

DENIES THE STORY ARMISTICE BROKEN

Wm. German, M.P., Testifies in Welland Personation Case.

WENT TO HON. MR. DOHERTY CENSORSHIP IS ESTABLISHED

Welland Member Says Conversations With Morris Imputed to Him Are Not True—Hon. J. J. Foy Refused to Free Buffalo Convict But Minister of Justice at Ottawa Was Willing To Do So.

WELLAND, Ont., Feb. 17.—Testimony given by William German, M.P. for Welland, was the centre of interest at the concluding sitting of Commissioner James Bain, K.C., of Toronto, for the purpose of enquiring into methods used in an effort to defeat a bylaw to expend \$45,000 for a municipal lighting plant. The vote took place on Aug. 6 last.

Before Mr. German was called, Chief of Police Laing testified to a conversation between Mr. German and Samuel Morris, a Buffalo man, arrested for personation and subsequently convicted. The chief said that in the colloquy in the jail he heard Mr. German promise to have meals provided for Morris.

Chief Laing opened the sitting with testimony concerning the arrest of Morris, who was sent down for six months for personation, but who was released a month before the expiry of his sentence and a few days before the investigation opened. Chief Laing declared that Mr. German had promised to have meals sent in to the prisoner. Counsel for the crown then asked:

"Did you hear any statement like this: 'Morris, keep your mouth shut and I'll see you get out of it?'"

"I heard something like that," replied Chief Laing. "They may not be the very same words, but it meant about the same thing."

George H. Pott, who was scrutineer in ward two, said a man giving the name of Robert Armbrust asked for a ballot. It transpired that Robert Armbrust of Chantler had voted a few minutes before Mr. German came in with the other man. On being refused a ballot the man turned to Mr. German and said in a low voice, "I guess I cannot vote then."

James D. Gunn, D.R.O., in the polling booth of ward two, corroborated the evidence of his clerk in part. Mr. German had said he knew Robert Armbrust. When the ballot was refused, declared the witness, Mr. German said "this looks like a case of personation." They left the booth without further discussion.

P. R. Whalley of the Arlington Hotel testified that he had supplied Morris with meals on the understanding that Mr. German would pay for them.

Mr. German said that he was president of the Welland Electric Co. and interested in the venture with James Swazie, a previous witness, Robert Cooper, C. J. Page, Alex. Griffiths, and others.

"You took an active part against the Hydro-electric bylaw," Mr. Rose, counsel for the crown, asked.

"I certainly did," replied Mr. German, emphatically.

Mr. German completely denied Chief Laing's story of the alleged conversation.

Mr. German explained that he did not see Morris until after he was arrested. He had been requested to visit Morris at the jail next day, and had done so. He had asked Mr. McComb to take up the case and to try to get Morris off as lightly as possible. He could not say positively whether he had applied for bail for Morris or not.

Mr. German said he had made the application for Morris' release. He understood the latter had been deported. Morris had a wife and family in Buffalo and they wanted to get him out.

Mr. German first went to Sir James Whitney, who referred him to Hon. J. J. Foy, who in his turn refused the request. Mr. German then went to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, who released and deported the man.

As to the Armbrust incident, Mr. German said that on election day a man giving the name of Robert Armbrust of Chantler, came to his office and stated that he had a vote in ward two.

His name was on the list and then Mr. German said that if he would vote against the bylaw, he would drive him down to the polling place in one of his rigs. He did so. At the booth he was informed that he was not the Robert Armbrust on the list. He may have said then that it looked like a case of personation on somebody's part. He came away with the man who gave the name as Armbrust, and left him at the Mansion House.

LEGISLATORS STRICKEN.
Meningitis Epidemic Causes Texas Houses To Close.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 17.—Cerebro spinal meningitis ravages among Texas legislators caused a halt in the work of both Houses Saturday. In the last three days two members of the House died of the disease, and Saturday, when it was reported that Representative John C. Hunt was stricken with the malady, proceedings of the two Houses were stopped by the presiding officers. The Senate will not meet until Feb. 24, and the House until March 3.

American Falls Free.
NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Feb. 17.—The biggest ice jam in the known history of the Niagara River, the most spectacular from the viewpoint of the onlooker, and the most dangerous from a commercial standpoint, which threatened to entirely cut off on Saturday the American contract and unharness the great power system of northwestern New York State, as though by a timely act of Providence, has broken away, slowly but surely, and passed down the river to Lake Ontario.

Diaz and Madero Again at Each Other's Throats.

CENSORSHIP IS ESTABLISHED

Officials Refuse to Let Reports of the Battle Now In Progress Issue From Terrorized Mexican Capital—Senators Have Asked Madero to Resign, But He Refuses—Gen. Diaz Is Steadily Gaining.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17.—The strictest censorship on all despatches has been established at Mexico City. Government officials took charge of the cable office shortly after five o'clock Saturday evening and ruthlessly discarded the messages of correspondents to their papers.

Code messages and all messages containing any expressions whatever that might be construed into a suggestion of the important happenings in the capital came under the ban and were promptly confiscated by the censor and his assistants.

Nevertheless, several despatches of a somewhat detached nature escaped the vigilance of the censorship, and an early bulletin was flashed through that the armistice, signed at two o'clock Sunday morning, had been broken, and that both sides were fighting savagely.

President Madero's attitude was one of exasperation, but as he had requested the American Government to withhold intervention, he could do no more than consent to an armistice when the question was submitted directly to him. But let it be known, without equivocation, that he was determined to retain the Presidency.

