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VETO BILL PASSES
SECOND READING

GOVERNMENT HAS
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Lord Balfour of Burleigh Sub-
mits Bill Providing for
Referendum

London, March 3.—Four days of un-
inspiring debate, given to a measure
involving a great constitutional reform,
came to a conclusion last night, when
Premier Asquith applied closure and
the second reading of the veto bill was
passed by a majority of 125, the vote
being 308 to 243. Prior to this, the
House took a division on Asquith Cham-
berlain's amendment, with a majority
of 121 against it.

The figures on the veto bill were
greeted with prolonged cheers, after
which the bill, on the premier's motion,
was committed to a committee of the
whole House. This stage is likely to
be deferred for some time to enable the
government to dispose of financial busi-
ness. The opposition leaders are draft-
ing a series of amendments.

Mr. Chamberlain's defeated amend-
ment was moved last Monday on behalf
of the opposition. It declared that the
House will welcome the introduction of
a bill which, while reforming the House
of Lords, maintained its independence
as a second chamber, but declined to
proceed with a measure which placed
all effective legislative authority in the
hands of a single chamber and offered
no safeguards against grave changes
made without the consent of the peo-
ple.

The appearance of Mr. Balfour in
yesterday's debate gave a temporary
interest to the otherwise dull proceed-
ings, and although not in the best of
form, the former premier kept the in-
terest alive.

Pending the committee stage of the
bill, interest will now centre in the es-
timated production next week of Lord
Balfour's bill for the reform of the
House of Lords.

Referendum in Lords.
Lord Balfour of Burleigh introduced
his bill for the amendment of the
House of Lords on occasions of great national
importance. The measure passed its
first reading without division.

In introducing his bill Lord Balfour
of Burleigh said the popular vote
provided for in order to secure public
expression on a specific issue was the
best solution of the difficulties con-
fronting the nation. "In whatever coun-
try it has been tried the referendum
has been a success."

The Earl of Crewe, on behalf of the
government, characterized the proposal
as a counterstroke to the government's
veto bill. He said it was a more radi-
cal departure from the constitution
than the government's proposal, or
even a measure to set up a single
chamber.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE MEN.
(Special to the Times.)
Niagara Falls, Ont., March 3.—A
boiler exploded this morning at the
Ontario Power Company's works, kill-
ing three men and fatally injuring an-
other. Seven or eight men were mere
or less seriously injured.

The names of the dead are: John
Henderson, Henry Owen and Frank
Oda.

CHAS. KENT RESIGNED
AS CITY TREASURER

Council Records Sense of
Value of Services and Ap-
points E. C. Smith

(From Friday's Daily.)
The resignation of Charles Kent, city
treasurer and tax collector for many
years, was received and accepted by
the city council last night. Mr. Kent
voted that he had been compelled to re-
sign owing to failing health. His let-
ter read that when given six months'
leave of absence last year he had hoped
to be able to return to work at the ex-
piration of the term, but he now real-
ized he could not in future give the city
affairs the attention which they requir-
ed. He recommended E. C. Smith, who
has been acting treasurer, as his suc-
cessor.

Ald. Bishop moved the resignation be
accepted with regret and referred to
the long and efficient service of Mr.
Kent.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton said that in
seven years' experience with Mr. Kent
he was able to support the high opin-
ion expressed by Ald. Bishop. Mr. Kent
had been doing two men's work and
was one of the best men in the civic
departments. He recommended that a
tribute of regret and respect from the
city should be engrossed for Mr. Kent.
The question of the recognition of his
services taking the form of a bonus,
was brought forward, and after the
mayor had remarked that Mr. Kent re-
ceived six months' salary last year, the
matter was referred to the finance com-
mittee for report. The mayor said that
three years ago he had advised Mr.
Kent to have assistance in the office,
but without avail. Mr. Kent had been
"a horse of high mettle and had stuck
to his guns to the very last."

