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NEW DEPARTURE
IN DIPLOMACY

Germany Expects to Dr. Hill's
Appointment as U. S.
Ambassador

WAS AT FIRST AGREEABLE

Reasons for Sudden Change of
Attitude Not Yet Di-
vulged

Washington, March 25.—The Ger-
man government has declined to re-
ceive Dr. David J. Hill in the capacity
of United States ambassador to suc-
ceed Charlemagne Tower, whose resig-
nation has been accepted, to take ef-
fect upon the qualification of his
successor. Dr. Hill is a well known
United States minister to The Hague,
and was formerly first assistant sec-
retary of state under the administra-
tion of Secretary Ray.

As the German foreign office cordial-
ly responded some time ago to the
usual cautious overtures from the
state department here as to Dr. Hill's
availability, today's decision has come
as a complete surprise to official
Washington. It is, nevertheless, final
as far as Dr. Hill is concerned, for the
etiquette that governs international
relations does not permit of any
question of the right of a sovereign
to interpose an objection to the re-
ception of an ambassador.

After the conference between Am-
bassador Sternberg and Secretary
Root it was ascertained that a letter is
en route from the German capital
which contains a full explanation of
the reasons for the change of atti-
tude on the part of the government
towards Dr. Hill. In the absence of
the details of the objection no com-
ment could be elicited as to the prob-
able action of the American govern-
ment in respect to the matter. In any
event it is regarded as certain that
an expressed objection to Dr. Hill
made by Germany will be decisive as
far as his appointment is concerned.

Paris, March 25.—David J. Hill, who
arrived this evening from The Hague,
expressed great surprise when he
learned that the German government
had declined to receive him as am-
bassador. He said this was the first
time since the termination of the Ger-
man government's action, and he un-
derstand it. He had personally seen an
official communication from Germany
to the government at Washington ex-
pressing Germany's satisfaction in the
ratification of his selection for that
post.

Moreover, he said, that on a visit to
Berlin he had heard what led him to
believe that he was not named in
conjunction with the German govern-
ment. President Roosevelt, he added, had in-
formed him that he intended to appoint
him. The announcement of Germany's
action toward him caused much sur-
prise in French quarters. In the ab-
sence of the publication of the specific
reason for the German government's
action, the German government's
action, and has not been the subject of public
comment.

Minister Hill came to Paris on busi-
ness. The Matin thinks that the reason
for Germany's refusal to accept Dr.
Hill is the attitude which he, together
with the American delegates adopted
at the Hague conference. This atti-
tude on several occasions greatly dis-
pleased Germany.

The Hague, March 25.—Diplomatic
circles here are perplexed over the re-
port that the German Emperor has de-
clined to accept David J. Hill as the
American ambassador to Germany,
whatever is known at The Hague to
account for such a decision, and it is
felt that there must be a misunder-
standing.

Pulp Mill Closes.
St. John, N. B., March 25.—Man-
ager Spaulding of the Miramichi Pulp
and Paper company announces that
the mills here will be closed down un-
til the price of pulp advances.

Veteran Civil Servant
Toronto, March 25.—John Simsor,
aged 84 years, who was appointed to
the civil service in 1867, died yester-
day. He had not been in active work
for the past few years, but was still
connected with the service.

Tunnel Workers Resume
Windsor, Ont. March 25.—The strik-
ing shield workers on the Windsor
approaches to the Detroit river tunnel
have returned to work. An increase of
wages was granted, but not the full
amount asked for.

For Pure Elections.
Calgary, March 25.—At a meeting
of the Liberal association on Monday
night a letter from A. O. Macrae con-
taining a resolution favoring pure
elections was read and discussed. At
the conclusion the secretary was asked
to reply favoring the same.

Railway Earnings
Montreal, March 25.—The earnings
of the Grand Trunk for the week end-
ing March 21, show a decrease of \$58,-
608, the total being \$684,782, for this
year, compared with \$783,350 a year
ago. The total earnings of the C. P.
were \$1,247,000, as compared with
\$1,385,000 for the same period
ago.

