Mukden and Kirin, Manchuria, between Russian frontier guards and Chinese robbers, who had been raiding railway stations.

NO INFORMATION. Mr. Balfour Says Government Has No News to Give House of Commons.

London, April 15.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, announced that the ministers had no information to impart on the subject of South Africa re-education, and that the government had no news to communicate.

FLOUR ADVANCED. Millers at Meeting in Liverpool Decide on An Increase.

London, April 15.—The North-western Association of Millers, at a meeting at the Liverpool, on exchange to-day, decided to advance the price of flour by a shilling a sack and to add the new duty of five pence per hundred weight on all flour which should have been delivered before to-day.

PRINCESS IN SAIL. Bondsman Withdraws Bail and She is Now Awaiting Trial in Prison.

Capetown, April 15.—The bondsman of Princess Ruzwili, accused of forgery in connection with notes purporting to have been signed by the late Cecil Rhodes, having withdrawn from her bail, the Princess was committed to jail to-day, awaiting her trial, which is fixed to begin on Monday next.

A FAST RUN. Steamer Princess May Makes Round Trip in Five Days and Twenty Hours.

Vancouver, April 16.—Steamer Princess May arrived this morning at Union and had left in Vancouver at 4 o'clock this afternoon, making the round trip from Skagway in five days, twenty hours, including coaling time at Etah. This is eight hours better than the fastest trip ever before made, that of the City of Seattle a fortnight ago, which made the run in six days four hours.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS. Ottawa, April 16.—There was a government caucus to-day, Edwards, M. P., presided. Work for the balance of the session and party matters generally were discussed, but no important business transacted.

Quebec, April 15.—Arbor Day will be observed in the district of Quebec on April 20th and in Montreal district on April 27th.

WORK TRAIN WRECKED. Collided With a Cow—Cannery Employee Drowned.

Vancouver, April 15.—A work train from Barnet, with 12 carloads of gravel, collided with a cow on the track in the east end this morning. The train was being backed at a good rate and when the cow struck the cow the trucks were derailed and pounded along on the ties a distance of two hundred feet and fell in a ditch. Every car in the train was smashed, most of them beyond repair. The wreck was being cleared away this afternoon, but delayed the Pacific express two hours. None of the train crew were injured.

DUEL WITH KNIVES. Two Men Will Probably Die As the Result of a Desperate Fight.

Chicago, April 15.—A savage duel with butcher knives, which will probably be followed by two deaths, took place in the kitchen of the Union League club last night. The principals were Emil Kolton, butcher, and Joels Kuntz, chef. They cut and slashed furiously until both fell from loss of blood. Kolton's left hand was almost cut off at the wrist and Kuntz received four wounds which severed eight arteries, his skull also being fractured. The combat lasted fully 10 minutes and was witnessed by several other employees of the club, none of whom dared to interfere.

QUEEN WILHELMINA. Her Illness Has Caused Postponement of the Prince Consort's Birthday Festivities.

The Hague, April 15.—The indisposition of Queen Wilhelmina, which it was said yesterday was due to a simple cold, has developed into a complicated ailment, and the Queen's mother to start this morning will be obliged to stay in the Netherlands. Her Majesty's illness has caused the postponement of the birthday of the Prince Consort which was celebrated to-day.

TIMBER REGULATIONS. Amendments Providing for Cutting of Wood for Steamboats.

Ottawa, April 14.—An order in regulation has been passed amending the regulations governing the granting of yearly licenses and permits to cut timber on Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the railway belt in the province of British Columbia, so as to provide that owners of steamboats plying on waters within the jurisdiction of Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the railway belt in the province of British Columbia may be granted permits to cut wood for consumption on their boats without competition.

WAS NOT OPPOSED. Y. & E. Railway Bill Passed the Committee to-Day.

Ottawa, April 15.—The big fight which was expected to take place over the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway at the railway committee to-day did not take place. The bill asked an extension of time for three years for the completion of this road. It passed the committee to-day without any opposition.

LABOR CONVENTION. The Platform Adopted—Will Probably Adjourn To-Night.

Kamloops, April 16.—The convention will adjourn to-night. The sessions have been well attended, and perfect harmony prevailed. The platform considered yesterday was adopted to-day, which, while essentially labor yet is broad enough to meet the requirements of all sections.

QUEEN WILHELMINA. London, April 16.—A special dispatch from Amsterdam says: "Queen Wilhelmina's condition is hourly growing more serious."

COACHES BURNED. Glendive, Mont., April 15.—A Northern Pacific bound passenger train broke through a bridge west of this place yesterday afternoon. The mail and express car and three coaches were wrecked and burned. With the exception of the mail clerk, who sustained a scalp wound, no one was injured.

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HOW FILIPINOS WERE TORTURED

IN ORDER TO FORCE STATEMENTS FROM THEM

Chaffee Ordered to Investigate and Hold Court-Martial if Reports Are Correct.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—Secretary Root has called General Chaffee at Manila to investigate the newspaper reports of the Weller trial, and if they are correct to court-martial General Smith.

The evidence before the Senate committee by Charles S. Riley, formerly sergeant in Co. M, 24th Volunteer Infantry was that the base witnesses the "water cure" at Igharib in the province of Ilocos, on November 27th, 1900. It was administered to the president or chief Filipino official of the town. He said that on the arrival of his command at Igharib the president was asked whether runners had been sent out notifying the insurgents of their presence, and that upon his refusal to give the information he was taken to the convent, where the witness was stationed, and the "water cure" was administered to him. This official, he said, was a man about 40 years of age.

When the witness first saw him he was standing in the corridor of the convent, stripped to the waist, and his hands tied behind him, with Capt. Glenn and Lieut. Conner of the regular army, and Dr. Lyons, a contract surgeon, standing near, while many soldiers stood about. The man, he said, was then thrown under a tank which held about 100 gallons of water, and his mouth was opened directly under the faucet and held open so as to compel him to swallow the water which was allowed to escape from the tank. General Smith stood as interpreter, repeating the words which the witness said he heard, but which he did not believe to be an accurate translation of the witness's statements.

When asked what the president agreed to tell what he knew, he was released and allowed to start away. He was not, however, permitted to escape, and upon refusing to give further information, he was again taken as he was about to mount his horse and the "cure" administered for the second time. This time the man was not stripped, nor was he taken into the building. Dr. Lyons said the water cure was brought to the spot and given there, and when it was brought in a five-gallon can, one end of a syringe was placed in it, and the other in the man's mouth, which the witness believed to be an accurate translation of the witness's statements.

Another witness, William L. Smith, of Athol, Mass., who was a private in company M, 24th Volunteer Infantry, corroborated Riley's testimony, saying he had also witnessed the torture of two soldiers of the town of Igharib. Smith said the details of the "water cure" were in the hands of a squad of the Sixteenth regular infantry, known as the "water cure detail." He also said that he had assisted in the burning of the town of Igharib, and that the natives generally escaped from their houses only with the clothes they wore. Mr. Smith expressed the opinion that Igharib had a population of 10,000. So far as he knew, no lives were lost. All these acts were done under the command of Capt. Glenn, who was, he said, judge advocate of the department of the Visayas.

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