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## AN ELECTION IS POSSIBLE IN 3 MONTHS

There Must Be a Spirit of Concension Among Parties or a General Tie-Up is Inevitable.

### STATE OF THE PARTIES

Seats in House	670
Filled to date	560
Unionist	238
Liberal	213
Labourites	37
Nationalist	72
Yesterdays gains:	
Unionist	9
Liberal	2

(Special Cable to The Toronto World) LONDON, Jan. 25.—The elections have pursued the course predicted in previous cables and the resultant deadlock threatens extraordinary developments. Tariff reform is frankly admitted to have failed to secure endorsement, while the budget has not received unequivocal support, and the rights of the house of lords are substantially unaffected by the electoral verdict.

The Irish, who will hold the balance of power are in a position of extreme perplexity because to advance home rule they must swallow the budget, which they have bitterly opposed. Mr. Asquith's position promises to be one of great difficulty and although both sides denounce any suggestion of compromise, such a course is not impossible, but it is difficult to see what form it can take. Some suggest an independent neutral administration with Lord Rosebery presiding, but even if he would accept the office, it is doubtful if the parties would still be in an exceedingly precarious and restless state. If another election within the next three months is imperative, Liberals are holding their own better in the more recent elections, but this is not so far in relation to the extremists, as the country generally would have preferred the ascendancy of either party sufficiently, at least to ensure a settled policy.

Liberals scout the suggestion that they should forego the chance of muddling thru with the help of the Irish, but their only way of doing this will be by fundamental variations of their declared principles. Meanwhile, colonial and imperial affairs will probably be secondary considerations and party energies will concentrate upon strengthening their own hands by extravagant proposals designed to conciliate the various domestic interests. The general outlook is therefore not reassuring.

Horace James Douglas.

## THE CURB ON THE LORDS

It May Lead to a Split in the Government Forces.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Five hundred and fifty-nine members of the new parliament have been elected. They are distributed as follows: Unionists 238, Labourites 37, Nationalists 72. Unionist gains continue with unbroken regularity. Out of 32 constituencies to-day, they had nine gains, and one in Ireland. Against these, the Liberals were only able to set two gains in Scotland, Lanarkshire, Govan and N. W. The Unionists gained Renfrewshire East.

The air is full of suggestions of compromise, but nothing is likely to be decided until the prime minister calls a meeting of the cabinet next week for a preliminary discussion of the terms of the royal speech for the opening of the new parliament. Various measures are expected to be presented in the King's speech, including Welsh disestablishment, unemployment insurance and the veto of the house of lords. The veto question will be the first taken up in the address in reply to the King's speech. It is expected, according to rumor from a reliable source to-night, that Premier Asquith's present idea is only to propose that the house of lords be deprived of the power of vetoing finance bills, but it is practically certain that such a restricted measure will not satisfy the Radicals, and unless the government proposes to limit the lords' veto on all legislation, it is exceedingly likely that there will be a split in the Liberal ranks.

The King will open parliament with a full state ceremony on Feb. 15. Queen Alexandra will accompany him. The resolution of T. R. Richards, the Labour member for the west division of Monmouthshire, was announced to-night. Unionist gains this morning were: Lancashire S. W. (Southport); Middlesex (Harrow); Nottinghamshire (Bassetlaw); Cumberland (Egremont); Surrey (Reigate); Wiltshire (Crickett); Tyne and Wear (Newcastle); Tyne and Wear (Morpeth); Oxford (Banbury).

D. B. Sheehan elected for the west division of Cork County as an Independent Nationalist, is the seventh anti-Rodmond Nationalist thus elected. Austin Chamberlain, for Worcester-shire East, and Sir A. F. Acland-Hood for the west division of Somersetshire, Independent Unionist whip, are among the more prominent tariff reformers.

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## A Very Bad Day In N.Y. Stocks

Uncertainty as to Pres. Taft's Attitude Toward Corporations Results in a General Decline.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Stocks broke from 3 to 7 points this afternoon in several of the most active issues, with a violence not often exceeded on the exchange, excepting in periods of absolute demoralization. Sales were in enormous volume and flooded the market from every quarter. Some of the severest losses were in Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Reading, Amalgamated Copper, United States Steel and Consolidated Gas. The announcement of an extra dividend on steel common was not made until after the close of the market. This rush of liquidation was generally conceded to be speculative. There was a momentary lull, and a following rally after the issuance of a statement from the White House, expostulating against and denying the sensational intentions attributed to the government, but at the last, the weakness of the market again became acute, and last prices were near the lowest.