Triumph for Canadian Firm.
St. John, N. B., March 25.—The
Lords of Admiralty in England have
notified A. B. Mallen, of St. John,
makers of this city, that they have ac-
cepted one of their chronometers. The
instrument with upward of one hundred
others, and it is said to be the first
from a firm outside of the British Is-
lands to be accepted.

BLACK HAND WORK

Prominent Montreal Lady Ordered to
Pay Over Money on Pain of
Death

Montreal, March 25.—For some time
past Madame L. J. Forget, wife of
Senator Forget, has been receiving let-
ters suggesting that the "Black Hand"
of Sicily requires some \$2,000, and
that if prompt payment were not
forthcoming her death would follow.
The would-be blackmailers aimed
high, as the result is in his lack of
collection being the more difficult.
The case was immediately placed in
the hands of detectives, with the re-
sult that a man, who is known as Ivo
Ebrado, an Italian, had been placed
under arrest, and comes up for en-
quiry tomorrow.

ANGRY MILITIAMEN

Department's Failure to Provide for
Pay Causing Much Indig-
nation

Quebec, March 25.—Much grumbling
is going on among the men of the
permanent militia force here at the
failure to receive their pay.
Fredericton, N. B., March 25.—There
have been two desertions from No. 2
military district this week, and some
are rather inclined to place the blame
on the government. The men have not
received pay since Feb. 1.

St. John, N. B., March 25.—The per-
manent force here has not received
pay since Feb. 29, but the command-
ing officer has made personal
arrangements with a bank for funds
for the men.

Gored by Bull.
Cobourg, Ont. March 25.—A. H. At-
kins, a well known farmer of Hart-
ford, was gored to death by a bull.

EVADING LIQUOR LAW
BY FORMING CLUBS

Question Excites Minds of the
Vancouver License Com-
missioners

Vancouver, March 25.—The license
commission yesterday afternoon took
up the question of the recent char-
tering of numerous clubs in this city
under the clauses of the provincial
Benevolent Societies Act. In no un-
certain manner it was ascertained
that the license commission was
of a number of places, entirely out-
side of the control of the license com-
mission, and that the license com-
mission, by the chartering of clubs,
of serving liquor to members, and
operating seven days in the week and
twenty-four hours each day. This
line of action was said to be grossly
unfair to the licensed premises which
pay a high license fee for their priv-
ilege and are governed by the strin-
gent regulations of the commission re-
garding the class of buildings which
may be occupied and the manner in
which the selling of liquor may be
conducted.

Especially indignant was the ques-
tion since recently club licenses
has been granted covering premises
for which a hotel license has been re-
fused a number of times, but which is
now operating under its club charter
to all intents and purposes as a hotel
without the commission being able
to exercise any control over the conduct
of the premises.

"A few more of these unlicensed
premises scattered about the city
where liquor can be obtained at any
time and any manner and it's no
wonder for me, for this commission job,"
commented Commissioner Watson,
discussing the affair.

Commissioner McDonald added his
voice to the effect that there was no
early use in a license commission
trying to control the sale of liquor in
the city with dozens of clubs which
any person might join running wide
open shops in a license commission
without the commission being able to
exercise any control over the conduct
of the premises.

Mayor Bethune said it was high time
some action was taken on the matter.
The city was taking fees from hotel
proprietors and was bound to pro-
tect them in the conduct of their busi-
ness. If the club business went on to
the present rate the hotel men would
have ground for just complaint.

The opinion of the commission was
that the city solicitor should be con-
sulted on the matter. Unfortunately
the city solicitor was engaged at an im-
portant conference elsewhere, but he was
communicated with by telephone and
asked to report at the next meeting as
to the right of the city to control club
premises where liquor was being sold
or the necessary legislation to secure
such right in case the commission or
other civic authorities had no power at
present.

The commission informally stated
that if clubs were to be allowed to ex-
ist, the civic authorities should at
least have some voice in the issuance
of the charters. It is understood that
the representatives of this line will be
made to the provincial authorities.

Pensions in Nova Scotia.
Halifax, March 25.—Legislation in
advance of any existing in Canada has
been again undertaken by Nova Scotia.
A bill has been introduced by Premier
Murray providing for pensions for aged
military workers, in accordance with
the old age pension commission's re-
port.

