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Seriously Wound Arthur Gotkin in Attempted Hold-Up at Montreal.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, April 13.—Four armed men in a high-speed automobile shot and seriously wounded Arthur Gotkin, 17, butcher's assistant, here Saturday evening when he resisted an attempt to hold him up. It is not thought that his wound will be fatal.

ON WAY TO ROME.

Associated Press Despatch.

Warsaw, April 13.—Archbishop Zepliak, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Russia, arrived here today from Riga on his way to Rome to report to Pope Pius regarding conditions in Russia.

Unionists Carry Protest of Provincial Amendment To Dominion Government

Resolution Is Unanimously Adopted At Mass Meeting of Three Denominations.

BLAME LIQUOR FORCES

Dr. D. C. MacGregor Declares Anti-Prohibitionists Seek To Hinder Church.

Developing an angle of the church union question heretofore publicly untouched, Rev. Dr. D. C. MacGregor, speaking at a mass meeting of unionists in St. Andrew's Church last night, laid the blame for the defeat of the church union bill at the door of the anti-prohibition forces in the province.

The meeting, which was representative of every church of the three denominations in this city, unanimously adopted a resolution protesting against the action of the private bills committee of Ontario Legislature, which will be forwarded with hundreds of names attached to the Senate and the House of Commons at Ottawa.

The Resolution.

Whereas the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Methodist Church in Canada, and the Congregational Churches of Canada, after more than 20 years of negotiation and prayer and following their constitutional procedure, have decided to unite in order more fully to express the desire of our Lord "that all may be one," and more adequately to accomplish their work at home and abroad;

Whereas these churches have affirmed that they have a right to unite as corporate bodies without loss of their identity;

Whereas all that these churches are asking in principle has already been granted by the Imperial Parliament to the Church of Scotland;

Whereas the decision to unite expresses the conscience of these churches as to their duty to Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the church;

Whereas application has been made to the Provincial Legislature of Ontario and to your honorable body for legislation affecting the property of the churches which have determined so to unite;

Whereas a majority of the private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature have decided to make such changes in the bill as would deny the right of self-determination to the churches, and their right to unite as corporate bodies;

Whereas the effect of these changes if adopted by the Legislature would be to deprive the churches of spiritual freedom in what to them is a matter of conscience;

Therefore your petitioners desire:

(1) To affirm the spiritual independence and spiritual freedom of the church, and the right of the church free from state control to obey the will of her Lord in all matters, moral and spiritual.

(2) And further to protest most emphatically against the action of the majority of the members of the private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature as denying the freedom of the church to follow her conscience in matters of faith and duty.

(3) And further while recognizing the right of the state to deal with questions of property, your petitioners deny that the right to extend this control to the point where it would interfere with what the church conceives to be her duty to her Lord.

(4) And your petitioners pray that the bill now before the House of Commons entitled "An act incorporating The United Church of Canada" be passed without any amendment that will interfere with its central principle.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray:

The amendments, which the unionists assert destroys everything for which the churches concerned have been striving for the past twenty years, has connected with it the name of J. A. McCausland, member of the Legislature for seat 13, Southeast Toronto.

Sees Sinister Actions.

"When a man like McCausland," Dr. MacGregor said, "who has stood for 7 per cent beer on the floor of the house, and who has said in an interview that he wouldn't see those Methodists gobble up the Presbyterians, opposes the bill, then I can see something sinister behind his action."

"When we consider the social evils which make the consumption of union imperative, we are treading on very tender ground. The liquor forces are massing to recover lost ground, and the gambling evil is eating like cancer into our national life. I believe the church is persecuted by the forces which seem to perpetuate the liquor traffic. If they are throwing down the gauntlet, then the church must accept it—and she will."

"We have been offered a state-created church—one composed not of united congregations, but of secessionists, congregations who have seceded from their mother church, making it impossible for us to get rid of the denominationalism which has been of our hindrance to the progress of our country."

Nickle at Sea.

"More than that, in Mr. Nickle's final speech on the bill he distinctly left the impression that the unionists and anti-unionists had been able to come to no terms because of the unwillingness of the unionists to make any concessions. If Mr. Nickle had been as familiar as he should have been with the history of the question he would have known that the 'ants' would discuss the matter on no terms whatever than that there should be no union."

