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## BASIS OF UNION MUST UNDERGO CHANGES

Presbyterians and Methodists Are at Variance on Present Proposal and an Entirely New One Will Have to Be Drafted—More Churches in Favor of Union.

A new basis of union will have to be drafted before the Methodists and Presbyterians of Canada unite. They are absolutely at variance on the basis which is being so changed over by the Presbyterians that the Methodists cannot recognize it.

Considerable stir was caused by The World's announcement yesterday respecting the probable action of the Presbyterian General Assembly concerning the union, viz., that if the majority vote continued to be formidable, the Presbyterian chief court would be likely to defer action.

This view of the situation was furnished The World by a doctor of divinity of a very high standing in one of the two leading denominations, which would be parties to the projected union.

The World's announcement is corroborated by Rev. Dr. McKay, moderator of the general assembly, to a considerable extent by his statement yesterday that a majority of at least two-thirds would be necessary, and probably more than that before the union could be authorized.

**Votes on Union.**

North Broadway Presbyterian Church gave a majority of 26 in favor of the principle of union, but gave an almost equally decisive majority of 29 against the basis on which the union is proposed.

Of the 267 members 96 voted on the question of union and 99 on the basis.

An authentic statement made to The World is that the voting so far indicates a movement in the direction of union, but that the ministry and an influential portion of the membership of the Presbyterian Church have their faces set like steel against the adoption of the basis.

Rhodes-avenue Presbyterian Church voted for church union by a majority of 129 out of a total of 222. The vote on the basis of union was 117 for and 51 against.

## Graham Hero Also Webster

Triumphant Re-entry of Former Cabinetier Had its Glory Slightly Diminished.

OTTAWA, March 12.—(Special.)—Hon. George P. Graham got a great reception from the Liberal members when he was introduced this afternoon by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Duncan Ross, and took his seat for South Renfrew. Applause was loud and long.

A magnificent bouquet of roses on the ex-minister's desk, and almost obscured his blushes from the sympathetic gaze of the Hon. Dr. J. Reid when he retired behind them. A commotion buttonnere was provided on each Liberal member's desk, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a special distinction drew a rose.

The applause was not all on one side of the house however, the conservatives had a nice little piece of stage-play up their sleeve.

When John Webster, who beat Mr. Graham in Brockville in the general elections entered the house, the storm of applause which broke out from the government side far exceeded that with which Mr. Graham had been received.

## Canada's Grain for China's Hungry Host

Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Shanghai Asks Government to Aid in Plan.

OTTAWA, March 12.—(Can. Press.)—Rev. Dr. W. E. Taylor has here to ask considerable aid of the government in a scheme to relieve the famine in China. The Y. M. C. A. is general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Shanghai. He will interview the minister in an effort to formulate a scheme whereby some of the wheat now wasting in the Canadian west can be shipped to China. The Canadian Pacific Railway has already promised assistance in shipments on hand and ocean, and some millions are expected to join in the movement.

The government is likely to be asked for \$5,000,000, and the Ontario Board of Trade and the Montreal Board of Trade are ready to assist in the matter.

## Desperate Criminals Beat Guards Into Submission But Failed to Make Escape

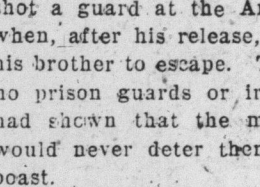
Terrible Struggle for Freedom in Railway Coach at Union Station Took Place Too Soon Because of Miscarriage of Leader's Signal—Policeman Hunt and Two Detectives Succeeded in Beating Desperadoes Into Submission and They Were Landed Safely in Kingston Penitentiary.

By the miscarriage of their leader's prearranged signal, four of the most desperate criminals who have been handled in Toronto, lost what little chance of liberty was theirs, and, yet, manacled and shackled together, these "big men" of the criminal ranks put up a brief but terrible struggle for freedom between the close seats of a railway coach at the Union Station yesterday morning. While the attempt ended in their ignominious defeat, for a little time they triumphed, and with their manacled hands had beaten their three guards into submission until three city police came upon the scene and turned the brief moment of victory to sorry defeat.

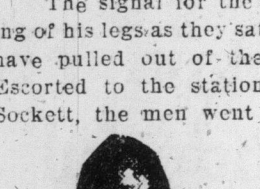


Charles Mecum, who, with his brother, boasted that no prison, men or chains could hold them, and who, with that brother and two other desperate convicts came close to making good that boast at the Union Station yesterday.