At the same time the banks were exercising a rigid discrimination against some stocks, held as collateral for loans, which have come under suspicion of manipulation. The criticisms that purely fictitious prices have in some instances been established by market pools, have made bankers scientific. Stocks thus discriminated against were severe sufferers. Prices of wheat, corn, cotton, oats and pork declined at the same time with stocks.

Total sales for the day reached the unusual figure of 1,617,881 shares against 588,786 a year ago.

## SEVEN FROM BLIND RIVER MAY BE AMONG THE DEAD

Had Not Been Reported Missing—Five More Bodies Recovered Yesterday.

SUDBURY, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Bodies recovered to-day were those of T. H. Lavery, fireman, North Bay; J. Turcott, Rhineland, Wis.; Allan McLellan, V.S. Sudbury; Dan Morrison, Frankham, Ont.; and Charles Carey, Montreal.

Shortly before midnight, C. P. R. officials gave out information to the effect that seven more people were missing from Blind River. When a message was sent to Blind River this afternoon advising of the recovery of the body of Dan Morrison, it was learned that his sister Miss Morrison, was traveling with him, together with other persons from that place, therefore, the following names have been added to the missing list: Miss Morrison, Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Causland and her two daughters, and Mrs. Douglas and her daughter. All these persons are said to belong to Blind River, or nearby places. One of the bodies unidentified at the morgue must be that of Mrs. McInnes.

Two women, two boys, and two men are still unidentified. One body to-night was recognized as that of Mrs. Henrietta Newman, of Tiverton, Ont. The identification was made by her son, who recognized a wart on her head.

One of the unidentified bodies reported yesterday was found to be that of Mrs. Jos. Kelly, and that of the 12-year-old girl as her daughter. The three bodies of the Kelly family will be shipped to Orillia to-morrow.

The bodies found to-day were in 20 to 40 feet of water. It was so dark that Diver Lapointe's only way to tell them were bodies was by putting his hand over the face of the water.

Capt. Lahaye of Blind River wired The World correspondent to-night that his three friends whom he was here searching for, had arrived to-day from their meeting a cousin as they were about to board the train to Montreal, who persuaded them to remain here. Supt. Gutelius states that the bridge will not be ready for thru traffic by Thursday night, and probably later.

The presence of a chipped rail at the curve, about a quarter of a mile east of the bridge, may have had a part in the accident. A piece about the size of a cake of soap had been broken from the inside at the eastern end of the rail. This rail has since been replaced by a new one.

## NO CHUG CHUG WITH SILENT MOTOR

Famous Inventor of Silent Automobile Engine Explains Device to Engineering Society of Toronto University.

Charles V. Knight was the distinguished guest of the Engineering Society of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering of the Toronto University last night, in convocation hall. A very large audience was gathered, among whom were many ladies, interested by and in honor of the clever inventor. Many prominent citizens, devotees of the motor car, were present, John C. Eaton, H. C. Cox, E. B. Ryckman, J. N. Shenstone, Dr. Doolittle, Prof. Angus, being a few in the front rows.

W. D. Black, president of the society, occupied the chair, and the student body was represented by a strong body of the school of science, who gave their class yell at the close. Below the classic portraits of Sir William Mullock, Goldwin Smith, John Hoskin, Sir Charles Moss, Edward Blake and other great ones of the variety, were suspended diagrams of large dimensions, exhibiting the merits and methods of the Knight silent motor, and one of the noisy poppet motors it is rapidly displacing.

Welcome to Inventor. The chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Knight, the inventor of the new motor. It was the result of years of work and endeavor to produce a gasoline motor of high efficiency and power. The Knight was certainly the greatest of its kind, and had so been recognized by four of the greatest motor car manufacturers of the world, having exclusive rights in Canada. Hearing that Mr. Knight was in America, the engineering society lost no time in getting in touch with him, and the desire of having a first-hand description of the engine from him.