No Militia Camps
Ottawa, March 25.—There are to be
no militia camps for rural corps this
year.

Sentor Tillman's Illness.
Trenton, N. C., March 25.—U. S. Sen-
ator Tillman, who has been ill at his
home here for several days, will not
be able to return to Washington during
the present session of congress, ac-
cording to his physicians.

MONEY POWER IN
UNITED STATES

Senator La Follette Draws Im-
pressive Picture of Con-
ditions

INDUSTRIES IN FEW HANDS

Overwhelming Combination of
Standard Oil and Morgan
Interests

Washington, March 24.—Senator La
Follette today delivered in the Senate
his third and concluding installment
of his speech on the Aldrich currency
bill.

Mr. La Follette declared that his
statement that the industries of the
United States were controlled by less
than 100 men was not conservative,
and that in fact a much smaller num-
ber of men control the industries.

Along with this enormous increase
in trust power has gone a steady pro-
cess of centralization in the control of
that power until now the entire situ-
ation is dominated by the Standard
Oil-Morgan combination. He declared:
"The old fight between these two
great powers have been laid aside. Mr.
Lafayette's picture adorns the walls of
the inner rooms of Rockefeller's 23
Broadway. In combination today they
are working together to get their
hands on the greater powers. Mr. Hill
has been taught that he must not op-
pose the big ones. Standard Oil got
in on the Great Northern ore deal. The
Standard Oil interests are being swal-
lowed up by the combine. The Rockefel-
lers were neatly pocketed during the
cent panic. The smelter trust was
given drubbing and started in the
same direction. The Vanderbilt com-
pany no longer retain their important con-
trol, and themselves see the handwriting
on the wall."

Mr. La Follette read several lists of
eminent financiers to whom he accorded
various degrees of power in the
control of the industries. He named as
the next to Morgan and Rockefeller
a group of 14 men who he said
were bold operators and men of large
powers and interests in their own
rights. "These men," he said, "I
found their best interest in working
in harmony with Morgan and the
Standard Oil."

No combination which they could
form among themselves or with others
in this list of fourteen men he placed
W. K. Vanderbilt, August Belmont,
George J. Gould, J. P. Morgan, J. D.
Harriman, Phos. E. Ryan, Louis F.
J. J. Hill and Jacob Astor, Jas. Speyer,
and men of lesser rank and power,
who are working with one and
a few of the higher rank of the same
and bank presidents of the system.

Mr. La Follette argued that the Ald-
rich bill would serve to strengthen
the great money power of Wall Street
and criticized the failure of the com-
mission to take any action in the
control of the money power in the
country. Mr. La Follette with a strong
appeal to the "progressive" members of
the senate to stand together and beat the
money power. He spoke of the activities of
the money power in Philadelphia and
Chicago by one week and will be
said: "They are lowering the bar of
the money power in the country. They
people because they are fighting to
preserve the principle that the nation
should be governed by the people."

MR. HILL'S OPINION
ON RAILWAY AFFAIRS

Adopts Very Pessimistic Tone
in Speaking of the Situ-
ation

Washington, March 25.—Jas. J. Hill
was in Washington today, but he
would not discuss the Minnesota rail-
road decision.

The courts have said all there is
to say on that head," he said. Refer-
ring to the statement issued yester-
day by Franklin Lane, of the inter-
state commerce commission, to the ef-
fect that the railroads are prosperous
despite reports to the contrary, Mr.
Hill said: "Keep that article before
you, then follow the accounts of rail-
roads for the next three months,
and you will see how the facts and the
optimist's views compare with each
other."

"We railway people are in no posi-
tion to do much talking just now.
We prefer to let the facts speak for
themselves—and they will speak loud
enough."

The Pennsylvania would not lay off
any of its men if it could possibly af-
ford to keep them, he said, "but it
cannot afford it. It is not the same
thing enough to do so. It is the same
thing over. It is too heavy
a draught on the right light. These
will make their own reply. It may
take a little time, but the answer will
come, sure."

