

PREMIER ASQUITH WAS ABSENT POLITICAL CRISIS IS DELAYED

British Parliament Reassembled Today—Ministers Held a Lengthy Session—Some of Them Appeared To Be Favorable to Putting Veto Resolution to the Lords.

[Associated Press.]

London, Nov. 15.—Parliament reassembled today, but in the absence of Premier Asquith the proceedings lacked the acute interest that had been anticipated, and the political crisis is delayed until Friday. By that time the Premier will have seen King George again and laid before his majesty the decisions reached by the cabinet at the day's session, which was unusually prolonged.

The fact that the ministers were in conference for two and a half hours was taken to indicate that two or three of them were favorable to the plan of asking the Lords to accept or reject the veto resolutions before the dissolution of parliament.

These members are said to have made a hard fight in support of their views.

An adjournment until Friday was taken at the request of Chancellor Lloyd George, who said that circumstances had arisen "which in the judgment of the Government rendered it undesirable to proceed with the business set down for today."

He added that Premier Asquith would be in a position on Friday to make a statement of the Government's plans.

The House of Commons was crowded to its capacity and a nervous tension was noticeable during the preliminaries.

These over, the chancellor at once sought and secured a postponement of the inevitable crisis.

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BUTCHERS EXPLAIN THE PORK PUZZLE

Why Retail Prices Remain Unchanged Despite Slump in Hogs.

TOO MUCH IN STORAGE

Packers Have First To Get Rid of Stock Bought at Higher Prices.

Now that the wholesale price of pork is taking such a decline, a great deal of talk is heard as to why the retail prices remain the same as before the reduction. The retail butchers give many reasons for this, but the main one, and perhaps the only good one that will account for the present high retail price of pork, is that when the wholesale price was high, the demand was exceedingly good, and large quantities of this meat were bought up by the butchers. The result can be easily seen: the demand takes a slump, leaving the butchers with a large amount of pork in the cold storage, and on their own farms, and when the price begins to drop, they have first got to get rid of the pork they bought at the higher price. This accounts for the present price of pork. The packers have first to get rid of what they bought at the higher price before the change will take place, and just how soon the change will come is hard to predict. That it will come is certain, and already a drop of two cents has taken place on the American market. The reason for the slump in wholesale prices is that the farmers were attracted by the large prices paid in the spring, and went into hog raising a little more thoroughly than before. The demand slackens, and the prices have had to come down. This means that the butchers stand to lose thousands of dollars, and two weeks ago a large packing firm in Toronto made a big shipment of hogs to the old country. They struck a glutted market, with the result that they claim they lost \$100,000. This has been the experience of a great many packers, and it is mainly responsible for the steadiness of the high retail prices in pork.

The Present Prices.
At present the price of live hogs in London is \$6.40 to \$6.50 per hundredweight, and a further reduction is expected. Last year the price at this time of the season every year the hog prices take a slump, it will be seen from these figures that there is practically no difference in the prices of each year, yet the present retail price is as high or higher than the price of last year.

Mr. G. F. Morris, the Advertiser's man who has been following the wholesale price of pork would not affect the retail price just yet, but it is bound to affect it in time, likely before Christmas. The price of beef and lamb would likely be reduced.

MEAT PRICES LOWER

Beef in New York Has Dropped Four Cents a Pound.

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Nov. 15.—Reports from various parts of the country, indicating a fall in the price of meats, are reflected by similar reports from local dealers. They say the decline has already begun, wholesale price of beef having dropped off at an average of three to four cents in the last week. This was regarded as significant by them, since no such price-cutting had been experienced in the past year.

The market men attributed a relief from high prices to the enormous crop.

TROUBLE BREWING WITH MEXICANS

State Militia of Texas May Be Called Out Shortly.

WAS ANOTHER MURDER

Mexican Restaurant Keeper Assassinated Near the City of Austin.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 14.—Governor Campbell received a long distance call from the sheriff of Edwards County saying that he had received a telegram from Del Rio to the effect that armed Mexicans are marching to Rock Springs.

Governor Campbell ordered the sheriff to have all the sheriffs and deputies from all surrounding counties report to him at once. The governor is also getting into communication with the state rangers. If need be, he will order out the state militia.

A Murder.
Austin, Texas, Nov. 14.—Another Mexican, Damian Rios, who kept a restaurant at Giddings, 30 miles east of here, was assassinated last night as he was on his way home.

Much excitement exists among the Mexicans of the Manor community 15 miles east of here, over the assassination last evening of a Mexican farmer by two negro boys.

