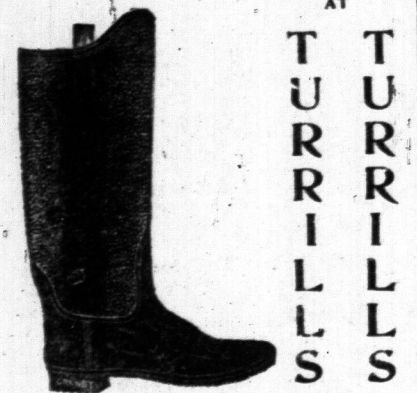


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ALWAYS IGNORED

Methodist Divines not Invited to State Functions.

Even in the Church Parade of the Stratheona Horse They Were Not Recognized.

Ottawa, March 15.—In the senate yesterday, Honorable Mr. Loughhead drew the attention of the government to articles in the Ottawa press, complaining that no church parade of the Stratheona Horse for the Methodists of that body had been arranged. In so doing he said that Col. Steele not authorized an outside officer to arrange for the parade, he would not have taken notice of the matter. Col. Steele, however, had handed the matter over to Lieut. Col. Cotton, an officer under the jurisdiction of the militia department. He thought the Methodists' body had been insulted. Knowing Col. Steele well, he felt assured that he would have been courteous to everyone. He would not have called attention to the fact except that these matters had become frequent. Only a short time ago the intervention of the minister had been necessary at Halifax to prevent members of the second contingent being forced to attend church parades at other places of worship. He drew attention to the fact that the Methodist body was the largest, numerically but were not so sensitive as to their rights. The same distinction attached to state functions at the opening of parliament. Whilst arrangements were made for the representation of other bodies on the floor of the house, none were ever made for the Methodists, and influence had to be brought to bear on the official in charge to secure such recognition. He thought a general order should be issued. He knew he had only to call attention to it to have it rectified.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell read an article in the Toronto Mail stating that Col. Steele and he had no remembrance of having received an invitation from Rev. D. Rose, but it might have been amongst unopened correspondence. He had received fifty invitations for his men to attend church, and in all cases had returned the answer that the militia department were making all the arrangements. Sir Mackenzie Bowell had before had to complain of this. Senator Cox wrote to him to see that the head of the Methodist church had a seat on the floor at the opening of the House. He went to Black Rod and found no invitation had been sent to any Methodist minister in Ottawa. The Premier had formally sent an invitation to Dr. Rose. He knew the difficulties regarding precedent. He had interviewed Hon. Joseph Chamberlain on the matter, and had been assured that any change in regard to precedence which Canada wanted would be granted. He had seen the Under Secretary of State, and explained to him that there was no state church in Canada, but all stood on an equal basis. He was willing to grant precedence to other churches.

Hon. David Mills thought it would be difficult to decide what were the other churches. He quite agreed that at the opening of parliament all should be treated alike. He had no doubt whatever that the minister of militia had not undertaken to discriminate between the religious bodies—certainly not against the Methodist Church. As regarded the incidents to which Mr. Loughhead had called his attention, it was now called to his notice for the first time. The difficulties regarding precedence had existed since Confederation. He thought the matter should be taken up and all bodies be put on an equality.

This closed the discussion.

KILLED HIMSELF.
Yesterday afternoon, while his boarding house at 105 Mercer street, Windsor, was being searched by the police for stolen property, Albert Stratton, carpenter, about 45 years old, walked into his bedroom and deliberately cut his throat with a razor. He was dead in 20 minutes. When the officers arrived with the search warrant he showed them all his tools, knowing them were a number stolen from his employer and also from a fellow employee. While the stolen goods were being identified Stratton killed himself.

IN THIRTY-FIVE DAYS

Roberts has Relieved Kimberley and Ladysmith, Taken Cronje and Captured Bloemfontein.

London, March 15.—The first half of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at Modder river on Feb. 9. He entered Bloemfontein on March 13. Thus, in little over a month, he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of Gen. Cronje's forces and the hoisting of the British flag in the capital of the Free State. All this has been accomplished with comparatively little loss.

