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KILL LORDS' VETO ON MATTER OF FINANCE

Asquith Gives Solemn Pledge of Government Program, But Insists That Budget Be Passed First.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Financial business first and the question of the house of lords second was the program laid down by Premier Asquith in a statement made in the house of commons this afternoon, in moving that government business have precedence at every sitting up to March 24. The resolution was adopted without a division.

When parliament re-assembled after the Easter recess, the premier said, the government would present resolutions affirming the necessity of excluding the house of lords altogether from the domain of finance and restricting its power of veto to other legislation.

To secure this the government, he added, would use all methods that seemed proper and adequate within the limits of the constitution, and upon its successful accomplishment the cabinet and Liberal party would take not only the fortunes of the ministry, but their very existence as a party.

The exigencies of the financial situation were such, the premier declared, that the vote on the army and navy bills, covering the borrowings and other urgent demands, must occupy the whole time of the house up to March 24, when adjournment would be taken on March 25.

Immediately parliament was re-assembled, he said, the government would introduce resolutions excluding the house of lords altogether from the domain of finance, and declaring that in other legislation the lords' power of veto would remain as at present.

"The Liberals propose to take every constitutional step he said, to accomplish the outlined reforms in the house of lords. None need fear that we have weakened in the least, but that the other side of the house, which should come first, for unnecessary delay will greatly hamper the government."

The premier's declaration met with hearty applause from the less radical members of the party.

Sir Henry Dalziel, one of the most radical Liberals, offered a resolution providing for the complete abolition of the veto power of the lords, setting forth that the reform proposed was not drastic enough, even being favored by many of the lords. His resolution was declared out of order.

BALFOUR'S CRITICISM Says Government's Only Consideration is in Keeping Together.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable). LONDON, Feb. 28.—In the commons to-day Arthur Balfour cuttlingly criticized Asquith's proposals. He said the only consideration that dominated the government was how the cabinet could be kept together and what lightning conductor could be found to dissipate the electric storm threatening from the Irish and labor benches.

John Redmond expressed his anxiety that the premier should not recede from his Albert Hall speech. The Nationalists were in exactly the same position as last week. If the premier intended to ask the King for guarantees, why did he not say so? Let him also say that if he refused guarantees, he would not hold office.

Sir Henry Dalziel admitted an improvement in the government's position. He said that if the lords reject the resolutions, they would ask for guarantees.

Lloyd-George said there would be no hurry to trade if the budget were postponed a little longer, and declared emphatically "Assure our friends we do not propose to plow the sands unless we find ourselves in a position to ensure that all our proposals will not only pass the commons but will pass into law or we shall not continue in office."

In bringing to an issue the question of the predominance of the commons, there will be no shirking, no hesitation. The government would stake their existence upon the advice which they would give the sovereign. If it became necessary, the government would not touch the budget until the resolutions dealing with the lords had been disposed of.

John Burns promised the government the support of the labor party. The premier's motion carried without a division.

Opinion in the lobbies is that an election will be held not later than June.

DELAY IN BANK ACT If Session is Shortened Revision Will Be Postponed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—It is possible that the revision of the Bank Act will be delayed until the beginning of next session.

This was indicated by Hon. W. S. Fielding, when Hon. Geo. E. Foster inquired when the measure might be expected. Mr. Fielding said that if there was any curtailment of the government program, in order to bring about an early adjournment, the act could well stand until the beginning of next session.

Habits of Bank Clerks Scientifically Detected

Psychological Tests Warranted to Expose Their Tendency to Drink or to Gamble.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 28.—The application of Prof. Hugo Munsterberg's psychological tests to all bank employees by the bank examiners of the state was urged to-day by the Rev. Edgar W. Frost as a stay to the defalcations which recently have occurred in Massachusetts. In six months stealings amounting to \$2,000,000 have been uncovered within the borders of the state. Mr. Froble produced specimen tests as follows, which he believes will result in the weeding out of possible defaulter:

"Test for gambling propensity: Let the examinee have a tucker and a photograph concealed in the room. During conversation set the tucker going and have a voice from the photograph cry out: 'Archibald up three points, or 'Reading off' and going down,' and carefully observe the result.