El Paso, Texas. Nov. 14.—Mexico has not yet succeeded in making a case against the United States in the burning of Antonio Rodriguez, at Rock Springs, Alameda.

Although the Mexicans have attacked Americans throughout Mexico, and started several good-sized riots since the event, the Mexican Government has not yet proved that Rodriguez was a Mexican citizen.

That Mexico is trying hard to get such proof, which would largely offset any claim the United States might make for damages done to Americans in Mexico, is evidenced by the telegrams being received on the border by Mexican consuls. They are being asked to search the records in an effort to establish the Mexican citizenship of Rodriguez. Some have not yet answered, but the El Paso consul, Antonio Lomeli, had to reply that he had no record here that would show such citizenship.

Mexico may have some chance to "come back," however, if reports now in circulation about revolutionary activities are true. A large number of discontented Mexicans, including Rodriguez, at Rock Springs, Alameda, have been purchased at other Texas border points and the Mexican Government is either preparing to or has forwarded a request to Washington to prevent the arms being taken into Mexico.

Can't Find Him.
Anadarko, Okla., Nov. 14.—Armed citizens today vainly continued their search for Oscar Ope, Mexican slayer of Police Chief W. C. Temple. Though the pursuers have diminished in number, about 250 determined men are still scouring the country, burning away all brush that could be used for a hiding place.

It was rumored today that Ope took dinner at a farmhouse near Anadarko. The farmer described a man who resembled Ope, but many believe that the Mexican escaped into Comanche County, and is near Lawton. It is believed all danger of lynching has passed.

ALL ARE SAFE

Missionaries Got Away in Time To Escape Chinese Outbreak.

[Associated Press.]
Hong Kong, Nov. 15.—Word has been received here that the missionaries connected with the American Presbyterian Mission, which was recently attacked by Chinese at Lienchow, are safe. The mob which destroyed the girls' school, the church and the residence connected with the mission, is said to have numbered thousands. Troops which were hurried from Canton to the scene of the trouble, are expected to arrive at Lienchow soon.



LATE JOHN F. LANG.
Former London Township Man Who Was Killed in Kalamazoo Wreck.

VOTE IN JANUARY ON ASSESSMENTS

Council Considers Request of McClarys, McCormicks, Whites and Perrins.

FOR A FIXED FIGURE

Bylaws in Each Case Passed Without Opposition—Statement by McClary Company.

At a special meeting of the city council held Monday evening four bylaws, fixing the assessments of the McClary Manufacturing Company, George White & Sons, the McCormick Manufacturing Company, and D. S. Perrin & Co., were given two readings and will be voted on by the ratepayers in January next. One application, that of the London Foundry Company, was laid over until the next meeting of the council. That of E. Leonard & Sons, which came in after the orders for the special meeting had been issued, will also be taken up at that meeting.

ASSESSMENTS INCREASED.

In all four instances the assessments were increased, the net increase being \$108,000. The McClary assessment was raised from \$100,000 to \$200,000; Whites from \$17,000 to \$25,000; McCormick's from \$30,000 to \$75,000; and Perrin's from \$42,000 to \$75,000.

Several of the concerns did not care to raise their assessments, but it was pointed out that there would be a much better chance of the bylaws carrying if the applicants showed a disposition to be reasonable in their demands.

The McClary Company.
Mr. John McClary represented his firm. He stated that twice he had appeared before the council on a similar request, and in each instance the city had decided that they were reasonable.

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WOULD REMOVE NATHAN

Ex-Premier Pelloux Is Now After the Mayor of Rome.

[Associated Press.]
Rome, Nov. 14.—Ex-Premier Pelloux submitted an interpellation to the Government on the weather. Deputies today on Mayor Nathan's speech of Sept. 20, in which the mayor attacked the Pope and the methods of the church.

In an interview later, Signor Pelloux said that Mayor Nathan's letter to the mayor of Montreal, protesting against the action of the common council and City of Montreal, was a matter outside of politics or religion; that it is an affirmation of the law, which the most eminent statesmen consider as binding as the constitution.

He expressed the opinion that it is the Government's duty to remove Nathan from office.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Fair and Cold.

FORECASTS.
London, Nov. 15.—8 a.m. Today—Fresh to strong west and north-west winds; mostly cloudy, with local snow flurries.