Stabbed by a Tramp.
Calgary, March 25.—An affray oc-
curred Monday night at Lagan, re-
sulting in a very serious stabbing. On
Monday night Mr. Ainsworth, the lo-
cal foreman at Lagan, was shot at
that point, discovering four young
men inside, evidently of the "ride the
train" set. The quarrel was kindled
by a fire at the time and Mr. Ains-
worth objected. During the alterca-
tion he was stabbed in the back, near
the right side. The boy who was in-
volved in the act is an American named
Fraser. He is but 18 years of age,
and with a big blade nearly as long
as the man's arm was taken to the
sanitarium and his wounds attended
to at once.

TIMBER LAND TENDERS

Miss Munro and Former Commissioner
Turiff Examined by the
Committee

Ottawa, March 25.—Miss Munro
clerk in the late commissioner's office
was before the Commons public ac-
counts committee today in connection
with western timber tenders. She
said she was a party man, but in the
office and they were immediately
placed in the safe and kept there un-
til the time came to open them. She
was always present in the land com-
missioner's room when the tenders
were opened. She never saw anything
in the land commissioner's conduct of
this business to arouse her suspicions.
G. Turiff, former land commis-
sioner, and now M. P. for East Assin-
ibois, was called and gave a categori-
cal denial to all charges of improper
conduct while land commissioner. He
said he was a party man, but in the
official career of six years he never al-
lowed partisanship to make his un-
fair to friends or opponents.

Regarding the notices given to the
public of bidding for timber lands
in question Mr. Turiff said his ar-
rangements had merely followed the
practice which had existed. In re-
gard to opening tenders Mr. Turiff
declared that it had been known as
much as he knew now he would have
had two or three officials present at these
openings, and would thereby have
saved himself from a procedure which
was now made upon his conduct.
Tenders had always been opened in
the presence of his secretary.

Springhill Miners Again
Ottawa, March 25.—Springhill min-
ers have again asked for a board of
investigation and conciliation under
the Lemieux act. This will be the
fourth board of inquiry since the min-
ers since the act was put into force
a year ago. Sixteen hundred miners are
affected.

OLYMPIC COMMITTEES
PREPARE FOR BIG MEET

Rapid Progress Being Made
Toward Completing Final
Arrangements

New York, March 25.—Reports from
the Olympic committees of both En-
gland and this country indicate that
rapid progress is being made toward
completing the arrangements for the
both the respective committees. The
international contest to be held
at London on August 4, 1908, is con-
sidered the most important of the
real battle for the premier track
and field championships will eventually
be decided at the Olympic games.
The international championship may
be held in London and England. With
this in view the committees in charge
of the arrangements which will repre-
sent these nations are working without
ceasing to perfect the assembly of ath-
letes for the Olympic games.

London, March 25.—The fire which
early this morning was reported to
have practically destroyed Drury Lane
theatre, one of the most famous play-
houses of London, did not do so much
damage as was at first supposed.

DRURY LANE THEATRE
Destruction by Fire Less Than at First
Reported, but Damage Still
Serious

Flames were discovered at 4 a. m.
bursting from the windows of the
building. For a time the theatre was
threatened with total destruction, but
the firemen managed to get the blaze
under control, and the caretakers suc-
ceeded in saving the fireproof cur-
tain, thus saving the theatre from
total destruction. The stage scenery and
other property, however, is a mass of ruins,
the origin of the fire is not known.

MR. STEVENS' WOUND
PRONOUNCED FATAL

Attendant Physicians Say He
Cannot Live More Than
Few Hours

San Francisco, March 25.—Alar-
ming symptoms appeared in the case
of D. W. Stevens late tonight, and
an operation, hastily performed, re-
sulted in the removal of a bullet from
his intestines, which were found to be
punctured in six places.

The physicians say he cannot live
beyond morning.

Los Angeles, March 25.—Following
a meeting of the Korean colony of
this city, the announcement was made
that a purse will be raised for the
defense of the men accused of attempted
assassination of D. W. Stevens.