"If the examinee man appears to take no notice, he may be recommended for continued office, but if his lips quiver nervously and he thrusts his hands in his pockets, and his eyes flit back and forth while his face flushes with anxiety, then the examiner should recommend that all the funds and securities be spiked down without delay.

"Test for the drink peril: Place before the man different colored pieces of paper, with the names of the various liquids conspicuously printed upon them—water, coffee, beer, wine—whiskey, highball, etc. Ask him to glance rapidly at each in succession, and repeat often. Notice particularly on which his glance rests longest and to which it returns oftener.

"Test for domestic virtue or undue female influence: Let the examinee have some woman call up the cashier suddenly on the phone with a message something like this: 'John, oh, John, the baby has cut another tooth.' The examiner should note the effect of this, if his eye brightens and his voice softens and he looks proud and happy, it indicates he is safe in the direction. But if he shows indifference or vexation, the domestic tie is not strong enough to warrant absolute security."

NEARLY ALL ARE LIBERALS THAT SIGNED ROUND ROBIN

But Martin, M.P., Didn't Like it Being Said They Are Sore on the Naval Bill.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—W. M. Martin, the Liberal member for Regina, made an effort in the commons to get the government to bring the naval debate to an early close, in order that the members would be able to return to their homes by Easter.

Mr. D. Stagg, the Manitoba Conservative, asked how many Conservatives had signed it. Mr. Martin replied that there were two.

The member for Regina declared that the World's report "contained only a semblance of truth" and proceeded to say that the petition had no special reference to the naval debate.

It is interesting to observe that the World's information was vouchsafed by one of the two western Liberals who were handing round the petition, and that the other was a general agreement amongst those who signed the petition that this was the legislation aimed at. There could have been none other.

Mr. Taylor, New Westminster, said he had signed the petition. His sole object was to bring to the attention of the two leaders of the house "that so far as he could learn, there was a general discontent at the long time which had elapsed and the small amount of business done."

The member for Liberal contended to your correspondent to-night that the real object of the petition was to give the premier an opportunity to get a rest. He said that the wear and tear of the session and his recent illness has not improved his present capacity for work. Altogether, an early prorogation would suit him.

SENSATIONS IN FRITCH CASE

Defence Witness Charged With Perjury—Missing Witnesses.

WINDSOR, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Two witnesses, whose testimony would verify that of Joseph Leach, the chauffeur, are being sought by detectives in the Fritch case.

It is said that employees of the Cadillac Hotel, directly opposite Fritch's office, saw the doctor carry three sacks down the steps and load them into an automobile the night of Aug. 27.

That Mrs. Ida Putzig, witness for the defence, on Saturday admitted that what she was going to tell on the stand was false, and that she had been paid \$8 for her evidences, was the testimony of two witnesses appearing to-day in rebuttal for the state.

East Toronto's Patron Saint.

Nebuchadnezzar ate grass and set the fashion. East Toronto market gardeners have been making fortunes out of spinach ever since. This is a proper line of "green goods."

The Very Core. The discussion on the naval bill ceased to strike at the centre of the body politic.

STREET CONTROL MENACED BY RADIALS

City Council Names Special Committee to Consider Plan by Which Companies May Come in on Proper Terms.

A special committee of the city council, to report on a system of surface and subway railways, which will improve the service as much as possible, with particular reference to the outlying districts, and will protect the city against invasion by the radial railways.

This is the proposal contained in a notice of motion given by Ald. McCarthy at yesterday's city council meeting and which will be introduced at the next meeting.

The resolution sets forth that the control of the city's streets is constantly menaced by the radial railways seeking legislation to give them an independent entrance, and that it is desirable that the city should provide entrances from the west, north and east, to be available on proper terms to all radial lines desiring entrance.

The motion further declares that it is absolutely necessary that steps be taken at once to provide outlying districts with street car accommodation, and, if possible, to improve the service throughout the city.

The committee to be composed of Controller Ward, Ald. Baird, Maguire, Hilton and McCarthy, is to be instructed to "obtain and report to this council all possible information in regard to a system of subway and surface railways necessary to the city, and such as the city has a right to proceed with."

