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Mr. Lloyd George Tells of the Work on the Peace Treaty

LEGISLATURE PASSES THE
REFERENDUM BILL AT LAST

PREMIER HEARST MAKES STRONG PLEA SAYING HE LOST MANY
PERSONAL AND POLITICAL FRIENDS OVER THE ONTARIO
TEMPERANCE ACT.

After a lengthy debate the Government's bill to submit to the electors a referendum on the temperance issue passed its third reading at midnight. The Prime Minister made a carefully prepared statement on the second reading of the bill in which he elucidated the four questions which are being referred to the people. He justified the action of the Legislature in adopting the Ontario Temperance Act, quoted the distillers to say that it was a good measure, and declared that on the contrary of being confusing, the ballot was a most simple one. While the Government had been strongly opposed for the stand it had taken, had he the three last years to live over again he would have followed the same course.

Premier Hearst, when speaking to the bill, declared with considerable feeling that he had lost many personal and political friends over the Ontario Temperance Act. He said, however, that he did not regret what he had done in that connection, had no apologies to make, and would, if he had to live over again the past three years, pursue the same course.

The Liberal Leader, Mr. Proudfoot, had some strong criticism of the Government for its method of drafting the bill. When the Government passed the Ontario Temperance Act the Opposition co-operated with it, but when the Prime Minister and his colleagues drafted the referendum bill they did not consult the Liberals at all. The Prime Minister said he wanted the bill passed unanimously; if objections were not to be raised, it was only proper the Government should have taken those on the opposite side of the House into consideration.

Few of the members took part in the debate on the second reading, but when it reached the committee stage the debate was participated in by a larger number, various minor suggestions and criticisms being voiced. Mr. H. Hartley Dewar, K.C., urged that the date for the taking of the referendum be fixed so as to remove any possibility of an election being held at the same time to conflict with it. Sir William Hearst said he could not fix the date, as it was impossible to say when the soldiers would be home.

THE WEATHER

Toronto, April 17.—The storm which was centered in Ohio yesterday has moved to Northern Michigan where since last night, it has been stationary, gradually diminishing in energy. The weather is fine and moderately warm in the Western Provinces and cool and rainy from Ontario to Nova Scotia.

FORECASTS.—Westerly winds, cool and unsettled with occasional showers. Friday, cool and for the most part fair.

LOCAL MEN ON
STAND AT THE
LIQUOR PROBE

Ex-Mayor Burgoyne and Thomas Holden Gave Evidence Before Royal Commission Enquiry Yesterday.

The Royal Commission inquiry on the Dewar-Aycraft charges at Toronto were continued yesterday, and during the day two St. Catharines newspaper men gave evidence as to the conversations held with Mr. F. P. Cronin, of the Toronto World.

William B. Burgoyne, senior proprietor of the Standard, was called. He described a conversation with F. P. Cronin, of the World. He had written a letter to Mr. Aycraft as a consequence of the newspaper reports of this investigation.

Witness pointed to the statement that the World man has been associated with the St. Catharines man, Mr. Burgoyne pointed out that there had been only one or two meetings with Cronin. One had been brought about at request of witness. The conversation was very brief. He tried to dispel the idea in Cronin's mind that the liquor was being sent in for political purposes. His paper was supporting Mr. Parnell, the Government candidate. He knew Parnell was a strong temperance man.

"Did you tell Cronin that?" "I may not have said so, but he knew we were supporting his candidature." Peter White: "You speak of Mr. Holden withholding some information from Mr. Cronin. Is there any objection to Mr. Holden giving that information now?" "No," Mr. King, the license inspector, had told him some facts which he did not feel at liberty to tell then.

Tried to Persuade Cronin. Thomas James Holden, a reporter of the St. Catharines Standard, said he told Cronin he knew something about the seizure of liquor due to information he had received from Mr. King, the St. Catharines license inspector, but he was not at liberty to disclose it. Holden, however, told Cronin to see Mr. King and the chief of police, and was only in Cronin's society half an hour.