Drank Formally.
Winnipeg, March 25.—D. M. Webb,
38, foreman of the C. P. F. switch-
ing gang, is dead, and Chas. Clark is
dangerously ill as the result of drink-
ing a solution of formalin yesterday
afternoon. Both had taken a drink
before they discovered the dangerous
nature of the fluid. They were at
once removed to the general hospital,
where Clark died within a couple of
hours. Clark still lives, and hopes
are entertained for his recovery. It is
said the formalin was drunk in mis-
take for brandy.

NO SPECIAL ENVOY

Mistake Made in Regard to Secretary
Morley's Announcement on the
Hindu Question

London, March 25.—The poor ac-
count of the House of Commons
responsible for the universal mis-
apprehension regarding the statement
made yesterday by the Right Hon. John
Morley, secretary of state for India,
in regard to the Hindu immigration
into British Columbia. The secretary
was mistakenly reported yesterday
that he was sending an envoy to Canada,
and he is busily engaged with Mackenzie
Bowen, chief of the Indian depart-
ment, in the hope of bringing to an end
this extremely difficult, intricate, and
possibly dangerous situation.

Fatalities at Coleman.
Coleman, Alb., March 25.—Wm.
Hamilton, engineer in the International
Coal and Coke company's mines
here, was killed yesterday by being
run over by a donkey engine. Edward
Lance died in the hospital today as
the result of injuries received in a
mine here on Saturday. He leaves a
wife and one child.

PARVY'S CAUSE
GAINING GROUND

Conservative Meeting Pres-
ages Victory in Nanaimo
District

MANY HEAR THE PREMIER

Work of Organization Enthusi-
astically Taken Up By
Party

Nanaimo, March 25.—The visit of
Premier McBride to this city tonight
marked the first milestone of a grand
Conservative rally to be carried on in
this constituency. Never before in
the history of Conservatism in Nanaimo
has there been such a large and
enthusiastic audience as that which
assembled to hear the Conservative
leader, the large hall being filled to
capacity.

The premier dealt with the different
public questions and outlined the
policy of the Conservative govern-
ment in such a convincing and excel-
lent form that at the close of his re-
marks every man present became an
enthusiastic working member of the
party.

Mr. Woodworth of Vancouver, pres-
ident of the British Columbia executive,
was also present and addressed the
meeting. He reviewed the work of
organization which was being carried
on throughout the province, and urged
everyone to organize and make a per-
sonal canvass of the voters of the
party.

At the close of Mr. Woodworth's re-
marks a Conservative club was or-
ganized and a committee appointed to
give the city. Mayor Nicholson and
other members of the party, Mr.
Laidlaw were also in attendance,
and arrangements were made to carry
on the work of the party.

Altogether the visit of Premier Mc-
Bride and Mr. Woodworth to Nanaimo
was a pronounced success, and
arrangements for a Conservative
victory here at the next election.

At a largely attended meeting of the
unemployed, a committee was appoint-
ed to present a resolution to the
meeting. The premier stated in reply
that he would call a meeting of the
unemployed at Victoria on Monday at
Victoria to consider the demands of the
unemployed. The premier leaves for
Victoria tomorrow morning.

POWER OF THE PRESS

Reporters in German Parliament Force
Political Leader to Tender
Them Apology

Berlin, March 24.—The strike of the
Reichstag journalists, which began on
Thursday last, was settled this morn-
ing. Under pressure from the various
party leaders, Herr Groeber, the Cen-
tral leader, who had called the jour-
nalists "traitors" because they feared at
the prospect of the loss of their jobs,
read a statement at the end of the
meeting expressing apologies for the
language he had used in referring to
the journalists.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS

Regulation of Train Speed—Proposed
Amendments to Law of
Divorce

Ottawa, March 25.—In the senate
Senator Cloran gave notice of an
amendment which he will offer on the
reading of the Lancaster bill
which he has introduced in the house,
or any previous act in spite of this
amendment. Steamship companies
have pointed out to the govern-
ment that the regulation of train
speed in addition to a through ticket
has been trespassed upon by any per-
son or company. The matter is now
under consideration by the depart-
ment of justice.