Small wonder that he is the hero of the hour in England. All the papers eulogize him and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence, and as being now one of the shadows of history.

It is not doubted that there may yet be heavy fighting, but the genius of Lord Roberts is looked to for victory over all difficulties. His grim reference to the "late" President Steyn is understood to show that there shall be no ambiguity as to the position assumed toward the republic. The fact that Mr. Fraser, late chairman of the Free State road and leader of the opposition to Mr. Steyn, came with the deputation to surrender the keys, is regarded as extremely significant of considerable difference of opinion among the Free Staters regarding the war.

It is said that President Kruger hates Mr. Fraser on account of his sympathy with the outlanders. The demonstrations of the Bloemfontein inhabitants are also regarded as a good augury for the future of British supremacy. It is interesting in connection with the rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to learn that the Russian military attaches with the Boers who were captured by the British, sent the following telegram to the czar: "I am perfectly amazed at the energy in action

and the endurance of the British in the field. I need say no more."

The British continue pressing their advance on the Orange river. The Boers still hold Bethulie bridge, on the north side of the stream, but their trenches are dominated by the British artillery. Heavy firing is in progress and there has been some skirmishing. Lord Kitchener seems to be very successful in reducing the Dutch rising.

ONLY WITH DEATH.
New York, March 15.—A despatch from President Kruger to the Evening Journal, dated Pretoria, March 13, 8 p.m., via Berlin, says:

"The burghers will only cease fighting with death. Our forces are returning in good order to our line of defense on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than expected. The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all the others, are united. There are no differences. God help us."

BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED.

Pretoria, Monday, March 12, via Lorenzo Marques, Tuesday, March 13.—Lord Salisbury's reply to residents Kruger and Steyn causes bitter disappointment, and State Secretary Reitz says it means that the war will have to be fought to the bitter end.

KRUGER WILL REPLY.

London, March 15.—The Daily Mail has the following despatch from Pretoria, dated Monday, March 12: "Lord Salisbury's reply has been received and a Boer refutation of the British contention is under consideration. It will deny that any annexation has been made, and it will declare that the occupation of British territory was purely strategic. It will express the determination of the two republics to fight to the finish."

ENQUIRY BURKED. WILFRED'S SPEECH

Premier Laurier Will Allow no More Investigation

into the Rascaillies Perpetrated in West Huron and Brockville by the Liberal Machine.

Ottawa, March 15.—The Government has showed its hand in the matter of the West Huron and Brockville investigation. There is not going to be any investigation. The Government and the Liberal party in Parliament have had enough of revelations of the crookedness of the machine in Ontario. There is to be no general election this year. Further revelation would not only add fuel to the flame of popular resentment against the party's election methods, but might also impair the efficiency of the machine at the very time when upon its successful operation may depend the party's success at the polls. It would not do to run any such risks; hence the decision of the Government to balk the promised enquiry in the West Huron and Brockville by-elections. This declaration of high policy was elicited yesterday in the course of a warm debate arising out of the Premier's curt refusal to allow the usual course to be followed of permitting "unopposed" motions—that is motions which are not intended to be debated—to pass the House, irrespective of their position upon the order paper, and before debatable motions are taken up. It was Mr. Britton, of Kingston, who gave the Government's plans away.

When "notice of motions" was called by Mr. Speaker, Sir Charles Tupper arose and suggested that the usual practice of taking "unopposed" motions first be followed in order to expedite business.

Sir Wilfred Laurier's reply was a curt refusal. After the way his courtesy of the other evening had been met by the Opposition, he said he had decided not to concede to their requests in this respect again.

Sir Charles Tupper having asked for an explanation, the Premier went on to say that when at the request of Mr. Foster he allowed unopposed motions to pass and the motion of Mr. Borden being reached he requested it should stand, the Opposition accused him of choking off the West Huron and Brockville election enquiry, to which the motion referred.

Then a discussion followed in which the Premier was vividly reminded of the promise of last session to have a full enquiry into these rascaillies. To this he made no defence but Mr. Britton made the break of admitting that they had decided not to permit a further investigation.

