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## BURGLARS MADE A RICH HAUL IN GENERAL LESSARD'S HOUSE DURING THE FAMILY'S ABSENCE

### Valuable Plate and Jewels Were Taken by Marauders Who Entered the House While the General and Family Were at Niagara Camp.

Burglars gained an entrance to the residence of Major-General Lessard at 41 St. George street sometime during Monday night. After ransacking the house from garret to cellar the marauders departed, taking with them a quantity of valuable plate as well as jewelry and other treasured articles. The family left the city for the military camp at Niagara early on Monday, but Miss Lessard returned to Toronto last night to see what had been stolen from the house.

The burglary was committed at a most opportune time as far as the perpetrators were concerned. There were no servants sleeping at the residence. The only protection taken was the locking up of the place and the assurance that an officer would call during the daytime to test the doors and windows.

Forcing a rear window the burglars succeeded in entering the lower part of the residence. Evidently they knew their ground well. Every drawer on the first floor was searched thoroughly, the contents being thrown onto the carpet. Books, papers, clothes and everything were scattered right and left.

### Valuable Silver Taken.

After the first storey had been ransacked, the thieves turned their attention to the upper rooms. Here also things were thrown about. The pieces of silver, smallest in size, but weighing most were the ones carried off. Rings, brooches and watches were also lifted. Many priceless articles were, however, left undisturbed. The burglars undoubtedly failing to appreciate their work.

When the family left for Niagara considerable plate and silverware was left in the dining room. To all appearances this was also subjected to a close scrutiny, and only parts which could be easily melted or disposed of removed. The burglars contented themselves with the jewelry and small silver ornaments.

Altho Miss Lessard cannot as yet tell what was stolen, it is safe to say that the loss will run into the hundreds, and probably more. Fortunately many jewels were left in safe keeping before the house was closed. Otherwise the thieves would have made a richer haul.

The city detectives have so far been unable to locate the men who are suspected of the robbery. An arrest may be made at any time.

### Watch the Newspapers.

Those connected with the case believe that the members of the gang responsible for the burglary watch the movements of society people thru the newspaper columns. They are thus informed when residents contemplate leaving the city. The house is watched and when the family vacate a man calls at the residence and knocks at the front door. Then he goes to the back and also knocks there. Should he get an answer he asks for some imaginary person and leaves. This is also the procedure should a neighbor come out. When he does not receive a response the man knows that the house is empty and the time ripe for the crime to be committed. Accordingly, when darkness falls, the residence is visited.

### Robbed a Freight Car.

Forcing the door of a freight car in the G. T. R. yards, near John street, on Monday night, thieves stole 24 cases of oranges. The city detectives have recovered several of the cases. This is only one of many robberies which have occurred in the yards of late and in almost every case the detectives have at last recovered the goods and arrested the thieves.

## LEG AMPUTATED AFTER ACCIDENT

### George Wood Struck by Train on Level Crossing While Going Home From Work.

While crossing the C. P. R. tracks at Albany avenue, shortly after 7 o'clock last night, George Wood, aged 20, 324 Albany avenue, was struck by a C. P. R. passenger train and knocked 30 feet. He was attended by Dr. Phair, Dupont and Bathurst streets, who found that his leg had been badly mangled and his back and head also injured. F. W. Matthews' motor ambulance removed Wood to the Western Hospital, where the left leg had to be amputated.

Wood was on his way home and had waited for one train to pass. He stepped from behind this train on to the next track and was struck by a train coming from the opposite direction. The hospital authorities reported him as having a fair chance of recovery late last night.

## To Honor German Emperor

BERLIN, June 10.—(Can. Press.)—The street decorations in honor of the emperor's 25th anniversary, are virtually completed. Artificial stone pillars, beflagged and garlanded, have been set up throughout the whole length of Unter der Linden, and the other principal streets are brilliant with bunting—the whole on a scope unprecedented even in Berlin.

## POLAR EXPLORER BACK HOME AGAIN

### Dr. C. S. Wright, Who Accompanied Scott on Antarctic Expedition, Arrives in City After Long Absence—Family Were on Hand to Welcome Him.

"My, Charlie, but you are looking fine," was the greeting from his mother, when Dr. C. S. Wright, Toronto's hero of the Scott Antarctic expedition, stepped from the rear of the Chicago train at the Union Depot last evening. And the modest explorer of the polar regions, neatly dressed in well-tailored clothes, and looking entirely different from what he did at the frozen south, told his mother that he felt fine, and was glad to get home to Toronto.

Dr. Wright was accompanied by Frank Debenham, of Australia, a geologist and personal friend, who accompanied the Scott party on the polar expedition. The two explorers stepped from the rear end of the train at 10 o'clock, and five minutes elapsed before they were found by the Wright family, minus Mr. Alfred Wright, the father, who, in his eagerness to see his son, as soon as possible, had motored to Lambton to meet the incoming train, which, however, did not stop to let him on.