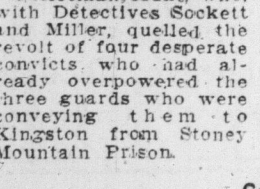
The other two were the notorious Mecum brothers, Frank and Bert, who were serving 17-year terms for shooting Policeman Traynor in a running fight thru the streets of Winnipeg. These two had shot a guard at the Anamosa, Iowa, Reformatory when, after his release, Bert went back and aided his brother to escape. These men had boasted that no prison guards or irons could hold them, and had shown that the mere risking of their lives would never deter them from making good their boast.



William (Cigaret) Brown, their giant leader, told of their hopes of escape and the reason for defeat as he rode to Kingston with bandaged head and bloody garments. He said that as they rested in the cells of the Court-street Station Monday night his comrades, rapping out telegraphic signals on the cell bars, had charged him with cowardice. He had replied with denials and the plan of a bolt for liberty was formed and the details arranged.



The signal for the rising was to be the crossing of his legs as they sat in the coach after it should have pulled out of the station next morning. Escorted to the station by Detectives Miller and Sockett, the men went to the smoking car of the Kingston Flyer quietly enough. The city police had turned to go, when Brown, who had slipped the shackle from his foot, desired to show that he had gained this measure of freedom. He moved his freed foot for the others to see, and they, believing that he intended this for the signal to revolt, arose and beat their manacled hands upon their surprised guards. In subduing these three men, they were successful, but the time was too soon. A passenger heard the noise and rushed from the train, screaming "Murder!" The two detectives, with Stanton Constable Hunt, had not left their latrines and jumped upon the already moving train.



They hurried to the coach, and then there was little to the fight. The police were as strong as the convicts, and they were armed and with free hands. The revolt was soon subdued. Only Brown sustained any serious injury. His head was cut by a blow from the policeman's baton.

## BRITISH MINERS LESS OBSTINATE

Agreement to Confer on Minimum Wage Makes Settlement Nearer—Strike in Belgium Feared.

LONDON, March 12.—(Can. Press.)—Although nothing definite was achieved at the joint conference of the coal owners, miners and cabinet ministers today, the prospect of a settlement of the coal strike is decidedly brighter. The executive of the miners' federation met late 19-night and adopted a resolution recommending that the federation agree to Premier Asquith's plan for a joint conference in the various districts for the settlement of the minimum wage proposals, on the understanding that none of the districts resume work until a national settlement is effected.

Should the federation, as is expected, adopt this recommendation, it will be a decided step forward, as a general agreement on a minimum wage is likely to have considerable influence on the obstinate Scotch and Welsh owners.

The prime minister again had an audience with the King and informed His Majesty of the proceedings at the joint conference.

## TRYING TO START SOMETHING



POLITICAL AGITATOR, insinuatingly: A man that would insult the West with a hat like that deserves to have it shot up.

## ONTARIO TEMPERANCE POLITICAL PARTY OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED, AMPLE MEANS

Ontario's political temperance party has been launched. Whether N. W. Rowell will try to clamber aboard, or gaze regretfully on the seashore of political doubt while it sails away beyond his reach, the next six weeks are expected to disclose.

Aid. Austin has been placed in command as chairman of the new and much opposed committee on political action.

Independent temperance men have guaranteed the committee ample means for its work of organizing the elec-

## BURGLARS BUSY AT THE HUMBER

Provincial Police Will Be Asked to Apprehend Gang of Thieves Who Have Been Active.

Despite attempts made by the county police to apprehend the offenders, a gang of thieves continue to annoy the residents of the Humber Bay district. During the past few months houses have been entered, hotels robbed, pedestrians held up, as well as various other forms of depredations committed.

Some time during the early hours of yesterday morning, three cords of wood were stolen from Newton's Hotel. Not long ago a side of beef and nearly a hundred pounds of butter were taken from this hotel, also coats, harness and other articles. The Humber Beach Hotel, opposite, was entered and a large quantity of liquor taken. The patience of the residents is exhausted, and an appeal will be made to have the provincial police investigate.

## BABY DROWNED IN WATER PAIL

Three-year-old Boy Tried to Get a Drink While His Mother Was Away.

HAMILTON, March 12.—(Special.)—Three-year-old Emil Clauser, a scribble of Alexandria-st., fell headlong into a pail of water this afternoon and was drowned. His mother was absent from the home for half an hour, and when she returned she found her little son's head submerged in a pail of water. Dr. McIlwraith tried vainly for half an hour to resuscitate the child. It was evident that the boy, who suffered from an attack of infantile paralysis last year, had met death while trying to get a drink of the water. This is the second tragic death thru similar circumstances within a week. Last Sunday a daughter of Wm. Gibson was scalded to death when she fell into a pail containing hot water.