Dr. MacGregor's address was a heated arraignment of the action of the private bills committee of the Legislature. It was followed by an address from Rev. D. N. McCamus, in which the position of the Methodists was stated, with that impression foremost which Presbyterians have as a rule conceded the Metho-



REV. D. C. MACGREGOR, D.D., who charged in an address last night that the liquor forces were responsible for the amendment to the church union bill when it was before the private bills committee of the Legislature. He spoke at a mass meeting representative of the three unionist denominations of this city.

dist, that they were acting with the utmost patience while the matter was threshed out between the Presbyterian forces.

Dr. MacGregor indeed paid tribute in his preliminary remarks to the manner in which the Methodists had acted since the negotiations toward union commenced 20 years ago.

Col. C. M. R. Graham said: "With all due respects to the men themselves, the members of parliament are politicians first and servants of the public afterwards. They listened for the big wind. And the big wind at Toronto was that of anti-unionists, while we were sitting tight. This time we want to make sure that we are heard at Ottawa, and that is why we are asking you to accept this resolution, which will express the sentiment of this body of people toward union—will impress the Dominion Parliament that the majority want union."

Feared Ill-Feeling.

"Nothing has been said in the Presbyterian churches about union because we were frightened that any 'feeling' would be caused. We realize now that there is a need for 'feeling.' The purpose of the meeting tonight was to obtain a 'feeling' which would be felt at Ottawa."

Representatives from every church of the three denominations in the city braved a threatening storm to attend the meeting and to have a share in the united expression of sentiment from the supporters of church union in London.

Dr. MacGregor began the meeting with a prompt and decisive review of the conditions leading up to the present situation in church union, which he declared to be the most critical in the entire movement.

The action of the private bills committee, he declared, was subversive to all the principles of representative and responsible government.

"Such a condition," he said, "applied to the political world would mean positive anarchy. Suppose the government of this country were refused to go into union, really form a government. Yet the committee of the Legislature have done something very similar."

Deny Church Power.

"They have denied the action of the courts of our church to have any validity whatever. They say that the courts, and the majority do not constitute a church, and they have declared that the minority who have refused to go into union, really form the Church."

The audience, filling St. Andrew's Church, were moved to applause when Dr. MacGregor said: "We have united and all we asked Parliament to do was incorporate us so that we can hold property."

"The private bills committee got things all mixed up in their heads. We have united. We were not asking parliament to allow us to unite. All we wanted was permission to incorporate. My impression is that we have got to do some educating with the men who represent us down there."

"The committee said the church hadn't any right to decide finally in the question of church union. The state comes in and dictates to the church in matters of faith and duty. Simply, it has denied us the right of self-determination."

"The committee exceeded their authority. The question of incorporation is a matter for Ottawa to decide. They and they only can give the verdict, and the provincial government began to assume Dominion powers when it denied the churches the right to unite as churches as corporate bodies without loss of identity."

Favor Minority.

"They have contended that the minority who don't concur are the church and have denied that decisions reached by the constitutional procedure of the church are valid."

"All we are asking of the Legislature is what the Church of Scotland asked and received of the Imperial Parliament. If they were right in granting the Church of Scotland permission to unite, then surely it can't be wrong for our government to do the same."

"The impression has somehow got abroad that we were three auto-cratic churches who wanted union, but wanted to make no provision for those who didn't."

"It remains for those who are opposing union to show us how the bill can be made more fair. We want not only to be fair, but to be generous. If Parliament will show us any way of improving the bill and making it more fair, then all well and good. What we do object to is for Parliament to say that we can't go into union at all."

REV. J. GARBUTT SPEAKS.

Taking for his subject, "Is Our

Religious Liberty Jeopardized by the Action of the Provincial Government?" Rev. John Garbutt took up the vital question of church union at Dundas Street Center Church last night.

In speaking of the church union, Rev. Garbutt stated that the churches after 22 years of negotiations, and after sending the basis of the union to the people and to all the courts of the different churches, asked the Provincial Legislature for power to take the property of the three churches into the United Church of Canada.