FOUND TWO MEN IN THE SNOW

Policeman Had a Hard Time in Locating and Reviving Them.

To the diligence of Policeman MacGregor of the Yorkville police station, Thomas Garvin, 74 Ontario-street, and Frank Bates, Weston-road, owe their lives.

Word was received in the station at 9 o'clock that two men were lying in the snow near St. Clair-avenue and Spadina-road. MacGregor finally found Garvin lying on a lawn just in front of the other, whom he found to be unconscious and in a state of collapse.

The policeman, aided by Constable Small (88), set to work to revive the man, and after working over him for 30 minutes brought him back to consciousness.

He turned him over to Small, and with a Salvation Army officer went in search of the other, whom he found near a creek in the Pellatt property, beneath a low bridge, which he had fallen from. He, too, was unconscious, and the policeman had to get him in a car. At the police station he was revived.

Both were so intoxicated that they could not tell how they came to be in so sorry a plight.

GREAT BUILDING YEAR

Average Gain Over Year Ago is 94 Per Cent.

Of the 19 cities reporting to Construction, the organ of the building trades, in January, the average gain for the month was 94 per cent., only two places showing a falling off. These were Brantford and Sydney. St. John, N.B., with 86 per cent., had the greatest gain. Toronto's increase was 79 per cent., and Vancouver's 72 per cent. Regina was in second place with a gain of 71. Some of the figures of the Ontario cities were: Ottawa, 141 per cent.; Peterboro, 210; London, 156; Port William, 18.

The paper predicts that the year will be the greatest in Canada's history so far as building operations are concerned.

GRAIN ELEVATOR ENQUIRY

Commission Appointed by Saskatchewan Govt. to Prepare Report.

REGINA, Sask., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Saskatchewan Cabinet a commission to enquire into the proposals of the grain growers regarding elevators was named.

It is to be composed of Prof. Robert McGill of Dalhousie University, Halifax; Geo. Langley, M.L.A., and Fred. W. Green, secretary of the Saskatchewan grain growers.

The government had hoped to secure the services of Prof. Adam Shortt, and Premier Scott's visit to the east was largely for the purpose of securing him.

THE GUARDIAN OF THE BLACK SHEEP

Magrath and the Navy Defines Use to Canada

And Calls for a Direct Contribution—Alphonse Verville Will Support Monk's Amendment.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—C. A. Magrath, the Conservative member for Medicine Hat, has been in parliament but a year and a half, yet he is already recognized as a cabinet certainty in any Conservative administration.

His speech on the navy bill to-day, therefore, commanded attention. He favored a direct contribution.

Mr. Magrath said he was an imperialist because it was "best for us and best for civilization." In the upbuilding of a young country like Canada the spirit of imperialism was necessary.

The British people were adding to their methods of raising money, and there must be an emergency or the people would not be taxed as they are.

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It was a matter of common decency that the British people should be allowed to have the best navy also, he said.

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The sending of Dreadnoughts made the British navy a central navy for the empire. The taxpayer of Canada was not concerned with the owning of a few fighting ships. He wanted the greatest fighting force for the least money.

British land wars in recent times had been simply colonization wars, and the national life had never been threatened. But when Britain was engaged in a naval war, her life would be hanging by a very slight thread.

Germany had the best army in Europe, and should not be allowed to have the best navy also.

He concluded by saying the present government was showing too little desire to go down and out for a principle and too little effort to create a strong, intelligent public opinion.

Mr. Best (Dufferin) delivered his maiden speech. He declared that he was glad to belong to a party that was not afraid to speak its mind. If necessary should ever arise, he believed the farmers of Canada would rise to the support of Great Britain.

He favored the contribution of twenty millions or two Dreadnoughts to the mother country.

Alphonse Verville, in a representative of Malsomeville, in a short speech in French declared his intention of supporting Mr. Monk's amendment calling for a plebiscite. As an opponent of militarism of every description, he could take no other course.

As between the government and opposition policies, as a representative of organized labor, he supported that of the government because it would mean the employment of Canadian labor.

Other speakers were: G. B. Devlin, Danilek, E. N. Lewis (West Huron) moved the adjournment.