## UP TO ONTARIO NOW.

NAGARA FALLS, Ont., March 12.—(Special.)—The local falls illumination committee received, a telegram from Senator Githins, announcing the passage to-day by the New York State Senate of his bill appropriating \$50,000 to light the cataract by electricity in conjunction with Ontario. The bill, which is similar to the Fraser measure in the Ontario Legislature, goes to the assembly immediately.

French Fight Natives.

CASABLANCA, March 12.—A French column has had a three-day engagement with the Zulu tribes, which it defeated with little loss. The French lost two killed and nineteen wounded.

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## KEEWATIN ISSUE SPLITS RANKS OF LIBERALS

Seven Nationalists and Seventeen Liberals, Including Hon. Mr. Beland and Hon. Mr. Murphy, Voted For Mondou Amendment — Sir Wilfrid "Stands Where He Stood in 1897."

OTTAWA, March 12.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as Hon. F. D. Monk commented, was last night "chased out of the lines of Torres Vedras" and his exit had been "coupled with a good deal of sliding and sliding."

After carefully explaining that he spoke merely as an individual and not as a political leader, he declared: "I stand to-day, in 1912, on the same ground that I did in 1897. I did not then interfere with the autonomy of Manitoba. I will not interfere with the autonomy of Manitoba."

After lauding his own settlement of the Manitoba school question of 1897 by "compromise and conciliation," he devoted a goodly portion of his speech to a denunciation of the French members of the cabinet. They despised conciliation. With them it was all or nothing. All their protestations about the rights of minorities were simply smears and shams to be disavowed as soon as the problem was reached. Peace might seem to reign in the Conservative ranks, but the storm still stirred the depths.

**Cabinet United, Says Monk.**

Hon. F. D. Monk, who followed him, declared emphatically that all members of the cabinet were in absolute accord. Nothing could be more injurious to the rights of the minorities than to insist on impossible conditions.

Hon. C. J. Doherty declared that the question was one of law, not sentiment. Perfect protection for any right that existed was to be found in the constitution of Manitoba.

J. H. Rainville (Chambly-Vercheres) made a telling point when he asked: "Would Quebec accept Ungava with a clause forbidding the Code Napoleon with a provision establishing non-sectarian schools? We should treat Manitoba," he declared, "as we would treat Ontario or Quebec."

## Tables Nearly Turned.

On the division, Mr. Mondou's amendment was defeated by a vote of 160 to 24, the wide split in the Liberal ranks on the question being regarded with cries of "where is the family row now?" Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Wm. Tompkinson, Hon. G. P. Graham, Hon. Frank Oliver and a majority of the opposition voted with the government and against the amendment. Hon. H. S. Beland, Hon. Chas. Murphy, and a fairly sized minority voting with the Nationalists, Mondou, Lamarche, Sevigny, Pa-

## E. WYLY GRIER AGAIN ELECTED

Will Preside Over Ontario Society of Artists For Another Year—Crowds Attend Exhibition.

E. Wily Grier was re-elected president of the Ontario Society of Artists at the annual meeting in the public library last night. C. W. Jeffreys was chosen vice-president and treasurer and Robert S. Gagen secretary. C. W. Jeffreys and J. W. Beatty were appointed representatives to the Canadian National Exhibition. The exhibition in the art museum in the library continues to attract large crowds.

## Not Shackleton's Plateau.

LONDON, March 12.—(C. A. P.)—The Times' Sydney correspondent states that Capt. Amundsen denies that the King Haakon plateau, on which the south pole is situated, is the same as King Edward VII. Land, discovered and named by Shackleton.

"Shackleton may have got to it, but that doesn't give him the right to name the territory which he never saw. The Haakon plateau was traversed by my party only, and I am satisfied I am right in naming it, as I think it."

## Two Trainers Killed.

NORWICH, N.Y., March 12.—Engineer Fred Kingman and Fireman Cole of this village were killed in a head-on collision between two Ontario & Western freight trains at Odena, six miles north of here, tonight. Several others of the trains crews were injured.

**A Dress of Spun Gold.**

A gown of gold, spun into a delightfully filmy cloth, will be worn by beautiful K. G. Gordon, during her engagement at the Princess in Victor Herbert's tuneful new comic opera, "The Enchantress." The gown was nearly a year in making, and if melted down would be worth nearly \$2000. It is easily the most costly dress that has ever been worn in this country.



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