Mr. White: "You were not badly corrupted then?" "I am still surviving." Mr. Holden told of trying to persuade Cronin that his suspicions regarding the purpose of the honor were erroneous. He said he pointed out that Mr. Parnell was a strong temperance man, stronger even in his views than the O.T.A., so that the liquor would not help his election and it would not assist the other candidate but Cronin would persist in his views.

OLD 14TH SPEEDY IN
GETTING INTO LINE

For speed in getting into the line, the 4th Battalion was as fast as any of them. In April, 1916, when the Germans blew a big mine under the 2nd Battalion's frontage the 4th were in support. They rushed up to their comrades assistance and they went in so fast that they were in the 2nd Battalion's front line before the 2nd Battalion's support company was there.

WELLAND ATHLETIC EVENT

The Great War Veterans of Welland are putting on a big Athletic entertainment including boxing bouts. A Sudbury magistrate has ruled it is illegal to confiscate money found on a gaming table during a raid. Should this decision stand, many devotees would pay to have it made retroactive.

A. W. BUTLER IS
PRESIDENT OF
LOCAL G.W.V.A.

Spirited Contest for Chief Office of the St. Catharines Branch—Must Seek Larger Hall to Hold Meetings In.

Comrade A. W. Butler was elected president of the local branch of the G. W. V. A. at the regular meeting held last night after a hot contest. Comrade W. J. Addy came within three votes of landing the honor and when Mr. Butler's election was announced the defeated candidate moved a resolution that the choice of Mr. Butler be made unanimous.

Comrade A. A. White was elected 2nd vice president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Comrade Don Adie, who has left the city. Comrade Thomas Church was elected Chairman of the Amusement Committee.

After a short discussion the executive committee were instructed to find a large hall in which to hold the regular meetings as the assembly rooms at the Club house are not large enough to accommodate the members.

Fifty four new members were added to the Club roll.

A resolution was passed calling for an investigation of the unfair system of employment on the Welland Canal. It was pointed out that men were being brought in from outside points to work on the canal while many men are out of employment in St. Catharines.

Another resolution passed demanding that an investigator be sent here from Ottawa to investigate the skilled and unskilled labor on the Welland Canal, the investigation to be carried on with the assistance of the Dominion Command.

A special committee was appointed to draft a reply to the resolution from the foreign residents of the city.

During the evening the association orchestra rendered a fine programme.

DEPARTMENT
GRANTS MEN A
HALF DAY REST

Postal Employees to get Half-Holiday on Saturday and pay for all Over Time and Holidays.

Ottawa, April 17.—The Postoffice Department yesterday afternoon, in a lengthy statement on the long-drawn-out negotiations between the Dominion Government and the postal workers since early in March, says that of the 4 requests for adjustment presented by the Western men, many being questions of departmental procedure, most have been settled in conference with the delegates, and the ten to which the Western men finally reduced their requests for special consideration have been dealt with. Many of the Eastern men's requests also were of a departmental nature.

How Requests are Met. As an equalization of payment as between East and West, that would be met in the reclassification being prepared by the Civil Service Commission, the salary to be based on the character of the work done, irrespective of location. The Commission's report will also cover the matter of additional amount to be paid to all classes of the service to meet the present abnormally high cost of living.

The Government has granted the demands for overtime payment, Saturday half-holiday all the year around except at Christmas and New Year's, such season, overtime for holidays, leave for delegates to annual conventions and attention to sanitation, ventilation lighting and heating.

MUNICIPALITIES SHARE

Municipalities have received revenues in times up to April 20, 1918, of \$38,228.54 and the revenues from the same source received by the municipalities for the year ending October 31, 1918, amounted to \$32,629.54, a considerable increase over the corresponding period of the previous year, which was \$305,466.76. This amount together with the sum received by the province for the corresponding period, namely \$213,709.44, makes the revenue received between the province and the municipalities of \$540,338.98, as compared with \$497,998.60 in the last report.

MONEY RATES IN LONDON.

London, April 17.—Closing: money 3 1/8 per cent. Discount rates, short and three months' bills, 3 5/8 per cent.

