

CARDINAL WEAKNESS OF KING GOV'T, FEEBLE WITHIN ITS OWN RANKS, IS REVEALED

"Report Progress" Motion Saved Gov't from Sure Defeat on Militia Estimates.

CARGO OF SHELLS BROUGHT UP

Introduced in Debate by Mr. King Much to the Disgust of Leading Liberals.

Ottawa, April 25.—That cargo of shells which Mr. King discovered at Lavis during the election, and which exploded in universal laughter when the country learned the facts, came up in the House today. Curiously enough, and much to the disgust of the Liberals, the matter was brought up by Mr. King.

The facts of course, are quite simple. After the war Canada had a lot of shells left over in Great Britain. Britain had lots of her own, and did not want ours, so the only thing left to do was to bring them home. This is what was being done when Mr. King stepped off at Lavis. But Mr. King always thinks about shells, got the idea that Mr. Molson was planning the country into another war, judging from his speech today, he has not gotten over the matter. It was all to gain that Mr. Gaultier, the minister of militia, explained that if the shells had not been brought home we would either have to have sold them in Great Britain, which was impossible, or take a clear loss.

Mr. King appeared to think that we had some kind of a credit in England, that we could take the shells, or take their value in money, about six million dollars worth. He was so much interested in the matter that, after Mr. Gaultier had made it as clear as crystal to everybody in the house that we were simply bringing home what shells we had left, and that it was not to bring them home we would simply have had to take a clear loss, Mr. King insisted that the shells were in Great Britain, and that the British government was pointing out that the shells were out of order.

Mrs. Trouble for Premier

Mr. King's speech, however, was not over. The House was considering a vote of \$1,000,000 for militia equipment when Captain Power moved that it be cut to \$500,000. This, of course, would prove disastrous to the militia, but many of the Quebec Liberals, including Mr. Hume, the editor of the Canada, the leading French Liberal organ, and all the Progressives rallied to its support. Miss Agnes Macpherson made a typical pacifist speech, Mr. Irvine and Mr. Woodsworth, parlor Bohemians, supported her and things began to look bad for the Government. They looked so bad that Mr. Graham, the Minister of Defense, who was in charge of the vote, rose and asked that the House rise and "report progress," which it did.

SHIPYARD WORKERS' DISPUTE SETTLED

300,000 Men on Strike in England Have Agreed to Terms Proposed.

London, April 25.—Both sides to the shipyard workers' dispute, which involves about 300,000 men who are on strike, have agreed to terms of settlement. Under the agreement there will be a cut immediately of ten shillings weekly in the wages of the men and the remaining six shillings out, which the employers have offered, will be split into two instalments, taking effect respectively in May and June.

COMMITTED BANK CLERK FOR TRIAL

Charged With Stealing \$4,915 from Royal Bank at Montreal.

Montreal, April 25.—George McCoskey, youthful Royal Bank clerk, charged with stealing a large check for \$4,915 on the brokerage house of Oswald and Trincaver, was this morning committed for trial on charges of stealing \$4,915 from the Royal Bank, the young man was committed for trial on May 10. He pleaded not guilty to this charge.

HON. T. A. CRERAR CONFINED TO ROOM

Ottawa, April 25.—(Canadian Press) Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressives, is still confined to his room with influenza. He has not been able to attend to his parliamentary duties for the last two days.

BELGIAN KING ILL, REPORT



King Albert of Belgium, has arrived in Versailles, France, suffering from acute inflammation of the nerves, according to dispatches. His exposure in the trenches during the war brought about this condition, it is said.

DENNY SWIM ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Court Appoints F. C. Squires to Defend Prisoner on Double Murder Charge.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., April 25.—The court house was crowded here this morning when the case of the King vs. Denny, charged with the murder of Harvey Trenholm and Olive Trenholm, his wife, was called. Chief Justice Melkown presided. The Grand Jury, after hearing several witnesses, brought in a true bill. After dinner the prisoner was brought into the court and the charge read over to him. He pleaded not guilty. The judge asked him if he had counsel to defend him, and he answered that he did not. The judge then appointed F. C. Squires. The prosecution will be taken by P. J. Hughes. This case was then adjourned until Wednesday morning.

POPE SENDS MESSAGE TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

Association at Montreal First to Receive Message from His Eminence.