"We believe," continued the minister, "that the bill fully safeguards the minority. Any church voting by a majority of one may vote themselves out of the union church and take their property and their share of invested interest out of the union."

Explains Bill.

The Legislature proposes an amendment in such a form that it was an entirely new bill, added the speaker, saying that it deals with the union of churches, not with the property rights of the majorities or minorities.

It was determined that before proceeding further with the bill that the law clerk of the committee be instructed to draft clauses by which the bill will be amended by adding clauses for the preservation of the Presbyterian, the Methodist and Congregational churches as separate entities, and for giving to any congregation the right by vote of its members to union in its mother church, and to keep therein any property owned by it.

Commenting on the amendment of the House, Rev. Garbutt pointed out that it makes four churches and leaves three practically as they were. If such legislation were passed and could be applied it would prevent the three churches, as churches, uniting. The expressed wish of the church, set forth in the basis of union, has been agreed upon in all the courts of the pre-uniting churches, and calls for the union of the three churches.

Move Amazing.

The minister spoke of church union, that has been a question that has agitated the churches for upwards of 20 years, and to which the best brains of these churches, both lay and clerical, have labored to solve. And went on to say that it was an amazing proposal that such a great question of so grave a nature should be settled by the provincial legislature who had given little thought to it, and who are not fully conversant with the movement made in all provinces to avoid overlapping.

"The members of the legislature," continued Rev. Garbutt, "are not experts on the question, and the future of a very large number of religious people in Ontario and the Dominion should not be lightly treated."

LT.-COL. C. M. R. GRAHAM, who introduced at a mass meeting held here yesterday a resolution protesting against the action of the private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature in amending the church union act. The resolution was adopted and will be sent to Ottawa.

GERMANY WOULD JOIN WORLD LEAGUE, BELIEF

Anticipate Application If Present Reparation Plans Successfully Launched.

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, April 13.—The impression exists in League of Nations circles here that the successful launching of reparations plans, based on the reports of the experts, will lead to the early application by Germany for admission into the League of Nations, and that Germany will favor the League of Nations as the medium for handling any project calculated to provide political security for France and Belgium, and conversely for Germany herself.

Meantime the report of the experts is proving of immense interest to the League of Nations, because an examination by league experts shows that the Dawes committee has incorporated its report several features of the league's projects for the reconstruction of Austria and Hungary. A study of the annexes also show that the league would act as the arbitrary body under the operation of the plan.

Obituary

MRS. EVA AGNES BOUK.

Mrs. Eva Agnes Bouk passed away in Victoria Hospital yesterday morning in her 36th year after a short illness.

She was a resident of Byron all her life until her removal to the hospital Tuesday of last week.

Besides her husband, John Bouk, she is survived by two daughters, Elva May and Mary, and one son, John Edward, all living at home.

The funeral will be held Wednesday from her late residence, Byron, the interment to be made at Woodland Cemetery. Rev. Jefferson of Lambeth will officiate.

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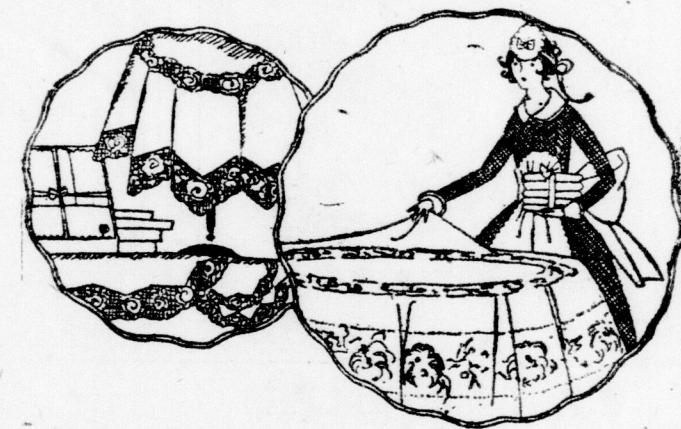
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With it you will wear one of the picturesque broad-brimmed hats, with the flattering softness of a bit of black lace and a drooping rose.

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Cream Cheese and Pimento, 15c; Tomato and Lettuce, 15c; Lobster, 15c; Club, 25c; Hot Bacon and Eggs, 20c.
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