### No Civic Reception.

From a civic standpoint, Dr. Wright's reception was a farce. It was expected that the explorer would be met at the station by Controller Church and Secretary James Somers, of the civic reception committee. These men must have had other engagements which they deemed more important, for neither of them showed up to give him a welcome home.

If controllers were lacking, newspapermen were on hand, and made up for their failure. Some of them camped at the station all afternoon, as no one seemed to know the exact time the Antarctic explorer would arrive. When the long expected hero detoured, he had little information to give them. "Not a word till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock," he said, as he was surrounded by six newspapermen.

"Will you ever take another trip south?" asked The World.  
"Maybe I will if I get the chance," answered Wright, with a laugh. He was then captured by his mother, drawn toward a waiting motor car, and rushed off to the home on Crescent road.

As they stood at the car, the explorer turned to Debenham. "Jump in, Frank. I feel mighty hungry and there is no time to wait," he said.

Next Monday Dr. Wright will be given a formal civic reception, at the meeting of the city council, and will be presented with a gold watch.

## Dineen's Silk Hats.

Silk hats for June weddings. We are the sole agents for Henry Heath, the famous London maker. Our latest importations of Heath hats introduced into Toronto by this maker in his Oxford street store in London, England.

We have also the Dunlap silk hat for which we are the sole agents. Dunlap is the American maker who leads in all hat styles in the United States. Also a variety of other makes in excellent silk hats, ranging in price from \$5 to \$8. Dress suits, club bags, hat boxes, umbrellas, raincoats. Dineen's—140 Yonge street—corner Temperance. Established 1864.

## POWERS JOIN TO AVERT FRESH OUTBREAK

### Russia and Germany Urge Belligerent Balkan States to Adopt More Pacific Attitude and France Gives Plain Intimation That Financial Aid Will Be Withheld.

LONDON, June 10.—(Can. Press.)—The great powers are exerting every effort to prevent the Balkan states from flying at each other's throats, and, reports from Vienna indicate, with some success. Russia and Germany particularly are busy counseling peace and moderation and the French Government is supporting them, and, as the principal creditors, is giving both Serbia and Bulgaria clear warning that in event of war no financial assistance will be forthcoming either before or after hostilities.

Since Serbia has definitely declared towards Bulgaria, even should the latter refuse revision of the treaty of alliance, and will wait before proclaiming annexation of the occupied territories, and since Bulgaria has also expressed readiness to do everything possible to maintain peace, it is still hoped that war may be averted.

### Roumania Would Fight.

The Neue Freie Presse learns that Dr. Danoff shortly will form a new cabinet at Sofia, no military reasons for further delay existing, as the Bulgarian army is ready for action on the Serbian and Macedonian frontiers.

A Bucharest despatch to The Daily Telegraph says that if war occurs Roumania will mobilize her army, but at present has no understanding with any of the allies.

### Serbian Belligerence.

The official Mit at Sofia, says that the Serbians want war, and that this being so no middle course is open to Bulgaria, which must demand the immediate evacuation of the territories in the uncontented zone while awaiting the judgment of the arbitrators, and must send to all parts of the disputed zone as many troops as the Serbians have there.

A Belgrade despatch says that the Russian emperor has addressed telegrams to King Peter and King Ferdinand, imploring them to avoid a fratricidal war and expressing the hope that they will accept the intervention of arbitrators.

## FEAR ELECTION SAYS BOURASSA

### Cabinet Ministers Believe Defeat Would Be Result—Borden in Dire Straits, Thinks Henri.

EDMONTON, Alta., June 10.—(Can. Press.)—That in his opinion no general election would take place as the result of the senate rejecting the naval bill was the statement made today by Henri Bourassa, the Montreal Nationalist leader, who arrived in the city last night to take part in the French Language Society Convention. Mr. Bourassa stated that he will make two public addresses.

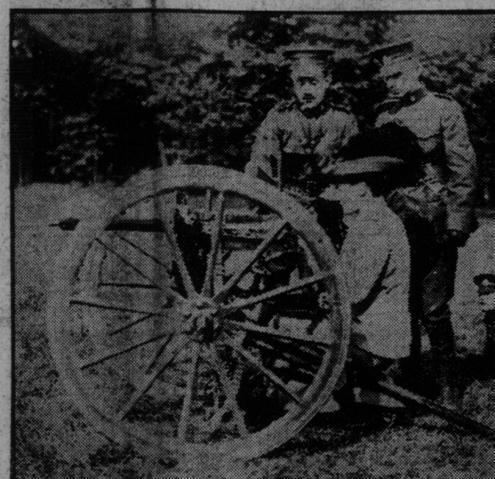
Mr. Bourassa said today that the Borden government was in a very awkward position. The majority of the cabinet, he said, was convinced that if any appeal were made to the country on the naval bill they would be defeated. It was on this assumption that Mr. Bourassa based his supposition that no general election would take place. He declined, however, to give any forecast of the probable political outcome, stating that that was a matter on which it seemed to him futile to prophesy.