Montreal, April 25.—Probably the first message to be received in Canada by a Catholic organization from Pope Pius XI, in the one sent to Miss Mary E. Sweeney, of Montreal, president of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, and read by her this afternoon on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Montreal Branch Catholic Women's League. The letter, dated from the Vatican, March 20, and bearing the signature of Cardinal Gasparri, Secretary of State to His Holiness, is in part as follows:

HOUSE DIVIDED ON PRIVATE BILL

Almost An Even Division, Members of Government Dividing Among Themselves.

Ottawa, April 25.—(Canadian Press) Shortly after resumption of business, following dinner recess tonight, the House divided on an almost even vote. The division, being on a private bill, which seems party lines, members of the Government even dividing among themselves. A bill was under consideration to grant the Esquimaux and Muskeg railway company an extension of time, in which to construct its lines, commencement to take place within two years and completion within five years. In the railway committee a few days ago, A. W. Neil, independent member for Comox-Alberta, objected to the extension. He moved to have the bill committed within one year. It was defeated. His motion was rejected. He moved to have the bill committed within three years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within seven years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within ten years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within twelve years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within fifteen years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within twenty years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within twenty-five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within thirty years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within thirty-five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within forty years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within forty-five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within fifty years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within fifty-five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within sixty years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within sixty-five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within seventy years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within seventy-five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within eighty years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within eighty-five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within ninety years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within ninety-five years. This motion was defeated. He then moved to have the bill committed within one hundred years. This motion was defeated.

FIRE IN COAL MINE CAUSED ANXIETY

Short Circuit in Electric Cable Line Started Blaze—Soon Extinguished.

Sydney, N. S., April 25.—A short circuit in an electric cable line is believed to have been the cause of a fire which, for a time this morning, caused much anxiety to officials and others around Number 10 mine of the Dominion Coal Company at Rosser, 11 miles from Sydney. As a precautionary measure, the 400 men working in another section of the mine were brought to the surface and as soon as the smoke cleared a little, firemen went below and extinguished the fire. The cause of the blaze which destroyed only the insulation on the cable lines and did not damage the pump houses or other parts of the mine. Owing to the dense smoke, it was for some time impossible for the officials to tell where the fire had started or what it was burning. The great danger in such cases is that the coal will take fire, and once a mine ignites, it may burn for years undisturbed. Today's accident demonstrates that the firemen collecters are remarkably free from mine gas.

STEAMSHIP LANES FREE FROM ICE

Second Ship to Arrive at Montreal from Furthest Point in Gulf So Reports.

Montreal, April 25.—The second ship to arrive in port from the furthest point of the St. Lawrence Gulf locked here this afternoon, and reported practically no ice in the steamship lanes. She is the Canada Steamship Lines vessel, which is re-opening the Montreal-Newfoundland service. The ship was left St. John's, Nfld., for Halifax first where she picked up a cargo of 500 pounds of eggs.

MISSING GOODS IN CLERK'S HOUSE

Yarmouth, N. S., April 25.—The mysterious disappearance of a quantity of bulky goods from the store of Mrs. E. K. Bentley was solved today when the police discovered a quantity of the goods in the house of one of the employees of the store. But it is still a mystery why goods of this description were removed.

LLOYD GEORGE MAKES AN APPEAL TO BRITISHERS

Warns Public to Disbelieve Anything in Times or Mail—Concerning Geneva Conference.

SAYS STORIES ARE MISLEADING PUBLIC

Hostile Press, He Asserts, Has Caused Friction Between England and France.

Geneva, April 25.—Premier Lloyd George today requested the British press to appeal to the British public to disbelieve anything it reads in the London Times or the London Daily Mail concerning the Geneva Conference. The Premier asserted that the Daily Mail had printed a statement that he had conferred secretly with Leonid Krassin, one of the Russian delegates, and promised to wipe out the Russian war debts. This and many other statements, which Mr. Lloyd George alleges were untrue, have appeared, he declared, in the London Times and Daily Mail, and have misled the British and French public. He said that if the charges made against him by the Times and Mail were presented in Parliament he would answer them and give the British public the truth. The story of the British to get the French to understand the British attitude toward Russia have, in the opinion of the British delegates, been greatly hampered by a hostile press. Has Caused Friction

The French public, continued Mr. Lloyd George, is apparently convinced that the Russo-German treaty is in some way the outcome of the Geneva Conference, and this belief is being fostered by the press unfriendly to the conference.