The appointment of E. C. Smith to
succeed Mr. Kent was passed at the
city council. The comptroller is to provide himself with
extra help and the finance committee
will deal with the question of advanc-
ing the present staff to higher rank.

GRAIN GROWERS
FAVOR RECIPROCITY

CLIFFORD SIFTON'S
ATTITUDE CONDEMNED

Manitoba Association Declares
Popular Opinion of Province
Has Been Misrepresented

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, March 3.—At a meeting of
the executive of the Manitoba Grain
Growers' association last night a resolu-
tion was passed unanimously con-
demning the stand of Hon. Clifford
Sifton, the Winnipeg Grain Exchange,
the Winnipeg Board of Trade and the
Manitoba legislature against reciprocity,
declaring that they misrepresented
popular opinion in Manitoba and as-
serting that the people of Manitoba
will not be satisfied with anything
short of the following action by the
Canadian parliament during the present
session:

1.—Ratification of the reciprocity
agreement.
2.—Complete abolition of duties upon
Agricultural machinery and imple-
ments.
3.—An increase in the British prefer-
ence to fifty per cent.

Pear Farmers May Suffer.
St. Catharines, Ont., March 3.—"By
reciprocity you won't hurt us, and we
won't hurt you," said Elijah Rogers to
the Niagara Peninsula fruit growers in
convention here yesterday. "If you
can get ten and twelve crops in four-
teen years, no wonder you must be
getting rich. You have the best soil I
ever saw."

Continuing, Mr. Rogers, whose home
is in Milford, Conn., and who is pres-
ident of the State Pomological Society
of Connecticut, complimented the
growers on their opposition to reci-
procity, as he strongly opposed it too.
The pomological society having passed
a strong resolution against it.

Stancliffe Hale, South Glastonbury,
Conn., also opposed reciprocity, not
because he feared the local fruit men
so much as that the farmer of the United
States was placed at too great a dis-
advantage and did not get enough for
what was given.

LORD DUDLEY WILL RETIRE.
Lord Denman May Be Next Governor-
General of Australia.

Melbourne, March 3.—It is officially
announced that the Governor-General
will retire from office in July next.
Lord Denman, a prominent Liberal peer
and deputy speaker of the House of
Lords, will probably succeed him.

Lord Denman served in the "South
African war, and was wounded during
an engagement. The salary attached to
the position of Governor-General is
\$50,000 per annum.

SPEND EIGHT MILLION
DOLLARS A MINUTE

Members of U. S. Senate Es-
tablish Record for Twenty
Minutes' Work

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., March 3.—A new
record for spending is hung up in the
archives of the senate to-day as the
result of yesterday's legislative ac-
tivities, when the senators spent an
average of \$3,000,000 a minute for 20
minutes. In that time the upper
house passed the pensions appropri-
ation bill, carrying \$153,000,000; the
diplomatic bill, \$4,000,000, and the for-
tifications bill, \$5,000,000.

CHOLERA AT HONOLULU.
Honolulu, March 3.—The thirteenth
case in the present outbreak of cholera
in Honolulu was reported yesterday.
Indications are that the disease is
widely scattered, the last cases appear-
ing in different portions of the city.

As a result of the spread of the
cholera, the territorial board of health
to-day ordered all poi factories to sus-
pend until further notice.

The steamship companies are adver-
tising that all booking passengers will
be required to go into quarantine for
five days before departure on steamers.

CHARLES KENT

Who Has Resigned the Position of
City Treasurer on Account of
Ill-health



DREAMS OF SAANICH BEGINNING TO ASSUME CONCRETE FORM.

MILLION MAY DIE
FROM STARVATION

FAMINE CLAIMS MORE
VICTIMS THAN PLAGUE

Both Supplies and Funds Are
Lacking in Stricken Dis-
tricts in China

Peking, March 3.—Famine and the
plague are claiming more victims in
China than ever before. The known
deaths from plague number 30,000,
and, according to the official statis-
tics, the death rate averages 200
daily. But officials have little knowl-
edge of conditions in the interior, or
are not permitting the facts to be
known. It is impossible to estimate
the number of deaths that have result-
ed from lack of food.