To Raise the Maine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A sub-committee of the house naval committee to-day took favorable action upon a bill appropriating funds for the raising of the wreck of the United States battleship Maine, and proper interment of the bones of the American sailors.

Making Penalty Heavier. ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 28.—A penalty of \$100,000 instead of \$5000 as at present imposed upon a corporation for entering into an illegal combination for controlling products or regulating prices, and is in a bill introduced to-night by Assemblyman Foley.

60 LIVES CRUSHED OUT

BY TERRIBLE AVALANCHES

Tragedy in Idaho Mining Camps—Railway Navvies Have Narrow Escape From Similar Fate.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 28.—Sixty lives have been lost in two great snow slides which have brought dismay to the mining towns on the rich Coeur d'Alene district in northern Idaho.

Last night a snow slide swept down the mountain, striking the little town of Mace and burying twenty-five houses and their sleeping occupants in a mass of snow and ice at the bottom of the canyon.

Today another slide rushed down on Burke crushing a score of houses under thousands of tons of earth and snow.

Thirty-five Italians, sleeping in a railway outfit car, who were swept away with their car to the bottom of the canyon, used the tools in their car to dig themselves out.

BANQUET TO RUFUS POPE

Ex-M. P. Given Good Send-Off on Mission to the West.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The banquet tendered this evening to Rufus Pope, ex-M.P. for Compton, upon the occasion of his near departure for the west, was a grand success. The motto above the chairman's head, "One King, One Navy, One Flag," indicated the general sentiment. R. L. Borden sent a letter giving Mr. Pope a good send-off.

Mr. Pope himself believes in the German peril, and declared that Canada should stand side by side with Great Britain.

The chairman, Col. Worthington, M.P., and all the other speakers said that they hoped Mr. Pope would return to Ottawa armed with a mandate from a section of the great west.

Speaking later, Mr. Pope said the convention at Ottawa would place the stamp of the party on their leader, who ever he might be, from ocean to ocean. He declared that many shoals and shipwrecks would have been avoided had the stamp of the whole party been placed on the leader of the Conservative party.

LOCK UP FIDO

Even Muzzle Won't Save Him From Dog Catchers.

Two wagons for the collection of unmuzzled dogs were sent out by the police yesterday morning, and not only fare those without muzzles being gathered in, but also those which are allowed to run uncontrolled in the streets. Your dog must wear a metal muzzle and you must also lead him on a rope or chain.

Three dogs were got by the wagon working out of the Pape-avenue station on that section of the city east of Yonge-street and four by that working out of the Esthier-street station on the west.

Laymen's Missions at Sarnia.

SARNIA, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The Laymen's Missionary Movement had a banquet in the town hall with over 250 present. J. L. Patterson, H. K. Caskey and W. C. Senior of Toronto, and A. L. Parker of Detroit gave addresses. The convention will continue to-morrow.

Gait Fears Flood.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Occupants of buildings along the river are engaged in providing protection against the coming flood, which will unquestionably be the worst in many years.

LIBERALS AGAIN LEAD

ATTACK ON RUTHERFORD

Riley Tells Albertan Premier That He'd Rather See Figures Than Take His Word For Them.

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Continuing the debate on the Great Waterways Railroad in the legislature E. H. Riley (insurgent) made a bitter attack on the good faith of Premier Rutherford in his answers to the house. He accused the government of entering into a contract before they knew of the paid-up capital or standing of the promoters.

Premier Rutherford interpolated that he knew some months ago the paid-up capital, and Riley said he preferred to see the company's bank book to taking the premier's word for it.

The Railway Act was passed to safeguard the province, but now the act was amended and curtailed to meet the desires of the promoters of the road and certain government members.

Riley said there should be an annual financial statement, published, and quoted Hon. Frank Oliver to the effect that the railroad could be built to Perley River, which was similar territory, for \$8000 per mile, and he appealed to the government not to brand the members who took a conscientious stand as traitors. Riley moved "that the contract is not such as will recommend itself to confidence and judgment of this house." J. M. Glendenning (Liberal) seconded the amendment.

C.N.R. PROGRAM IN B.C.