It is the belief of the British delegation that if the comparatively prosperous countries of Germany and France in isolation and misery, they will develop a friendly relationship which will be directed against the whole of the west. The British delegates, therefore, say they will have nothing to do with a policy which may bring about such results. While the British announce that they are not afraid of a German or Russian menace, they are determined to do their utmost to prevent a union which may bring about such results. The British delegates, therefore, say they will have nothing to do with a policy which may bring about such results. The British delegates, therefore, say they will have nothing to do with a policy which may bring about such results.

PREMIER NORRIS REMAINS LEADER

Liberals in Conference at Winnipeg Unanimously Vote Confidence in Him.

Winnipeg, April 25.—Premier T. C. Norris was unanimously confirmed in the leadership of the Manitoba Liberal Party at a party conference held here today, attended by about 400 delegates representing all constituencies in the Province. In the resolution passed, tribute was paid to his services in the cause of Liberalism and in the interests of the Province at large. Important pronouncements were made by the Premier in connection with freight rates and the natural resources questions. As for the natural resources, Premier Norris discussed the agreement reached by the Dominion Government when Attorney General T. B. Johnston and he were at Ottawa, declared that it was entirely satisfactory. He said that the transfer of the resources would mean tremendous benefits for Manitoba, if the resources were properly administered.

SCH. ABIE KEAST SPRANG ALEAK

Encountered Heavy Weather in Bay En Route from Parrsboro Here.

Parrsboro, N. S., April 25.—The schooner Abie Keast bound from here for St. John's, N. B., encountered very heavy weather in the Bay of Fundy, and was so badly battered by the seas that she sprung a leak, and, having had the gasoline for her pumping engine washed overboard, she was ever, to make Goose Creek, near St. Martins, with several feet of water in her hold. After three days there she was freed of water and proceeded safely to St. John's, according to advice received here today.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, SWEEPED BY FLOOD

Seventeen Dead and Property Damage Estimated at Million Dollars the Toll.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 25.—Seventeen probably dead, and property damage estimated at approximately one million dollars is the toll of flood which swept Fort Worth early today, carrying before it scores of residences and small buildings, overflowing hundreds of acres of land and inundating several city streets. The flood is the most severe in the history of the city, according to old time residents. Trinity River stood at 26.7 feet at noon and was still rising. The gauge measured only seven feet yesterday.

FAMOUS DETECTIVE OF REAL LIFE MEETS FICTION SLEUTH CREATOR



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Lady Doyle, and the Doyle children, Malcolm, Arthur, Dennis, and Kitty, on the battle with William J. Burns. William J. Burns, chief of the U. S. secret service, went down the bay at New York to meet Sir A. Conan Doyle, famous as the author and creator of Sherlock Holmes. Doyle also is well known as a psychic student. Burns and Doyle have been friends for years.

Montreal, April 25.—Government rather than the church and private individuals should be responsible for coping with unemployment, and its related distress, was the argument of Bishop Farthing, in discussing the activities of the diocese of Montreal in its annual charge to the 3rd annual session of the synod which opened here this afternoon. His Lordship declared that it seemed to him there was something radically wrong in our system when at honest industries men eager and willing to work, but unable to find employment, found himself and his family in need, his savings exhausted, and with no prospect before him but starvation or charity. "In a time such as that through which we have passed this last year," he said, "the relief of the unemployed should be dealt with by the Government and should not be left to private beneficence or to ordinary charitable channels."

UNEMPLOYMENT MUCH DEPENDS ON CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN TODAY

Bishop Farthing Declares It is for Gov't to Relieve Distress, Not the Church.

Dublin, April 25.—Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, returned to Dublin, today, from Tralee in readiness for the resumption tomorrow of the conference between the adherents of the Government and of Eamon De Valera looking to peace. The belief was expressed here tonight that the protest of labor which culminated in Monday's one-day strike, had no effect in influencing the leaders on either side of the controversy to yield their viewpoints. The Daily Freeman also will meet tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There is not expected, however, to be a full attendance.

WIRE OF PROTEST SENT J. E. MOORE

Sydney Miners Accuse Him of Holding Up Conciliation Board's Proceedings.