Dr. Samuel Cochrane, an American
who is engaged in there are no
writes: "One million people will die
before the first crop is harvested. This
will be scanty, because the people have
not the strength to till the soil, and no
animals remain for ploughing."

The Chinese, for political reasons,
are directing their efforts to control
the plague chiefly along the railways
and frontiers. Since the recent Rus-
sian request for permission to cross
the border and quarantine Chinese
towns along the Amur, China has
been attempting to check the plague
along the frontier, but the Russian
legation says this has been done. In-
effectively because there are no doc-
tors there familiar with modern meth-
ods of sanitation.

Although the central government
has issued explicit orders, both sup-
plies and funds are lacking. Japan-
ese and Russians have offered as-
sistance, but only in a few places
have these offers been accepted, the
Chinese not liking to receive favors
from foreigners whose political mo-
tives they distrust.

Physicians combating the disease
believe that warm weather will kill
the germs, although this may bring
only a temporary respite. If the
plague was of the bubonic type, the
summer heat would serve to augment
it. The pneumonic type is transmitted
through the respiratory apparatus, and
as a consequence when the Chinese
emerge from their winter quarters to
the open air, they will escape contami-
nation. It is said by the medical au-
thorities that such an epidemic as the
present, which is entirely pneumonic,
has not visited the world since the Mid-
dle Ages.

Owing to the political questions in-
volved and the presence of foreigners
along the railways, the plague in Man-
churia is receiving greater attention
than the famine, but the death rate
from the famine is many times greater
than that from the plague.

The famine is the result of the de-
struction of the crops by a sixteen-
inch rain in two days last August in
a district where the people ordinarily
have a hand-to-mouth existence. As
soon as the first pangs of hunger
were felt the people left their homes,
but many of them were unable to get
beyond the borders of devastation.
These returned and took up the death
struggle beside their homesteads.

A relief committee of foreigners at
Shanghai is collecting money "So far
Japan and America are the only for-
eign countries that have contributed
to the sufferers, but even the extensive
assistance from the United States is

TO CHECK ATTACKS
ON PUBLIC MEN

Bill May Be Passed to Deal
With Foreign Correspon-
dents in Old Country

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, March 3.—Furious at the
freedom with which the correspondents
in England of foreign publications
sometimes criticize British public men
and institutions, London political cir-
cles are planning to punish the offend-
ers, even though their articles may
never have been circulated in Great
Britain.

The matter has been submitted to
the attorney-general, who has prom-
ised to see what can be done. The
probabilities are that a bill will be in-
troduced in parliament, where it will
stand an excellent chance of enactment
into law.

The new statute, if passed, will make
Britain an extremely lively place for
foreign correspondents, who, if held to
account for all they send to American
newspapers in particular, will hardly
pass a day of their lives without sub-
jecting themselves to civil or criminal
penalties.

COUNT SECURES SEPARATION.
Chicago, March 3.—A cable from Vienna
to the Daily News yesterday stated that
Count Josef Glyzicki had secretly secured
a legal separation in Hungary from his
wife, who was Miss Eleanor Patterson, of
Chicago. Countess Glyzicki declared that
she had not heard of her husband's pro-
posals.

The decree, it was learned, was issued
in September of last year, the Count al-
leging that his wife had wilfully aban-
doned herself, taking with her their only
child, Felice. Under the decree it was stated
the Countess was assessed the costs of
the court proceedings.

TROOPER MULLOY WEDS.
(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, March 3.—The darkness that
has been over the life of Trooper Mulloy,
late of the Canadian Mounted Rifles in
South Africa, has been lifted, and sun-
shine is again in his life. Trooper Mulloy
lost the sight of both eyes while fighting
the Boers in South Africa, but later he
won the love of a charming girl and on
Wednesday Rev. Dr. Sparling married the
two in St. James' Methodist church. Mrs.
Mulloy is a daughter of Silas Munroe, a
capitalist of Seattle, Wash., and as Miss
Jean Munroe, gained quite a reputation
for herself as a musician in the Pacific
states.