CRUSHED BY TRAIN

Toronto, March 25.—An East To-
ronto section man, named Alex. An-
thony, was killed by an eastbound
T. E. freight near Eastern avenue yester-
day. One leg was cut off and his
head badly crushed.

LATEST BANK SCHEME

Western Financiers Plan to Take Up
Unsubscribed Stock of the
Farmers' Bank

Toronto, March 25.—A number of
prominent business men and financiers
of the western provinces, who have
subscribed for the unsubscribed stock
of the Farmers' bank, with a view to
making the latter one of the big banks
of the west. A charter had been se-
cured for the Bank of Canada, but
had not been exercised. The taking
up of the unsubscribed stock of the
Farmers' bank by those behind the
Bank of Canada, will bring the sub-
scribed capital of the Farmers' bank
up to \$1,000,000.

Five directors will be named from
the west and the presidency will
probably go to a western man, too.
A branch will be opened at Winni-
peg in a few months, and then later
on branches in the principal centres
right to the coast.

HAZEN GOVERNMENT

New Ministers of New Brunswick Are
Sworn in and Now Transac-
ting Business

Fredericton, N.B., March 25.—The
Hazen government was sworn into of-
fice yesterday afternoon. After the
swearing in the government held its
first meeting and its sessions will last
all week. There are 52 members on the
schedule left over by the Robinson
government. His successor to attend
government for its sessions will be
to. This list includes a large number
of offices, which must be filled by the
new administration. The bye-elections
will likely be held in April, and the
house will meet probably on April 30.

The Hazen government today made
the following appointments: J. M.
Armstrong, judge of probate, St. John;
G. J. Macdonald, registrar of probate,
St. John; W. H. Macdonald, superior
court registrar; Mr. Forbes, equity
court reporter; R. E. Emerson, chair-
man of school board, St. John, N.B.

Appointments to these offices by the
late Robinson government were de-
clared unconstitutional by Lieutenant-
Governor Tweedie.

ITALIANS ACQUITTED

Montreal, March 25.—After a strong
charge in his favor by Justice La-
vergne, Francesco Civarri, Giovanni
Mani and Maria Arditia, three Italian
men who have for almost a week been
tried at the court of King's Bench on
the charge of murdering Ernesto Cas-
sari last month, were acquitted by the
jury. The Italians were immediately
set at liberty. In his dying deposition
Cassari declared the Civarri had shot
him, and he accused Mani and Maria
Arditia. Justice Lavergne, in his charge
upheld the defence that the three
men had committed suicide in a
moment of insanity and irresponsibility
caused by loss of money and ill-health.

RAILWAY BUILDING
ON A GRAND SCALE

Twelve Thousand Men on G.
T. P. Work—Alberta Tele-
phone Enterprise

Edmonton, March 25.—A force of
over 12,000 men will be employed this
summer by the contracting firm of
Foley, Welsh & Stewart in grading the
right of way of the G. T. P. in West-
ern Canada. By far the greater pro-
portion of this force, and after July,
all the force, will be concentrated on
that portion of the line between
Edmonton and Prince Rupert.

Mr. Dickey will shortly be made
in charge of the Alberta government
to purchase the plant of the Bell Tele-
phone company in Alberta. It is un-
derstood that the Alberta govern-
ment will purchase the plant of the
Bell Telephone company in Alberta, and
will be made a careful inven-
tory of the plant of the Bell Telephone
company in Alberta.

Mr. Frank Oliver gives notice of
an amendment to the immigration act
which will give statutory form to the
regulations promulgated some weeks
ago for the purpose of prohibiting ad-
mission into the country of immigrants
who do not possess through tickets
from the country of their birth or ad-
option. This statute will offset the
decision of Mr. Justice Clement in
the British Columbia court yesterday
which released Hindus on the ground
that the regulations under which they
are detained did not come within the
authority of the existing immigration
laws. There may be more provisions
added to the amendment. Steamship
companies have pointed out to the
government that the regulation re-
quiring an immigrant to possess \$25 in
money in addition to a through ticket
has been trespassed upon by any per-
son or company. The matter is now
under consideration by the depart-
ment of justice.