

Fears Raney's Methods Menace To the O. T. A.

H. P. Hill, Conservative, In Debate In Legislature, Says Hysterical Administration Serious—Says His Party Not Against Law As Attorney-General Pictures

BY W. E. ELLIOTT

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—Hon. W. E. Raney is "losing things" when he pictures the Conservative party in conspiracy to wreck the Ontario Temperance Act. Opposition criticism of the attorney-general's methods seem to be so construed by that minister and H. P. Hill, Conservative member for Ottawa West, took occasion to remind him in the Legislature this afternoon on the debate on the address that "Mr. Raney is not the O. T. A."

Mr. Hill, as a debater, demonstrates somewhat the same variety of "pep" which emanates from Hon. Harry Stevens, to the left of Mr. Speaker at Ottawa. He is genial, but vigorous. Instead of the platitudinous stalling often furnished preliminaries of a speech in the debate on the address, Mr. Hill to-day had the House sitting up from the start by expressing solemn regrets that so many familiar faces, so many members with whom he had contracted personal friendships, would be missing next session. Then he alluded to the premier's flood of words yesterday. At first he had hesitated to record any prime minister, but after hearing his defense of the government's record, he concluded that most anybody could answer it.

AN OTTAWA MEETING. There was a pleasant reference to a sitting of the provincial hotel's commission at Ottawa. This particular sitting was around a table at luncheon in Chateau Laurier. Mr. Hill was one of 30 invited. In the Chateau the condition of country hotels was discussed by men who, Mr. Hill commented, knew not the faintest thing about country hotels. When he offered to treat for his meal, he found that the whole spread was at the expense of the province.

The member recalled Mr. Drury's statement yesterday that prohibition is the most vital issue today. "The leadership lacking?" Why did the Government bring in the Sandy bill? People are to be misled by any means. He alluded to danger of the country being flooded with liquor. The Government is going to be judged on the basis of efficiency and economy. (Applause.)

"The O. T. A.," he continued, "is a much bigger thing than any other lawyer acting as attorney-general. We on this side of the House criticize the administration of the O. T. A. Under the attorney-general, but we have taken the stand that the O. T. A. is wrong and bad, and that we are making an attack on it. It was put on the statute by the earnest effort of high-minded people, not prohibitionists in the strict sense of the word, but men who felt it in the interests of the province to have prohibition and were willing to give up their personal liberty in regard to taking liquor now and then. If that element ever turns away from support of the O. T. A. it will wreck the O. T. A. There is something that will turn that support away it is the self-advertising method of administering it."

Those who put it on the statute looked for a strong, able administration of the act, and not a hysterical, over-zealous administration with lawyers running all over the province on tuppenny public court cases. In Western Ontario lawyers are taken from one place and run over to another on little public court matters. We did not expect the independent judgment of the people of the province would be interfered with by an excitable attorney-general. Hisbert there has been no reflection on the Judiciary of the province. Since the advent of the attorney-general and his idea that there is a widespread conspiracy to overturn the O. T. A. the magistracy is deprived of exercise of their judgment.

Following a reference to Mr. Raney's attack on the wholesale grocers, Mr. Hill said, "don't believe you will find a business man from Windsor to Montreal but hopes for removal of this administration at the coming election, not a corner grocer in this province that will vote for a Drury candidate. The Government has created such a feeling of uneasiness throughout the business community."

Mr. Hill made an extensive criticism of the Government of failing to do anything for the farmers. It had passed 651 bills since it came into office and only seven were for the farmers.

Mr. MacBride adjourned the debate. Many of the questions on the order paper were disposed of to-day. The minister of forests said 47 acres

TO BE STILL WORSE, FRANCE WARNS THE GERMANS OVER RUHR

Special Cable to The Free Press and Philadelphia Ledger: Copy-right. PARIS, Jan. 31.—The French Government is preparing a note to Germany notifying the latter of a new series of more drastic measures that are to be applied immediately in the occupied area. The note also informs the German Government that a second and even more severe series will be inflicted unless resistance to French occupation ceases.

of pulp and timber areas had been made in the fiscal year 1922-23. The Government had the appellate division of the Supreme Court pass on the right of the province to pay Mr. Justice Riddell and Mr. Justice Latchford for their services on the timber commission before the payment was made. Attorney-General Raney announced.