Mr. Knight proved to be a delightfully entertaining as well as a thoroughly well-equipped speaker. He was ready and witty and full of good stories when a point needed illustration or a passage occurred in the battery fire of questions. He had a funny way of pointing to side-step a question, going off in an opposite direction, but coming up with a complete demonstration of a triumphant refutation. He was so confident in his own assertion if he could avoid it, but produced the evidence of experts or testimony from independent authorities on the points raised by questions. He exhibited an exhaustive knowledge of the whole art and science of motoring, and new questions only seemed to tap unsuspected depths of knowledge and ability. He was particularly evident when a query about air-cooling called out a wealth of experience he had had with air-cooled motors, their almost certain failure, the use of the engine, with its multitudinous details of that art, and the confession that notwithstanding he was at work on an air-cooled motor, the confession was the admission of a failure. He was particularly evident when a query about air-cooling called out a wealth of experience he had had with air-cooled motors, their almost certain failure, the use of the engine, with its multitudinous details of that art, and the confession that notwithstanding he was at work on an air-cooled motor, the confession was the admission of a failure.

Like Edison. In appearance Mr. Knight is another Thomas Alva Edison. He is not over average height. He is rotund in face and figure, not to say Pickwickian, and wears glasses to further suggest that amiable memory. His smile is as benign as that of the Wizard of Orange, or of Mr. Pickwick himself, and his good humor was constantly infecting the audience to laughter. His story of the Kansas City real estate men should be a classic.

Prof. Angus, who seemed afraid to commit himself to anything positive in the way of an opinion, admitted that the society was to be congratulated upon Mr. Knight's address. They had heard of something original in a gas engine, and yet just as Water had made most of the most important discoveries in the steam engine, so Otto in 1876 had developed the gas engine almost as now presented. Mr. Knight's style of engine was an Otto cycle gas engine and the improvements consisted largely in mechanical design, coming back to the old Otto engine with sleeves. They had been discarded, but apparently the slide valves were commonplace. The verdict of the Daimler people indicated that.

Objection Overruled. Prof. Angus preferred the high peak on the power curve at the beginning of the stroke, and could not see the advantage of the distribution of the peak in the Knight engine. Mr. Knight met this objection by pointing out that the high peak was directly over the bearing where it was, and no good at the beginning of the stroke, and another point on vibration he explained by showing that in the poppet valve motor the cam raised the valve 80 to 100 lbs. in the spring pressure, inevitably causing hammering, while the two sleeves on the Knight motor, weighing 15 lbs., were raised by the fulcrum, motion produced.

Prof. Angus recalled the fact that the university had just erected a new laboratory for the express purpose of testing power engines. They had several engines installed for the purpose of experiment, but they needed one of the latest type of gas motor. He hoped Mr. Knight would take the hint. Doctor Had His Doubts. Dr. Doolittle gave the Knight motor the best character in the world. He had had a strong prejudice against it, he declared, when first he saw it in Chicago some years ago. He thought the name "Silent" was just one of those

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## ANOTHER MOSES

Found in the Natural Resources brushes.



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## N.T.R. CLASSIFICATION DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Opposition Ask That Commission Make a General Enquiry Into N.T.R. Construction.

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day moved a resolution calling upon the house to appoint a special committee of five members to conduct an enquiry into charges of lack of faith made by Hugh Lumsden, former chief engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission, against the engineers in district B, east of Quebec, and in district F.

The premier read a letter from Hon. S. N. Parent, chairman of the commission, asking that a parliamentary enquiry be instituted. Sir Wilfrid said it would not be the duty of the house to fix the amount of over-classification, but to establish whether or not there had been bad faith and wrong intentions. Lennox (South Simcoe) presented the opposition view, saying that the enquiry should cover the whole line from Moncton to Winnipeg. Mr. Fielding had informed parliament that the cost of the Moncton-Quebec section would not exceed \$25,000 per mile, while the Winnipeg-Quebec section would be built for \$28,000 per mile.

The entire population of Ivy-Murphy and adjacent places, which are completely covered with water, are in a desperate state. Only the tops of the houses at Alfordville are visible, the water averaging 12 feet in the streets. At this time, since 6 o'clock this morning, 3000 people have been rescued by boats. Tonight groups of Apaches were engaged in piracy and robbery. The water, even, has been washed out of the streets, and is floating down stream.