Wednesday—Fair and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
London	42	32	Fair
Calgary	28	18	Fair
Winnipeg	26	16	Cloudy
Edmonton	24	14	Cloudy
Perry Sound	34	24	Fair
Toronto	38	28	Clear
Ottawa	36	26	Cloudy
Montreal	36	26	Cloudy
Quebec	34	24	Fair
Father Point	36	26	Fair

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance near the Atlantic coast is passing away to the eastward, and the barometer will now rise both on the Great Lakes and in the Maritime Provinces.

The weather continues cold in Ontario and Quebec, and local snowfalls have occurred, especially near Lake Erie.

There are indications that an important disturbance will now develop near the coast of the Atlantic coast, and that it will continue fair and moderately cold in the Western Provinces. Rain fell in parts of the Maritime Provinces and light snow in parts of Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 28-38; Alton, 28-38; Victoria, 42-50; Vancouver, 38-48; Kamloops, 38-42; Edmonton, 14-28; Battleford, 8-22; Prince Albert, 18-22; Moose Jaw, 18-22; Qu'Appelle, 18-30; Winnipeg, 30-32; Port Arthur, 30-32; Perry Sound, 28-34; Toronto, 38-42; Ottawa, 36-42; Montreal, 36-42; Quebec, 34-42; St. John, 32-40; Halifax, 32-46.

TODAY'S PROBS.

The East—Increasing northwest and north winds; unsettled, with local rain or sleet.

Lake Superior—Fresh northwest winds; cold, with snow flurries.

All West—Fair; not much change in temperature.

WASHINGTON FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; moderate west winds. Western New York—Unsettled weather, with snow flurries near the lakes tonight or Wednesday; moderate north-west winds.

Texans Spoiling For Fight

Rock Springs, Texas, Nov. 15.—As a result of the report that a body of 300 armed Mexicans were marching upon this town, cowboys and ranchmen from the surrounding country, armed with rifles and revolvers, are pouring into Rock Springs this morning. The ranch people of this section are so anxious for a combat with the Mexican band that they probably will start on the march this afternoon to meet the supposed invaders.

CASE OF THE G. T. R. STRIKERS SENT TO MINISTER OF LABOR

Hon. Mr. King Asked to Act For the Nine Employees Still Out, in Order to Have Them Reinstated.

There are nine striking Grand Trunk employees, conductors, brakemen and baggage men of this city who have not been taken back by the company.

The rumor was current today that their cases would be taken up by President Chas. M. Hays himself when he returns from the western trip.

Mr. Cy Warman, who is in close touch with the G. T. R. executive, was informed of the fact that this number of men were not reinstated, and it is thought that he will bring the matter to the attention of the officials of the company on this trip.

However, their names have been forwarded to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, and he has been asked to intercede on their behalf.

What the outcome of this application will be is impossible to state, but there is every confidence among the men that all will be put to work in a very short time.

Sent to Ottawa.

"The names of the men still out have been forwarded to the minister of labor," said one railway man. "Their cases will be considered by him, and pressure is also being brought to bear elsewhere to have them reinstated. I think they will be taken back, and I fancy the company will see the justice of this within a short time."

The company's local officials state that they have received no orders to take on any more of the old men. They would not discuss the possibility of such a move. They would not give out the results of the conference here yesterday when Mr. Hays passed through.

CAN LONDON ELECTRIC UNDERSSELL UNDER THE PRESENT SCHEDULE?

The Mayor Says at Five Cents Per Kilowatt Company Has the Better of It, But Commissioners Declare Hydro Rates Are Poor Man's Schedule.

Many citizens are still busy figuring out the cost of domestic lighting as scheduled by water commissioners.

The London Electric have been besieged with applications for copies of bills, so that they may compare the figures with the probable cost of power under the new system.

The comparison was noted in many cases by The Advertiser, and in none was the price of Niagara power found to be less than 5 cents a kilowatt, and in the majority of cases it was about 6 cents.

Mayor Beattie's bill for 1909-1910 would figure out \$19.92. At five cents a kilowatt hour, the new price to be quoted by the London Electric, his bill would be \$16.57.

There is no doubt that at 5 cents a kilowatt hour, the London Electric can undersell the city under the present schedule," said his worship.

"My figures clearly demonstrate that, and in conversation with others I find it works out somewhat the same."