MANY GERMAN U-BOATS
DOWN WITH "DAVY" JONES

New York, April 17.—Rear Admiral Sims, who commanded the American fleet during its war-time activities in European waters, said yesterday that he believed there was "205 German submarines at the bottom of the sea."

In a speech at the Bond Club, a Victory Loan organization, he said the fleet "found many submarines stuck on the bottom, with indications showing that many of the men caught inside either committed suicide or killed each other."

LLOYD GEORGE
ASKS FOR TIME
TO FINISH WORK

British Premier Tells House of Commons That Allies are in Complete Accord on the Great Fundamental Questions.

London, April 17.—Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday on the peace situation, Premier Lloyd George declared that the delegates had never forgotten what France had gone through and they had not forgotten to what she was entitled—not merely security against a repetition of the German attack, but to feel a sense of security against it. The conference had come to a unanimous conclusion on all the questions before it, including a decision that to publish the peace terms before they were discussed with the enemy would be a first class blunder. The premature publication, he contended, could only serve to encourage the resistance of the enemy.

Mr. Lloyd George denied that he was trying to escape, the declarations he made during the general election campaign. The declaration regarding making Germany pay, he declared, has been concurred in by all the party leaders. The Premier said he had not come to the House to ask release for any pledge he had given.

"I am here to say that every pledge we have given is incorporated in the demands put forward by the allies. We stand by them because we believe they are just and vindictive. We want a stern peace for the occasion demands it, but it must be designed not to gratify vengeance but to vindicate justice. Every clause and every term in the conditions must be justified. Above all, we want to protect the future against a repetition of the horrors of this war."

The Premier said he was going back to Paris if the House wanted him to go. Whoever went he declared must have the full confidence of the Parliament and carry out his pledges to the utmost of his power and conviction.

A Crime Against Humanity.

The Premier sharply criticized certain newspaper attacks that had been made in connection with the Peace Conference saying:

"When this kind of a disease is carried to the point of sowing dissension between great allies whose unity is essential for the peace of the world, when an attempt is made to make France distrust Great Britain, France to hate America and America to distrust France and Italy, not even that kind of a disease is justification for so black a crime against humanity."

"They still believe in France," that the Times is a serious organ. They do not know that it is only a three-penny edition of the Daily Mail. On the Continent they still think that the Times is a semi-official organ of the Government. This shows how long it takes these traditions to die."

THE WIRELESS BILL
\$61,000 in Subsidies Paid Annually by Canada to the Marconi Company.

Ottawa, April 17.—A return to Parliament shows that Canada pays the Marconi Wireless Company subsidies for twenty wireless stations, aggregating \$61,200 per annum. The highest amount paid for any one station is \$4,500 for the Bell Isle station.

CONIAGAS DIVIDEND.
A dividend of 2 1/2 per cent has been declared on Coniagas Mines shares, payable May 1. This is the same as was paid Feb. 1.

CONDEMNED MURDERER MAKES
GOOD HIS ESCAPE FROM JAIL

FRANK McCULLOUGH SAWED BARS OF DEATH CELL WINDOW AT TORONTO JAIL AND GAINS LIBERTY—WRITES LETTER TO THE PRESS SAYING HE DRUGGED THE GUARD. REWARD OFFERED FOR HIS CAPTURE

Toronto, April 17th.—With sixteen days more to live, Frank McCullough, condemned to hang for the murder of Acting Detective Frank Williams, drugged the death-watch, sawed through the iron bars on his window, and escaped in the open world some time between 10 o'clock Tuesday night and 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. The condemned man had a good start and nothing has yet been learned of his movements. A reward of \$1,000 for any information leading to his capture is offered by the Attorney-General's Department.

Frank Currall, a returned soldier, who was the acting death-watch at the time, has been placed under arrest, and appeared in the Police Court yesterday to answer to the charge of aiding and abetting a prisoner to escape from the jail. He was remanded for eight days.