There are 19,441 unemployed in Ontario, according to the latest returns of which 2,609 are general laborers, the minister of labor informed the House. There are 49 farm laborers in the list and 42.8 per cent. of the unemployed are married men.

CUSTOMS SHOW LARGE INCREASE

Canadian Receipts for January Issued at Ottawa. TOTAL IS \$22,516,986 Compared With \$17,195,740 For January, 1922.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—(Canadian Press Dispatch.)—Customs and excise revenue for the month of January, 1923, shows a satisfactory increase over the same month in 1922. The total revenue from customs import duty, excise taxes, excise duties and sundry collections this month amounted to \$22,516,986, as compared with \$17,195,744 in January, 1922.

Collections of customs import duties during the month just ended totaled \$9,825,405, compared with \$9,044,084 in January, 1922. Excise taxes yielded \$10,095,418, as against \$5,380,618 in 1922. The total realized from excise duties during the present month was \$2,486,169, or about the same as last year. Sundry collections during the month totaled \$119,655.

ASKS OBSERVANCE OF EMPIRE DAY BY PRAYER

Special Cable to The Free Press. LONDON, Jan. 31.—The committee in charge of the Empire Day movement has asked Premier Bonar Law to confer with the premiers of the British dominions and the secretary of state for India in an appeal to citizens of the British Empire to observe May 14 as an special occasion for humble prayer in accordance with their religious beliefs for the empire and for help to serve mankind according to the will of God.

URGES MINIMUM WAGE FOR MARRIED MEN

MONTREAL, Jan. 31.—A minimum wage scale for married men with dependents, community provision for better housing conditions and the training of school boys in the duties of wifehood and motherhood were provisions advocated by the Rev. Peter Bryce, of Toronto, in the course of a lecture on "The Family As Main Street" given at the McGill University students of social science and social service.

EX-EMPEROR KARL'S FAMILY VICTIMS OF GREAT SWINDLE

Crown Jewels Bought by Syndicate, But Paid Only Fraction of Value

Special Cable to The Free Press. LONDON, Jan. 31.—Dispatches from Geneva report the inquiry proceedings into the scandal regarding the disposal of the crown jewels of Ex-Emperor Karl, of Austria.

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This syndicate advanced 300,000 francs, a mere fraction of the value, and this was quickly appropriated by the emperor. When Karl found it impossible to live in Madeira in comfort on the money he had sent his wife, front Queen, he obtained a further sum, but she found the syndicate had been dissolved and no person accepted responsibility for selling the jewels, which were all disposed of. Queen Zita returned empty handed and Karl, by this time is absolutely penniless, had to leave the villa which had been sold to him by the syndicate and live in a dilapidated cottage, where lack of food brought about illness.

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The Tribune, after stating that the terms embody reasonable concessions on the part of the United States, says: "Congress should approve the agreement in the morning for second reading was defeated by 22 to 25, the three independent and two Conservative voting with the U. F. O. members, and Hon. Manning DeLacy opposing the bill. Hon. Mr. Raney, leading the House in the absence of the premier, voted in favor, while the other party leaders declared against the measure."

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It Dominates In The Government's Program At Ottawa. WILL KEEP M. P.'S BUSY

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NOLAN LIBERATED; AUSTIN IS HELD FOR EXTRADITION

Latter Secures Writ of Habeas Corpus At New York In Effort To Evade Removal To Canada To Answer For Mount Forest Bank Robbery

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(Canadian Press Dispatch)—After an extended writ of habeas corpus. Until this is disposed of Austin will be kept here.

IRISH REBELS CAPTURE GARRISON OF 32 MEN. Recently Established Free State Army Post In County Antrim Raided. CAVAN, Jan. 31.—The recently established post of the Free State army at Ballymore, County Antrim, is reported to have been attacked to-day by a large number of irregulars who captured the garrison of 32 and removed them in the direction of Drumohar on special trains seized for the occasion. The bank and post office of Ballymore were also raided and robbed.

WARSAW, Jan. 31.—Newspapers of the Polish press, on December 18 last, was executed here to-day.

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Five Children Discovered In Neglected Condition In Dunwich. ST. THOMAS, Jan. 31.—Declaring that it was entirely too late to come to court making suggestions and promises, and describing the case as being one of the most pitiful in his many years of experience, County Police Magistrate Hunt, on Wednesday morning, made an order committing the five children of Mrs. Montgomery, of Dunwich Township, who were discovered in a neglected condition about three weeks ago, to the Children's Aid Society.

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