WILL MEET IN WINNIPEG.
Winnipeg, March 3.—Announcement
was made to-day at the Manitoba
Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. meeting, that
the Sovereign Grand Lodge of America
has accepted the invitation to meet in
Winnipeg next year.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION RE-
JECTED.
Sacramento, Cal., March 3.—After 130
hours of acrimonious debate, the Senate
rejected the Boynton compulsory arbitra-
tion bill by a vote of 15 to 22. Antagonism
between capitalists and laborers toward
the measure, and personal attacks during
the discussion, were the chief factors.

BOTH MAY RETIRE.
Johannesburg, March 3.—Owing to
continued ill health, it will not be sur-
prising if Senator Botha retires.

DEFENCES OF
THE EMPIRE

SUBJECT TO COME UP AT
IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Australia Would Extend Sys-
tem of Co-Operation of
Forces

(Special to the Times.)
Sydney, Australia, March 3.—Sen-
ator G. F. Pearce, minister of defence
in the commonwealth parliament, will
bring forward at the Imperial confer-
ence the subject of extending the co-
operation and co-ordination of the
military forces of Britain's over-
seas dominions, and the status of Dominion
navies. There has already been ne-
gotiations as to what "flag the Do-
minion naval units should fly. Canada
has asked for the maple leaf. Aus-
tralia desires the southern cross upon
blue, ensign should be used by Aus-
tralian ships. Senator Pearce will en-
deavor to arrange that other powers
be asked to recognize distinctive dis-
tinction ensigns.

ALLEGED KIDNAPING.
Americans Said to Have Been Carried
Into Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, March 3.—Charging that
Edward Blatt and Lawrence Converse,
Americans, arrested by the Mexican
government as rebels, were taken on United
States soil and dragged across into
Mexico with their hands bound, friends of
the two boys have taken steps to have the
captors arrested as kidnapers.

An agent of the department of justice
investigating the affair returned from
Mexico, he reported that the stories told
by the youths of their having been taken
in the United States were true. If this
can be established, friends say, their re-
lease will be brought about speedily.

KILLED BY TRAIN.
Pasco, Wash., March 3.—J. P. Martin, a
real estate dealer of this city, was killed
while coming across the Northern Pacific
bridge over the Columbia river, between
here and Kennewick. Martin and Henry
Hines were nearly to the end of the bridge
when they met a train. Hines stepped out
on a brace of the bridge, while Martin
tried to reach the end. He was struck and
knocked into the air and off the bridge,
striking the rocks below.

Almost every bone in his body was
broken and he died a few minutes after-
wards.

INVESTIGATING WOMAN'S DEATH.
Chicago, March 3.—Suspecting suicide,
the police here are investigating the death
of Mrs. Paul Kimball, wife of a rich lun-
cheon man and the daughter of former
Senator Cannon, of Utah. Mrs. Kimball
died of morphia poisoning. It is said she
was quarrelled with her husband.

NEW FRENCH CABINET.
Paris, March 3.—Premier Monis, suc-
cessor to Aristide Briand, presented his
new cabinet to President Fallieres yester-
day afternoon. The only changes in the
cabinet as tentatively announced Wednes-
day night were that of M. Peltre as be-
minister of justice and M. Pams minister
of agriculture.

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RECIPROCITY BILL
IN U. S. SENATE

MAY COME UP FOR
CONSIDERATION TO-DAY

Extra Session, If Found Ne-
cessary, Will Probably
Open March 15

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., March 3.—When
the senate reconvened to-day, Senate
Stone, Democrat, Missouri, served no-
tice that at the close of the consider-
ation of the naval appropriation bill
to-day, he would call up the reci-
procity measure. The naval bill car-
ries appropriations aggregating \$125,-
000,000.