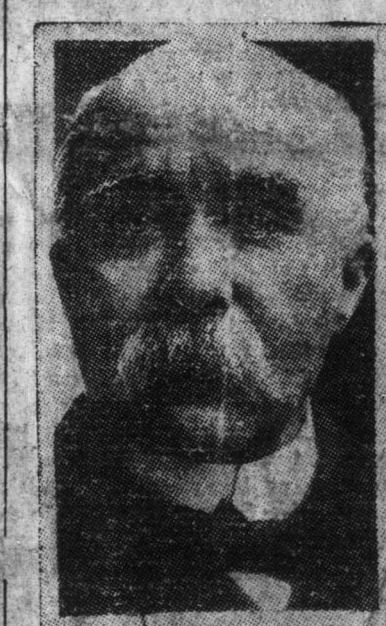
The escape of the condemned man was evidently premeditated, and every detail fully planned. The iron bars on the window of the death cell were one inch and a quarter in diameter, and two had been sawn through. To do this would have taken the prisoner two hours, sawing continuously, but from the rust marks on the bars, and shreds of chewing gum the officials at the jail are of the opinion that the sawing had been done some time previously.

Writes Letter to Newspapers. In a letter written to the press McCullough described the way in which he made his escape. He declares that he obtained the drug from a friend, who had had himself sentenced to jail for the purpose. The saw had been pulled in on a rope from the outside through the iron bars.

After sawing the bars he had but to pull himself through the small opening, drop to a brick lean-to, crawl along the jail wall to the north and drop some sixteen feet to freedom outside the jail property.

How he could get the drug from a friend who went there for the purpose is something that the officials cannot explain, and something that McCullough did not take the trouble to explain.

The prisoner took the guard's hat, coat, scarf and military service button, and left a note addressed "Currall, old man," explaining that he had copied his coffee with veronal.



PREMIER CLEMENCEAU, President of the Peace Conference who addressed the representatives of the various powers, yesterday, regarding the meeting with the German envoys on April 25th.

DOMINION COMPANY
EMPLOYEES JOIN STRIKERS

Bridgeburg, Ont., April 17.—The entire force of messengers employed by the Dominion Express company went on strike yesterday afternoon. The strike was called in sympathy with the strike of the Canadian Express company employees, it being claimed that the Canadian Express company is hiring new men and promising them permanent positions.

The strike is effective from Bridgeburg to Toronto and a complete tie-up in the shipping express is resultant.

About 500 railway employees did not receive their pay today as a result of the strike, there being no messengers to get the money here. Other serious inconvenience is expected unless a settlement is effected soon.

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FOR ADOPTION.—4 Boys and 4 girls at the Children's Shelter. Ages from 3 to 10 years of age and also one boy 16 years of age, with the use of only one arm.

R. E. BOYLE, Inspector.

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HUGE STRIKE
PLANNED BY
FRENCH UNIONS

May 1st Selected as the Date for a General Walk-out by Employees of Many Industries.

Paris, April 17.—If the decision of the six important unions in France is adhered to, May 1st will be observed by a general abstention from work. The delegates of these unions, the railroad workers, miners, dock workers, metal workers, sailors and general transport workers, at a meeting yesterday decided to unite in efforts to obtain recognition of the demands of the workers, especially an eight-hour day and an increased scale of wages.

Delegates recognized that the demands of individual unions had been satisfied in many cases, but decided that the members of the unions should not work on May 1st, in order to show the power of the organized working classes and the spirit of solidarity with the unions in a less favorable position.

No mention is made of the length of the proposed cessation of work, but it is presumed that the general labor federation committee will decide this point at its meeting to-night.

PREMIER CLEMENCEAU
ADDRESSES DELEGATES

Premier Clemenceau, President of the Peace Conference, yesterday presided over a meeting of the representatives of the various powers at war with Germany and gave them some of the details concerning the coming Versailles congress on April 25th, when the German envoys will be present. It has not been disclosed whether the invitation to the Germans will be issued in the name of the council of five or of all the powers represented at the Peace Conference.

The foreign ministers, who had under consideration certain provisions of the Peace Treaty, have reported to the council of ten that some of the articles have been referred back to the drafting committee, and it is understood that the remaining articles will be disposed of at the very earliest date.

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