The British troops under Lord Methuen have returned to Kimberley from the occupation of Bushof, Orange Free State. Guns and 70,000 rounds of ammunition were seized, and a strong garrison was left to guard the town. Six Boers were arrested there on charges of treason. Nearly all the residents were wearing mourning, as the Bushof commando lost 200 men at the battle of Belmont.

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I deviate from that line of conduct." (Applause.)

NEVER WAS A JUSTER WAR.

Sir Wilfred made another hit, when in discussing the Transvaal war, he declared, "For my own part, I am of the opinion there never was a juster war on the part of England." (Cheers.) It was evident that England's quarrel was just, hence Canada had thought it her duty to send a contingent and rely upon parliament to ratify her action. He denied that the government had pledged the future of Canada, but he would say that if in future wars the will of the people of Canada was to be and the mother country, then "the people of Canada will have to have their way." (Cheers.) There was no occasion to discuss the future, but if the doctrine that Canada should aid in England's wars were admitted then Canada would have to say "England, 'If you want us to help you, call us your councils.'" (Cheers.)

With masterly skill the orator referred to the work being done by the Canadians in the West Huron and Brockville when their heroic deeds were heard of there was no man whose breast did not swell with pride to know that "a new power had arisen in the West." (Cheers.) He referred with regret to the signs in Montreal that all Canada was not united, but there was no greater bond to union than common dangers shared by all, as they were in the contingents, by the two branches of Canadians fighting side by side in the Transvaal. Some had fallen, and were buried in the same grave, where they would remain till the end of time, in death's last embrace. If this would bury all racial enmity and dissension, then the sending of the contingents would be found to be the greatest service ever rendered Canada. (Prolonged cheers.)

As stated in yesterday's report, Mr. Bourassa's motion was defeated by 110 to 10.

A GREAT ACTOR AND A GOOD PLAY.

"The Dagger and the Cross," a play in five acts, by W. A. Tremayne, dramatized from Joseph Hatton's famous novel of the same name, will be presented at the Grand Opera House next Saturday, March 17th, with the eminent romantic actor, Robert B. Mantell, in the star role of Bernard Robellac, an Italian painter. The story is that of which we hear so much even in the highest society of the present day, although the scenes of the play are in 1664. It is the story of a wife's temptation and a home destroyed by a villain, and the misery caused thereby. In this case it leads to the murder of the second wife by the hot-tempered Italian husband, the death of the misguided wife, and the confession and atonement of the murderer with the fatal dagger reversed in his hand in the form of the cross, following the directions of the priest and "the dagger of sin may become the cross of salvation." The scenery has been painted from Mr. Hatton's photographs of the actual places of the action in Venice and England, the costumes are from original sketches by W. H. Margeson. E. A. a noted English artist, and Manager M. W. Hanley has surrounded his star with the finest company of players that has ever appeared in the support of this popular actor.

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Watch the papers.

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INTO CLEVELAND

The C. P. R. is Reported to Have Gained Entrance

By Traffic Arrangements with the Lake Erie—A Daily Boat Service From Koudou.

Cleveland, March 15.—All indications now are that the Canadian Pacific to make a traffic agreement by which it will secure an entrance into that city. This story was going the rounds some time ago, and was pretty well substantiated at that time. Now the additional information is that the affair is nearer being decided upon than it has ever been. It is the purpose of the Canadian Pacific to close the deal with the Lake Erie Transit Company, operating the boat lines between this city and Koudou and Port Stanley. Hereafter this service has been semi-weekly, but if the new arrangement goes into effect it will be a daily service. From these two latter points direct connections for St. Thomas, Chatham and Port Stanley will be made with the assistance of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad. The understanding now is that within the last few days a conference has been held between the officers of the Canadian Pacific and the Detroit River & Lake Erie Railroads to see what could be done in the way of making the rail agreement. The story is going that this conference resulted in very favorable terms being arrived at. Now it is understood that the matter of the lake service will be taken up. The latest information is that the Lake Erie Transit Company has secured options on two new boats that will be placed in service with the opening of the season of navigation. Where these boats are to come from is not told, but the officers of the boat line say that when the time comes to produce them they will be on hand.

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