Construction of 800 Miles of Road to Be Begun This Year.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Premier McBride this afternoon laid before the legislature the data in respect to the agreement between the government and Canadian Northern Railway Co., by which the latter will build 600 miles of railway in the province.

Construction is to be started before July 1, 1910, and completed within four years. The terms are as already known.

A BATTLE ROYAL, IF—

Ottawa Hears Mr. J. A. Macdonald Might Oppose Foster for Parliament.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Hon. George E. Foster was in his usual place at the left hand of R. L. Borden in the commons to-day.

Asked by the World if there was any foundation for the report that he would resign his seat in North Toronto and contest the by-election for vindication, he said he had no statement to make. It is stated here that if he does resign, Rev. J. A. Macdonald will be his opponent.

High-Class Picture Collection at Auction.

There were a lot of well-known citizens and connoisseurs in the picture gallery of Henderson & Co.'s auction rooms yesterday, attracted by the J. M. Simpson (the antiquary) collection to be sold without reserve this afternoon. The gem of the collection is a Constable landscape. An interesting competition is promised for a lot of the numbers.

Banquet at Brantford.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Hon. Clifford Sifton, F. M. Macdonald, M. P. Pictou, N. S., and Senator Jaffray were the speakers at the annual banquet of the board of trade here to-night.

PRINCELY GIFT OF MASSEY ESTATE

Will Erect Three Handsome Gothic Buildings for Toronto University Y.M.C.A. and Students' Union Will Benefit.

The executors of the Massey estate have written to the board of governors of Toronto University offering to bear the cost of erecting, as a memorial to the late Hart A. Massey, three buildings, to be of stone and of Gothic architecture.

One is to provide quarters for the Y.M.C.A., and is to contain all that is necessary for their purposes. The second, probably of similar size and design, is to contain the rooms necessary for the Students' Union, the Athletic Association and other student activities. Between the rear part of these two, built so as to leave a lawn or court, possibly closed in front by a wall with a grille, will be beautiful gothic hall, also for the use of the students.

Behind these buildings the university will erect the much-needed gymnasium, swimming baths, etc., the present gym being absorbed in the group.

The site selected is the land in front of the present gymnasium and as far as possible provision will be made for the tennis lawns, which will, of course, be blotted out by the new erections. The estimate is given of the cost of the new buildings, but it is certain that it will run into a very large sum indeed.

The governors of the university, in acknowledging the gift, express their belief that the people of Toronto are destined to act towards their university in the large-hearted manner that the people of Montreal have shown towards McGill.

In regard to the property recently purchased at the corner of Hooper-avenue and St. George-street, on which the University Y.M.C.A. had intended to erect a building, this is still held by the board of governors, who made the purchase for the purpose of retaining for other university purposes.

NAVAL BILL A HOODOO

Three Ministers in Charge of It Victims of Illness.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The naval bill now before parliament is ill-fated, so far as the ministers in charge of it are concerned.

The promoter, Hon. L. P. Borden, was first stricken with a serious illness from which he has partially recovered.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Frederick Borden then assumed responsibility for the bill. The premier shortly after fell ill, and was absent from the house, while Sir Frederick Borden slipped on Elgin-street a week ago and fell, straining the muscles of his back. He had only recovered from an acute attack of rheumatism and for several days has been confined to his home.

TRETHEWEY FARM SOLD

Toronto Golf Club May Move to Newtownbrook.

The big Trethewey farm at Newtownbrook on either side of Hooper-avenue, twelve miles from the corner of Queen and Yonge, was bought by Sydney Small, real estate agent. It is now believed that the east side of the farm was bought for the Toronto Golf Club, and that when they move from East Toronto it will be to Newtownbrook. The Rosedale Golf Club is already on Long-street, six miles from the north Toronto Club has leased grounds on the west side near Lawrence-avenue. The Metropolitan Railway, of course, gives a service to all these links.

MAY MEAN A TRAGEDY.

Sir Lightkeeper Daykin of Carmanah Point, reports the finding by the coast guard of a man-of-war's boat washed ashore about two and a half miles west of the lighthouse.

Daykin also reports the finding by Indians of the sails and stern of another naval boat.

A RETROSPECT.