The Mexican Government was unable, however, to shut off the official despatches of the diplomatic representatives, but as these are sent in cipher, considering the delay in being experienced because of the time used in translation and the fear is expressed that many things may occur in the Mexican capital detrimental to the foreign residents before the exact situation is learned by the home Government.

Hostilities were resumed with fierceness in the Mexican capital yesterday after a truce which lasted only a few hours.

The armistice, signed at two o'clock Sunday morning by the representatives of both sides, agreeing to suspend operations for twenty-four hours, was broken before noon. Soon the sound of heavy cannonading and the whirr of machine guns announced the return of the federal troops to their post in front of the arsenal.

It appeared as if the words of Madero and Diaz were prophetic, and that this time the battle would be to a finish. President Madero yesterday morning reiterated his refusal to comply with the suggestion of the Senators that he resign. He declared that he was still able to dominate and that given time, he would crush the rebel forces.

Gen. Diaz had not shown himself to be greatly in favor of the armistice, but consented to it out of respect for the efforts of the American ambassador and the Ministers of the powers to bring about a cessation of hostilities until the foreigners and non-combatants, still within the zone of the fighting, could be removed to a position of comparative safety.

Diaz regarded the truce as merely a delay in the accomplishment of his fixed purpose to drive Madero out of the Presidency. The fighting Saturday had undoubtedly gone in favor of the rebels, who had resisted all assaults against them, had received into their ranks several hundred federal deserters and had obliged the federal commander to admit that for the present at least, the rebel position was impregnable.

Gen. Huerta, the commander of the Government troops a hard fighter, who has been through many campaigns, also was opposed to the armistice and chafed under the terms which it imposed upon him. He did he willingly agree to the sending of a body of his forces back to the federal base near the National Palace Saturday night.

Rebels Take City.
LAREDO, Texas, Feb. 17.—Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was captured by the rebels Saturday afternoon without a shot being fired, without harm to any citizen and with inconvenience to few.

Col. Pascual Orozco, sr., father of the rebel leader of northern Mexico, rode in an automobile to the federal barracks at the head of a small party of revolutionists, the garrison of 200 men formally swore allegiance to the rebel cause, and the city was proclaimed under control of the revolutionists, with Andres Carzo Calan, who figured prominently in connection with the Reyes revolt of last year, in command.

The municipal offices and customs house were taken in charge and the chief of police and other city officials imprisoned. The local branch of the National Bank of Mexico also was taken over, but there was no pillaging. Saloons were closed and everything is quiet.

Quiet at Acapulco.
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 17.—A radio-gram from the armored cruiser South Dakota says the vessel arrived at Acapulco at 10 o'clock Saturday night, twelve hours sooner than was expected.

The cruiser found everything quiet at Acapulco.

Russia Stands By Slavs.
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—The Russian Emperor's reply to the letter recently sent to him by the Austrian Emperor, is short and decisive. He declares that Austria's attitude in recent years has impelled Russia to support the interests of her Slav brothers.

At the same time the Russian Emperor expresses the belief that a peace will be found to maintain peace.

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NEW GOODS always have their charm, and with Whitewear especially, with its dainty laces and Embroidery, it's fine materials and attractive make-up, no line of merchandise has more admirers than Dainty Whitewear.

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"THE NORTHWAY COMPANY"

INJURED BY FALL.

Mrs. C. H. Crawford, Had Left Hip Bone Broken This Morning.

From Saturday's Daily.

Slipping on some ice and falling on the sidewalk at the corner of King and Thames street, near the premises formerly occupied by the Royal Bank Mrs. C. H. Crawford had her left hip bone broken about 11 o'clock today.

She was carried into Naylor & Co.'s store and a call sent in for the ambulance. She was later removed to the hospital where the fracture was reduced.

WILL MEET AT TORONTO.

Annual Meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, (Western Division) will be held this year in St. Andrew's church, Toronto, on June 9, 10, 11, and 12, instead of in March as formerly.

The General Assembly will meet and the annual meeting of the W.F.M.S.

will also be held at the same time in Toronto.

This is expected to be one of the greatest Presbyterian gatherings ever seen and all who possibly can should plan to visit the Queen City at that time.

Twenty cents in stamps were received by the manager of the Guelph radial as "conscience money" from a man who hadn't paid his fare in a crowded car last summer.

Premier Scott of Saskatchewan, is in Ottawa to confer with Laurier, and will go on to Toronto to see Sir Jas. Whitney concerning a conference of provincial premiers.

AN EXCITING RUNAWAY.

Occurred on Thames Street Yesterday Afternoon—Light Wagon Badly Smashed.

From Saturday's Daily.

An exciting runaway occurred on Thames street yesterday afternoon between four and five o'clock. A gray horse belonging to Mr. Sylvester Hill of West Oxford, snapped its tie line, and travelled south on Thames street at a furious rate. When opposite the Mansion House it crashed into the

rear of a wagon. The vehicle to which stove and portions of the wagon were turned and the occupant of the other wagon was given a severe jolt, but fortunately escaped injury. The runaway turned into the lane leading to the Mansion House stables and was stopped as it was about to enter the barn. The light wagon to which it was attached was badly damaged. A chicken, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per pair.

THE MARKET

From Saturday's Daily.

The market today was well attended and the offerings were plentiful. The prices were as follows: Eggs, 25c per dozen; butter, 28 to 30 cents a pound; chickens, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per pair.

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