There were many cases of drowning and death to the aged and sick as a result of shock and exposure. Two instances of death were particularly pathetic. Aged, infirm and finding themselves unable to move, a man and a woman hanged themselves to a bedpost.

The hospital at Ivy, containing 2000 patients, is surrounded by water. There is no means of cooking the food or of heating the building. President Fallières and Premier Brienx made an automobile trip this afternoon thru the flooded districts, in the eastern section of Paris. They walked with mud and water, and saw crowds of men tugging at valves and trunks, and weeping women burdened with children and household belongings.

Storm in Germany. BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Snow continued to fall thruout northern Germany to-day. Many large towns have been cut off from communication by railway, telegraph and telephone from the outside.

PRICE OF FURS GOING UP. It is a positive fact that the price of furs will have advanced at least fifty per cent. more by this time next year. The price this year is also an advance on what it was last season. Now, the Dinesen Company is having a sale in its showrooms, designed to liquidate its stock now on hand before taking stock. Everything is being sacrificed at less than cost prices. In the men's fur department there are some rare bargains. Call to-day.

## 100,000 NOW HOMELESS FLOODS GROWING WORSE

Terrible Loss of Property Involved in Unprecedented Rampage of Waters in France.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The floods have brought disaster to a large part of France. The ordinarily modest and peaceful Seine is now a raging torrent and rising at the rate of more than half an inch an hour. It will continue to rise until Thursday.

The victims of the flood number more than a hundred thousand, and the monetary loss is incalculable. Thousands of poor are hopelessly ruined and are fleeing to Paris.

In many cases the soldiers have been obliged to use force in compelling the inhabitants to evacuate their homes. Hundreds of them refused to leave, clamoring only for food and drink.

The flood in Paris is invading the compactly built areas on either side of the Seine, undermining the residences and public buildings and forcing the evacuation of many houses. Every hour helps to complete the tie-up of the telephone, telegraph and railroads, and in every section gas and electric lights are failing. Paris is practically cut off south and west, and the question of food supplies will soon become menacing. The public relief fund is swelling. President Fallières heads the list with \$4000. The Rothschilds have given \$20,000, the Bank of France, \$10,000, and the Banque De Paris et des Pays-Bas, \$10,000.

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## TORONTO LABOR MEN CUT OUT MEAT DIET

Flesh Till Outrageous Prices Come Down.

Following in the foot-steps of citizens and labor unions of United States cities a crusade was started last night, by the Toronto labor unions, against the retail meat dealers.

"We, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to refrain from eating meat (flesh), for the period of 30 days, or until the outrageous price of retail meat has been reduced."

The foregoing pledge was mailed up to the notice-board in the Labor Temple last night. At 10 o'clock a number of names had been appended.

From the talk of those in the Labor Temple it was gathered that the fight for meat at reasonable prices was on in earnest.

"We can get along without meat," said Magnus Sinclair, one of the prime movers of the crusade. "There is too much meat eaten, anyway," he said. "If we become vegetarians the prices will go down. A vegetarian diet will do us good. Many people eat meat three times a day. Once a day is enough."

There are approximately 18,000 union men in Toronto. If they and their families become vegetarians there will probably be 60,000 vegetarians in labor circles alone. Then we expect to see the help of thousands who are not tied to unions, but who are in sympathy with the movement.

"This little start is a plea to every citizen of Toronto, who believes in join in with us and help the cause along. This placard on the board is only the small end of the wedge, and it will be taken up by the different unions and the council.

"It is the combine who are holding up the prices; not the farmers. If the farmers were getting decent prices for their product it would not be so bad."

MEAT PRICES FORCED DOWN. Boycotts Having Their Effect—Pittsburg Wants Fish. PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 25.—Cattle, hogs, and lambs at the local stock yards again dropped in price to-day from five to fifteen cents a hundred. Butter and eggs, and in many instances vegetables are being shaded in price. Butcher stalls and markets in the residential sections are well nigh deserted.

To-day there was a rush on the fish market. Fish prices are lower than they have been here in some months. District-Attorney W. A. Blakeley to-day expressed himself in favor of a grand jury investigation into the cause of the high prices.