Sydney, N. S., April 25.—A protest against holding up proceedings until the minister of labor is obliged to appoint a chairman for the new Conciliation Board in the Nova Scotia coal wage dispute was wired, this afternoon, by Isaac D. Frawley, representative of the United Mine Workers, to John E. Moore, St. John's, the representative of the British Empire Steel Corporation. Mr. McDougall's telegram follows: "Your action in refusing to meet me to select a board chairman by joint agreement is most unsatisfactory to myself and labor. We feel that the Board's work is urgent and eminently important, and should take precedence over any personal engagement on your part. Mr. McDougall had previously asked Mr. Moore to meet him at Truro as once to select a chairman acceptable to both parties in the dispute, claiming that conditions in the coal fields are so serious that a delay of even a day in getting down to business should be avoided, if possible. Mr. Moore's reply said that he had some personal business to attend to before commencing the hearings, and he suggested leaving the choice of a chairman to Hon. James Murdoch, who will have that right by law if the other representatives do not reach an agreement upon the subject within five days."

TALBOT ACQUITTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Tried in Quebec Court, Charged With Attempt to Murder His Sister.

Quebec, April 25.—(Canadian Press) Joseph Talbot, on trial here at the Criminal Assizes, on the charge of attempting to murder his sister, Amanda Talbot, in March, 1921, was acquitted this afternoon. The jury after deliberating for half an hour, brought in a verdict of "not guilty." Talbot was committed for trial at the Assizes of 1921, but the case was abruptly interrupted when the victim, Amanda Talbot, was sent to jail for contempt of court. She refused to answer certain questions and besides being sent to jail, a charge of perjury was laid against her. Her trial is on the list for the present term.

RUSSIA AGAIN PLUGS WHEELS AT GENOVA

Accuses Poland of Violating Peace Treaty Signed at Riga March 18.

Genoa, April 25.—Russia today complicated the Geneva tag of war tonight by sending Poland a note announcing that Russia considers that Poland has violated both its peace treaty with Russia, signed at Riga, March 18, 1921, and its Baltic entente agreement, signed at Riga, March 20, 1922, by participating in negotiations at Geneva, questioning Russia's right to negotiate treaties.

EXTRACT BULLET FROM LENINE

Riga, April 25.—Premier Lenin, of Soviet Russia, was reported on Tuesday, says a report from Moscow today. A bullet, which had troubled him for the years, was extracted from his side. Last accounts were that the patient was doing well.

SOVIET RUSSIA AGAIN SPRINGS BIG SENSATION

Remonstrates Against Poland in Joining Allies in Protest Against Russo-German Treaty.

THREAT OF WAR SEEN IN REMONSTRANCE

Strong Red Army Encamped Near Polish Border Ready to Act.

Genoa, April 25.—Soviet Russia complicated the Geneva tag of war tonight by sending a note to the Polish delegation remonstrating against Poland's action in joining with the Allied Powers in protest against a separate treaty between Russia and Germany. Russia claimed that the peace treaty between herself and Poland over all relations between the two countries, so that Poland, like Germany, should not participate in the discussion of Russia's affairs, even intimating that Poland, by her present action in the Conference, has abrogated the treaty signed at Riga on March 18, 1921.

Threat Of War

Russia has a strong Red army encamped near the Polish border and for this reason, the Russian remonstrances were regarded by some of the delegates as equivalent to almost a threat against Poland. The experts on the Russian question sitting without the Soviet delegates today, compared notes on the new proposals presented by the Russian delegation at yesterday's session, and decided to forward their report to their respective Governments. It is expected that when the answers are received from the various capitals the powers will submit counter-propositions to the Soviet, couched in firm language, in an endeavor to reach a working basis for an accord.

French Are Disturbed

"We cannot stay here forever," said a French delegate tonight. The French are disturbed over the manner in which the English have interpreted Premier Poincare's address. The French spokesman made it clear that all Frenchmen are alarmed over future military possibilities of the Russo-German treaty, and that M. Poincare was merely voicing France's genuine inquietude. There are certain indications here that France, with her dwindling population, is fearful of the constantly increasing German population, and with mighty Russia. The French attitude toward Russia is described as like that of Japan towards China—each wants an organized and prosperous neighbor, but does not desire that that neighbor be so strong as to loom up as a possible menace.

SHOE MANUFACTURERS WAIT ON FIELDING

Urge There Be No Changes in Tariff on Boots and Shoes.

Ottawa, April 25.—(Canadian Press) A delegation representing tanners and shoe manufacturers of Canada, headed upon Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, this morning to voice before him his views on tariff matters. The delegation, which arrived shortly after noon, urged that no changes in the tariff be made on boots and shoes, etc., when the budget comes down. Mr. Fielding announced days ago that he would be unable to receive tariff delegations after the 22nd of the month, but it is understood that this is a postponed appointment from an earlier date.