

A UNIT WITH THE SENATE AT OTTAWA

An Over-Crowded Library, The Floods in France, And The Georgian Bay Canal Among The Matters Touched Upon.

ONE BILL GETS SECOND READING

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Senator Landry today drew the attention of the government to the fact that the library of parliament formerly the joy of the studious class and the pride of an expensive encumbrance of volumes of all sorts, and by the disgraceful arrangements that have been made...

Consent Intolerable. He asked if the government proposed to enlarge the library declaring that the present congestion was intolerable. Senator Power said that though Senator Landry's language was extravagant, there was a bad condition of affairs in the library.

Senator Donville said conditions were so bad that the library could not be obtained when sent for because they were buried. Sir Richard Cartwright said that the fact was that the conditions of the library was not very creditable to those who had charge of that department.

A Great Disaster. Senator G. W. Ross said that this was evidently a terrible disaster and one which Canada should take official notice of.

Senator Power thought it proper Canada should give to her ancient mother country in distress. Senator Power agreed that an expression of sympathy should be offered that financial aid should be offered.

No Brighter. In moving a bill extending the time of the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company, Sir Richard Scott said he regretted that the prospects for the project were no brighter than three years ago.

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MARKS OTTAWA BE ELECTOR

Issue Placed Before Electors Largely That Of Defence—Sir Edward Grey On German War Scare.

NORTH SEA CONFLICT ALMOST INEVITABLE

Special Correspondence. Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The bye election of participation in naval defence. Dr. Chabot, the Conservative candidate, having expressed himself in favor of substantial aid to Great Britain. The Journal this evening prints an interesting account of a statement made by Sir Edward Grey in private conversation last summer.

It then goes on to say that Sir Edward Grey spoke in reply in effect as follows: "I cannot think that there is a likelihood of war. I cannot bring myself to believe that a great and intelligent and Christian nation like Germany could attack us without provocation, without grave fault on our own side."

"If war were to come and our navy were worsted, it would spell the ruin of the British Empire. Germany would not need to land a soldier in England. Our feet would be on the sea. We could be starved into absolute submission in a month. No other great power has to face such a consequence of defeat."

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Veteran Railroad Builder Says High Cost Of Living Is Cost Of High Living—Hysteria And The Market.

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Miss Millholland's Escort Discharged. New York, Jan. 27.—Lieut. H. V. Torney, U. S. A., who was arrested with Miss Inez Millholland the Vassar graduate, and charged with "unlawful assemblage" at a recent meeting of the girl shirt waist strikers was discharged today on the police court. Miss Millholland must appear to offer defence on February 5.

CONSTERNATION BEIGIS DEFENCELESS PARIS

Floods Continue To Creep Inch By Inch Upon French Metropolis, Widely Extending Area Of Disolation And Ruin—The Gaiety Of The Streets Is Gone And The Citizens, Powerless To Control The Onrush Of Waters, Are Driven To Desperation.

Throughout The City Sewers Are Bursting, Streets Are Caving In And The Fear Of A Great Catylysm Is Everywhere Present—At An Early Hour This Morning Floods Showed No Signs Of Abatement—Relief Being Rushed From Every Country In Europe.

Paris, Jan. 28.—The conditions had become considerably worse at 2 o'clock this morning, particularly in the south and east sections. In the sixteenth arrondissement, the old Latin quarter the situation was critical. The sidewalk of the Quai des Grands-Augustins collapsed and fell into the Orleans Company's tunnel beneath, further extending the flood through the ancient streets, particularly the Rue Jacob and around the Institute of France. Another had caved in occurred in the Rue de Tournon.

Authorities, who yesterday promised panic prevailed tonight, when the maximum of the flood today, announced that this would not be reached until tomorrow morning. Official figures of the sises of the waters are difficult to obtain and the city council, at a stormy session tonight, charged M. Lepine with withholding the true gravity of the situation. The prefect defended his attitude by saying that he was governed by the necessity of not unduly alarming the people.

In the meantime what is happening is enough to strike terror to the hearts of all. The very crust of the city seems ready to sink into the flooded subterranean labyrinth beneath. Every hour drains are bursting in new localities, causing a subsidence of the streets or bulging them up feet above their normal level, while the overflow of surface water from the river is transforming the inundated districts into formidable lakes, and the streets into canals.

Walls Crumbling. The walls of the Invalids Station are crumbling and both that structure and the wing of the foreign office, opposite are in danger of collapse. Nevertheless, Mme. Pichon, wife of the foreign minister, held her regular reception this evening, oil lamps and gas fires being employed in the absence of steam heat and electricity.

Industry Demoralized Owing To Continued Mild Weather—Loss To Province Estimated At \$2,000,000. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 27.—The present unseasonable weather is playing havoc with the lumber industry of this province and the cut will only be about sixty per cent of the estimate, according to the opinion of a well known lumberman, who was in Halifax today. The cut for this province was estimated at over two hundred millions, but owing to the mild weather only about one hundred millions will reach the market.