A Disadvantage.
"It will probably work out to the disadvantage of the man with the large house," said Manager Hays. "They will have to pay a fixed charge, and that will seem high. Still, when they average it up for the year, and take into consideration that it is quite a drop from 9 cents a kilowatt to 5 cents a kilowatt hour, with better light, they will begin to appreciate the city's position. It will work out all right. We have from 200 to 300 applications for light now, and also applications for about 500-horsepower from three manufacturers. When the people understand this proposition, they will accept our terms. As our consumption increases, the price will drop. We will have no trouble in selling 2,000-horsepower in a short time."

Chairman Pocock also figured out his personal bill, and showed that the city's prices are much below the price charged by the London Electric. He is confident that the company cannot successfully compete with the city's rates for lighting.

"It is undoubtedly a poor man's schedule," he declared. "It will be much to the advantage of the small householder, and he will get the benefit of the water commissioners' rate. It will do business, and we will look after the interests of the city as well as the consumer."

However, there are many who think the schedule is high, and will not accept it until a reduction is made.

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HAMILTON ALDERMAN ROASTS M'COMBE BROS.

Recent Statement That Ambitious City Is a Drunken One.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, Nov. 14.—The city council of Hamilton drew attention to a report that one of the McCombe brothers, Irish origin, holding services in Zion Tabernacle, had said that Hamilton was the most drunken city between Halifax and Vancouver.

The alderman did not refer to him by name, but referred to him as a "so-called preacher, who was more like a freak. He did not believe in the city's reputation, and that will seem high. Still, when they average it up for the year, and take into consideration that it is quite a drop from 9 cents a kilowatt to 5 cents a kilowatt hour, with better light, they will begin to appreciate the city's position. It will work out all right. We have from 200 to 300 applications for light now, and also applications for about 500-horsepower from three manufacturers. When the people understand this proposition, they will accept our terms. As our consumption increases, the price will drop. We will have no trouble in selling 2,000-horsepower in a short time."

**SOCIALISM WILL BE
ISSUE OF MEETING**

Leaders at Federation of Labor Meeting Look for Vote.

St. Louis, Nov. 15.—Governor Bradley of Missouri addressed the thirtieth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor today on "Workmen's Compensation." His address was the only formal speech.

President Gompers continued the reading of his report, which he began yesterday afternoon. The other business of the convention was the filing of reports by the committees.

Before the convention ends the delegates, according to the leaders, will have to decide for or against Socialism. Gompers, in his report, said that politics was invariably the enemy of the trade union movement, and was to take action without binding itself to a hard and fast "ism," "ology" or platform.

Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, and Max Hayes, of Cleveland, are leading in the struggle to have the convention declare for Socialism. Hayes' friends would like to see him succeed Gompers in the presidency.

FORMER LONDON MAN MET DEATH IN KALAMAZOO RAILWAY WRECK

John F. Lang, Well Known in This City, Killed When an Express Train in Michigan Ran Down a Loaded Street Car.

John Francis Lang, a former resident of London Township, was killed in the Kalamazoo railroad wreck on Saturday night last. He was a brother of Dr. Hugh Lang, of Dr. Lang & Sons, Granton. Miss Eliza J. Lang, who lives with her niece, Miss Mabel Fletcher, at 340 St. James street, is his sister. He is survived by his wife and an only son, Charles Lang, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The late Mr. Lang was born in London Township 42 years ago, but for many years had resided in Kalamazoo. Two brothers predeceased him, the late Charles Lang, of London Township, who died about two and a half years ago and the late James Lang, husband of Mrs. Lang, of 334 Horton street. He was an uncle of Mrs. J. A. Croden, of 293 Central avenue. No particulars concerning his death have been received beyond a brief telegram sent to his sister, Miss Lang, of this city, and the general account of the accident in the newspapers.

An Awful Wreck.
A dispatch from Kalamazoo says: Six persons are dead and 26 injured. One of whom it is thought will die, as a result of a street car on the Kalamazoo city lines of the Michigan United Railways Company being run down by a fast westbound express train on the Michigan Central Railroad. All of the dead and injured were passengers on the street car. The dead are: Ward Abbott, motorman, aged 25 years; Wm. F. Schaffer, 45 years old; Miss Elvira

Craig, 20; George M. Norman, 49; Theodore Mosk, 26; J. F. Lang, 35. All of the dead except Mosk, who was from South Haven, Mich., lived in Kalamazoo. The following were fatally injured: Miss Jacoba Vroegendewey, aged 18, internally injured and burned; Miss Cora Frenthway, aged 16, found early this morning beside the track unconscious, terribly bruised and cut; Miss Florence Wilmut, 25, skull crushed and badly injured; Miss Clara Crawford, 29, burned, crushed, and possibly internally injured. All are residents of Kalamazoo.