That an extra session of congress is
a certainty was believed here to-day
following President Taft's official ad-
mission that he favors March 15 for
the opening day. The date represents
a compromise reached at a conference
of Republican and Democratic leaders.
It is now believed that all the neces-
sary vote on Canadian reciprocity at this
session has vanished.

An agreement was reached in the
senate at 3 o'clock this morning that
a vote on the tariff board bill shall
be taken at 8:30 o'clock Saturday
morning. If the agreement is adhered
to the tariff board will become a
reality. It has passed the house and a
majority in the senate favor it.

Attempting to prevent a vote, Sen-
ators Stone and Overman filibustered
until 3 o'clock this morning and then
surrendered.

The filibustering was finally ended
by the absence of a quorum. It is be-
lieved that the senate will finish prac-
tically all its business by noon to-mor-
row except the vexed question of reci-
procity.

Not Going to Washington.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 3.—The dispatch
from Washington to the effect that a
Canadian minister of the Crown was en
route to the American capitol to con-
fer with President Taft in refer-
ence to the reciprocity agreement,
was received with surprise here this
morning. Both Hon. Wm. Patterson
and Hon. W. S. Fielding are here.

When spoken to about the matter
Mr. Fielding treated it as a joke, and
while he did not make any definite
statement the inference to be drawn
from his attitude was that there is
no possibility of either himself or Mr.
Patterson returning to Washington.

There is little hope here that the
agreement will be passed by the
American senate before it adjourns
to-morrow, but in ministerial circles
it is asserted that this will not cause
any change in the government's pro-
gramme. The result will now under
discussion and the bill based there-
on will be pressed through the house.
While no definite agreement has been
reached, the hope is expressed that
the debate on the resolutions will be
terminated by Thursday next.

PLOT TO MASSACRE
JAPANESE IN KOREA

Members of Nationalist Party
Reported to Be Involved
in Conspiracy

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Dispatches
received here to-day from Seoul, Ko-
rea, tell of a plot to massacre all Ja-
panese in the city and destroy the
Seoul-Pusan railway. It is asserted
that 50,000 members of the Korean na-
tionalist party are involved.

SQUADRON OF MONOPLANES.
French Aviators Start From Pau on
Flight to the Capital

Pau, France, March 3.—The first
aerial charge in history was started
from Pau to-day when Captain Bal-
linger led a squadron of aviators in a
flight to Paris, a distance of 423 miles.
He was accompanied by Lieutenants
Derosé, De Malherbe and Princetau.
The men used Bleriot monoplanes and
few in military formation. The squad-
ron expects to maintain the formation
during the entire flight. The first de-
scent is planned for Chateau Roux and
one other stop, will be made en route.
The squadron was expected to reach
Paris to-morrow.

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, March 3.—The inaugural
meeting of the Presbyterian associa-
tion for the federal union of the
churches took place here yesterday.
The statement prepared at the gather-
ing of one week ago was accepted and
a lengthened discussion took place as
to the non-antagonistic relation of the
present movement to that of organic
union which is now before the Presby-
terian, Methodist and Congregational
churches.

The idea behind it was explained to
be the impossibility of organic union
at present among the negotiating
churches, and the possibility of federa-
tion of all Protestant churches. It was
felt by all that federation rather than
fusion was the immediate duty of the
hour and that taking this step would
test the way open for any movement,
even co-operate union in the day when
the churches are prepared for the step.

FARMERS' BANK CASE.
(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, March 3.—The cases against
J. J. Warren, J. R. Stratton, J. S. Mor-
den and Matthew Wilson, charged with
hypothecation of notes of the Farmers'
Bank, were called in a police court
to-day, but all adjourned to 7th
without any evidence being taken.

TYPHOID FEVER AT CAPITAL.
Ottawa, March 3.—The capital seems to
be as far away as ever from a solution
of the causes of the typhoid fever epi-
demic. Yesterday, as has every other
day, showed an increase in the number of
cases. There have been 77 reported to
the health office since January 15, an in-
crease over the number on Wednesday of
24.

EDWIN C. SMITH

Who Has Been Promoted to the
Office of City Treasurer