Wife Of The Late Dr. Oulton Perished Before Aid Could Reach Her In Early Morning Fire At Amherst.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Oulton, wife of the late Dr. Oulton met a tragic end tonight in a fire that destroyed the Black Publishing Company's building at an estimated loss of \$30,000. Mrs. Oulton was a confirmed invalid occupying apartments in the building with the daughter. Upon the flames breaking out at two thirty o'clock this morning the latter was unable to remove her aged mother unaided and she perished of suffocation before aid could be found.

Longboat Defeats Percy Smallwood. Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 27.—Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, tonight beat Percy Smallwood, the Welshman, in a 15-mile in-door running race by four minutes. Longboat's time was 1 hour, 8 minutes, 37 seconds, while Smallwood, who finished almost five laps behind, did it one hour, 12 minutes.

LIBERALS NOW REELECTING WITH DEFEATED LOCK

Prospect Now Is That Coalition Majority Will Eventually Approach 120—Asquith In Conference With L.-George.

SEPARATE DOSES FOR THE LORDS

London, Jan. 27.—The Liberals are meeting with better fortune in the closing stages of the elections. The positions of the parties tonight is as follows: Unionists, 258; Liberals, 252; Laborites, 40; Nationalists, 76. The prospect now is that the coalition majority will eventually approach 120. Premier Asquith came to London today and conferred with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the chief Liberal whip on the situation. Nothing is likely to be decided, however, until after Mr. Asquith's audience with the King next week, and the meeting of the cabinet council.

Further Shut Down. There was a further shut down of electric light plants tonight, leaving the city in semi darkness. The relief work is proceeding bravely, none being refused food or shelter. Archbishop Amette has ordered public prayers in the churches and that a collection be taken up for the victims. In spite of the crippled water supply the authorities say that the reservoirs are intact and that there is no danger of a famine if the water is husbanded carefully and confined strictly to drinking purposes.

Dr. Lyman Abbott Proposes Great Triple Alliance As Solution Of Civilization's Problem. New York, Jan. 27.—A defensive and co-operative alliance between England, Japan and America was proposed tonight by Dr. Lyman Abbott at the dinner given Baron Kluebel by the resident consul-general of Japan.

Mannagua Returns To Reign Of Terror. Imprisonment Of Prominent Families In Nicaragua Continues And Whole Country Is In Uproar, State Despatches.

Bluefields, Jan. 27.—Private despatches received here today state that the imprisonment of the members of prominent families in Granada and Managua still continues and that Managua has virtually re-established a reign of terror. It is reported that General Chamorro with an army of two thousand after a 15 days' march has reached La Libertad, where the outposts of the Government forces are stationed.

More Complications In Glace Bay Muddle. Matter Of Injunction Against Town Club To Be Again Taken Before Courts—Preparing The Voters' Lists.

Gloucester, N. S., Jan. 27.—The developments in the town hall affair has created considerable excitement and discussion, during the past two days and the decision given in the supreme court by Judge Graham in dissolving the injunction against Town Clerk McNeill will probably be appealed at once and the matter taken to the higher courts.

Mr. Lyman Abbott proposed a great triple alliance as a solution of civilization's problem. He said that the world was in a state of chaos and that the only way to bring order to it was by a defensive and co-operative alliance between the three great powers of the world—England, Japan and America.

GRAFTERS TO BE SHELDED BY GOVERNMENT

Amendment Of Opposition Providing For Full Investigation Of Lumsden Charges Defeated In Straight Vote.

PUGSLEY WRITES ON DREGGING SCANDALS

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The intention of the Government to burke the Lumsden investigation as it burked the Hodgins investigation, was brought clearly into the light today. That excellent point maker, Mr. W. S. Middlebro did it. Here is what happened—Mr. Middlebro explicitly and pointedly asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier if it was the intention to allow in the proceedings of the committee, any questions as to over-classification. Having put this straight question he sat down and waited for a reply. Sir Wilfrid Laurier sat obstinately silent. He refused to say a word one way or the other.

Thus the position is that the Government will not allow any questions on the basic question of the whole inquiry. Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not care to affirm his intention in advance; but it would have been a complete reply to Mr. Middlebro to reply that such questions will be allowed that he surely would not have allowed it to pass if he could have made the promise. He could not make the promise; therefore, it is his intention to suppress investigation into the way in which the road is being built.

Mr. Meighen. Mr. Meighen traversed Mr. Carvell's argument as to the small percentage affected, noting the determination and persistent manner in which the commissioners had restricted the points of dispute. He pointed out that great force behind the premier's resolution omitted Mr. Lumsden's charges of over-classification. It was not the whole truth, but the seeming truth.

Mr. Middlebro turned to the Hodgins case. Major Hodgins had been dismissed BECAUSE HE WAS KEEPING THE CLASSIFICATION LOW TO SUIT THE CONTRACTORS AND THE COMMISSIONERS. THE ALLOW QUESTIONS RESPECTING OVER CLASSIFICATION TO BE PUT IN THE COMMITTEE.

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