## PREMIER BREAKS QUEEN'S PARK TRADITION

Introduction of 33 Bills by Sir James Gives Business-Like Aspect to Brilliant Opening by Lieutenant-Governor.

Leadon skies can hardly dampen the enthusiasm generated by social ambition in the breasts of the ladies fair, and perhaps in those of some of the gentlemen as well, who are wont to turn the legislative chamber at the opening of the house into a bower of beauty, in which the triumphs of the modiste's art are seen in a profusion and variety which fairly bewilder the senses.

After all, the day was not bad, when one thinks of the howling blizzard which ushered in the first session of the twelfth legislature last year.

The scene in the chamber was probably the most impressive of recent years. There might have been nothing to boast of outside, but the sound of it was lushed to the fortunate who had the entire. Within all was decorum. Everything was as the most fastidious master-of-ceremonias could have desired.

Precisely at the stroke of three the approach of the Lieutenant-governor was heralded by the strains of the national anthem, played by the band of the Royal Grenadiers, 100 men from which regiment formed the guard of honor at the main entrance. His honor Col. Gibson was escorted by a mounted guard of 12 men and an officer of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

A detachment of 78 men of the 3rd Field Battery, under the command of Major Macdonald, A.D.C., Capt. Douglas Young, A.D.C., and Lieut. Hope Gibson. Following his honor were General Gordon, brilliantly uniformed staff of some 30 or more officers of the Toronto garrison.

Speech From the Throne. The speech from the throne, while not forecasting much in the way of public legislation, contained some notable declarations, chief among which may be placed the one regarding the question of provincial rights in the matter of the power legislation.

"Considerable progress has been made" the statement runs "in carrying out the construction of the transmission line required for the distribution of electric power to the various municipalities that entered into agreement with the hydro-electric commission, for supplies of power. Efforts have in the meantime been made by petitions at that behalf, and otherwise, to secure disallowance of the legislation of last year."

Extension of Railway Charters. OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—The old question of the extension of railway charters without limit came up before the railway committee of the commons this morning. The committee, presided over by Mr. Tarriff of Agincourt, a sub-committee was named to revise the rules so as to secure greater safeguards against unlimited extension of charters.

Plenty of Herring. ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 25.—Despite the fears of many fishing captains that Newfoundland west coast herring fisheries are becoming depleted, the catch for the season now ended shows an increase of 20,000 barrels over last year. The total catch amounts to 84,000 barrels.

## New County Wardens

- BRANT—J. A. Messner, Oakland.
- BRUCE—Dr. Crow, Chesley.
- DUFFERIN—James J. Reith, Chesley.
- ELGIN—Donald McEwen, reeve of Aldborough Tp., on the 9th ballot.
- FRONTENAC—Jerome Thompson, Sharbot Lake.
- GREY—Andrew Schuler, Normanby.
- HALDIBAND—John Avery, Caledonia.
- HASTINGS—W. R. Mather, Stirling.
- HURON—Dr. A. J. Irwin, Wingham.
- KENT—Andrew Denholm, Blewett (5 ballots).
- LAMBTON—Robt. Auld, Warwick Township.
- LEEDS-GREVILLE—George Morris, Burgess South.
- LENOX-ADDINGTON—Smith Gilmore, Tamworth.
- LINCOLN—Wm. Mitchell, Grimsby (unanimously).
- MIDDLESEX—Daniel S. Campbell, Adelaide Township.
- NORFOLK—E. S. Schuler, Victoria.
- NORTH HAMBURG—A. L. Hays, Kendal.
- OXFORD—Wm. Forbes, West Zorra.
- ONTARIO—Henry Purvis, Cannington.
- PEEL—Peter Speers, Chingwood.
- PERTH—Luther Turner of Fullerton.
- PETERBORO—Frank Mohr of Dooro.
- SIMCOE—A. C. Gardes, Barrie (8 ballots).
- VICTORIA—Emerson Tiers of Victoria.
- WENTWORTH—J. A. French, Gilmour.
- WATERLOO—Henry McKinnis, Ayr.
- WELLAND—W. E. Mackenzie, Chippewagon.
- WELLINGTON—W. H. Pritchard of Nichol Township.
- YORK—A. E. Pugsley, Sutton.

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