At High Speed.
That a single passenger escaped death is remarkable. The train was running into the city at a high rate of speed. It is said, and just as it rounded the curve at the east Main street crossing it crashed into the street car. Conductor Van Horn, of the street car, was standing between the Michigan Central double tracks. He had signaled his car ahead. Van Horn says he did not see the oncoming train nor hear it until it was directly upon him. It was then too late to stop his car.

The train hit the front end of the car, tearing it into pieces. Mangled passengers, living and dead, were carried on the front of the engine, for nearly a block before the train was brought to a stop.

The passengers who were caught in the car were buried under a mass of twisted metal. An electric current that was continually running through the metallic parts of the car until the trolley was removed.

WANTS CATHOLICS IN MORE OFFICES

President of National Federation Declares Church Is Not Well Represented.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 14.—Protests against the small number of Roman Catholics holding federal and state offices in this country and the failure of the state to pay for secular education in Roman Catholic schools, featured the annual report of President Edward Feeney, of Brooklyn, N. Y., at today's session of the ninth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies.

"The federation has no candidate for public place," he said, "but it seems that in proportion to the number of Catholics under the flag here and in our insular possessions we have by no means a sufficient representation in the public service. Further, those selected by our Government for responsible public positions should be real and not nominal Catholics."

Protest at Recent Dramas.
Turning to theatres, he said: "An indignant Catholic protests that the so-called advanced Catholics who have been selected by the United States to represent an obscene drama, which scoffs at marriage, and as a result social purity has become the target for the shafts of the voluptuary, a fertile source of ribaldry and vulgar humorist and a never-failing mine of indelicate innuendo to the dramatist. The obscene play has been supplemented by the immoral and pernicious modern burlesque, which shows which debauches young children."

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ANNIE PIXLEY'S HUSBAND SUEDED!

His Second Wife Applies For a Separation and Liberal Alimony.

ACTION AGAINST FULFORD

Masoleum of First Wife Is Now in Woodland Cemetery—An Interesting Story.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
New York, Nov. 14.—Robert Fulford, who has had a spectacular career as the husband and manager of Annie Pixley, one of the most popular actresses on the American stage twenty years ago, from whom he inherited an estate of more than \$300,000, is fighting a suit begun by his second wife, Mrs. Lillian Fulford, for separation, and a liberal allowance for alimony and counsel fees.

Annie Pixley was a relative of Conductor Wm. Fraser, who owned the Fraser House at Port Stanley, Ont., and she always spent the summer there. Miss Pixley's masoleum is now in Woodland Cemetery, near London.

Mrs. Fulford, in her application before Supreme Court Justice Davis, charges abandonment, Fulford brought a counter charge of perjury and also asserted that the marriage was illegal, because she had stated at the city hall, when the license was obtained, that she was a widow.

STRUCK BY EXPRESS
John King, of Hastings, Probably Fatally Injured in Accident.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Hastings, Nov. 15.—A serious accident occurred at the Grand Trunk Railway crossing here this morning, when Mr. John King was struck by G. T. R. train No. 8, which runs between Belleville and Peterboro, and seriously injured. Mr. King was employed as a teamster for Mr. B. Sherwin, and was returning for another load of cement when the accident occurred. He is seriously injured about the head and has a gash about ten inches in his scalp. His skull is also badly fractured in three places. Little hope is held for his recovery. Mr. King has a wife and two children. The train was in charge of Conductor Adams.

JOHN LA FARGE DEAD.
New York, Nov. 14.—John La Farge, artist and man of letters, died today at the Butler Hospital in Providence, R. I., after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, three daughters and four sons. The three daughters are Mrs. William Claxton, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ed. H. Childs, of New York; and Mrs. John La Farge, of New York. The sons are C. Grant La Farge, president of the Architectural League, of this city; Bancel, an artist, who lives in Switzerland; Oliver Hazard Perry, a Seattle banker, and John, a Jesuit priest, now attached to the Vatican.

Divorce Increases
Twenty-seven Applications in Parliament Breaks All Records.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Nov. 15.—This promises to be an average session as to private legislation, only 82 applications for bills having been given notice of. Last year there were 142 private bills passed, and this number will likely be equalled this year, as there is always a good deal of belated legislation of this sort. There are 27 applications for divorce, against 25 last year, and that was the record.

Two concrete reservoirs for oil, said to be the largest in the world, are in course of construction at San Luis Obispo, Cal.