"I really cannot see how Borden is going to get out of the difficulty," said Mr. Bourassa. "His cabinet will not allow an appeal to the country, and yet Mr. Borden has pledged himself to a general election and, if he does not fulfil that pledge, only two deductions are possible: either no emergency exists, or, if there is an emergency, Canada is not bound to come to the assistance of England."

## MRS. PRATT BRIDE OF PRINCE ALEXIS

Special Cable to The World. Copyrighted by The Toronto World and N. Y. World. LONDON, July 11.—The Daily Telegraph's Vienna correspondent wires: "I learn from a diplomatic source that the marriage of Prince Alexis Karageorgievitch and Mrs. Pratt took place at the Russian Church in Paris today. Only the most intimate friends of the pair attended the ceremony."

## WOMEN AT NIAGARA CAMP



One of the members of the W. C. T. U. sat on the galling gun used by the Queen's Own at rifle practice while shells were pouring from it.

## BIGAMY FLOURISHES IN WEST MISSIONARY BLAMES MORMONS

### Rev. W. M. Shearer Declares Followers of Joseph Smith Have Complete Control of Southern Alberta Schools and Advocates Church Schools to Save Gentiles

"If Christianity could do nothing more than restore the primitive law of marriage, it would be of inestimable value." This was the statement made at the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the Presbyterian Church, in old St. Andrew's Church, King street, yesterday afternoon, by Mrs. John Somerville, the president.

Mrs. Somerville's remarks were centered on the broads being made in this country by the Mormons. She stated that year after year, this spurious religious sect was gaining in its hold on Western Canada. The W.H.M.S., she said, was fighting valiantly in an effort to counteract the degrading effect that Mormon customs were having upon home life; but the work was not progressing as fast as the officers would like. Deaconesses were being used in the work among the Mormons, and the society was making plans to have more of these workers sent out to the different Mormon settlements.

More outspoken than the remarks of Mrs. Somerville, were those of Rev. W. M. Shearer, superintendent of missions for south Alberta, whose address was confined solely to Mormonism. Mr. Shearer told of the first settlement of Mormons who came to Canada,

twenty-five years ago, and of the propaganda which the settlement had carried on since that time. Sir John A. Macdonald was asked to allow the settlement to practise polygamy, but the premier refused to allow them to enter the country unless a pledge were given that polygamy would not be practised.

### Had Three Wives.

At that time, said Mr. Shearer, it was proved that Charles Card, the head of the settlement, had three wives, and it was predicted the pledges made for monogamy would not be kept. Mr. Shearer claimed that the prediction had come true, and that bigamy was now flourishing in Southern Alberta. He stated that there were now more than 20,000 Mormons in Canada, and by way of emphasizing the growth of the sect, he told of the endowment house which the Mormons were erecting this summer, in Cardston, Alberta.

"This endowment house will cost \$250,000," said Mr. Shearer. "Think of it! The only Mormon Temple in the world, outside of the state of Utah, is in Canada, on British soil."

The speaker stated that 90 per cent of the people living in the towns of Cardston, Magrath, Stirling and

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## BITTER WRANGLE IS ANTICIPATED

### In Preparation of Report on Investigation of Marconi Scandal in England.

Special Cable to The World. Copyrighted by The Toronto World and N. Y. World. LONDON, June 10.—(Special.)—Thru a system of raising marked cheques, a woman who has so far eluded the police, is carrying on an extensive swindling game thruout eastern Ontario. Representing herself as Dorothy Smith, wife of an employe of a Brockville manufacturing concern, she got away with \$400 at the local branch of the Bank of Toronto. She presented for payment a cheque for \$800, marked good by the Union Bank of Canada, Ottawa, and taking \$400, left the supposed balance on deposit. The fraud was not discovered until the cheque called for only \$8, which had been raised to \$800.

Chief of Police Burke has since received word of another coup made evidently by the same woman, at Chesham, under the name of Mrs. Helen Howard. It appears she made a deposit of \$10 at the Sterling Bank, Cornwall, receiving a marked cheque for the amount. This she raised to \$1000 and proceeded to Chesherville, where, at the Bank of Ottawa, she drew out \$700. She is traveling with a man. The pair are using an automobile. Chief Burke went to Morrisburg in answer to a description of a woman there, who it was thought might be the swindler.

## HOME RULE MEANS CIVIL WAR SOLEMN WARNING TO ASQUITH BILL IS GIVEN SECOND READING

### Carson Says He Will Stand by Ulster and Beresford That He Will Volunteer Services Against the Government Troops—Canada's Attitude Is Subject of Debate.

LONDON, June 10.—(Can. Press.)—The house of commons tonight passed the second reading of the home rule for Ireland bill without division, an amendment moved by Mr. Balfour for the rejection of the bill having been previously defeated, 268 to 270.

The announcement of the figures was received with an outburst of cheering by the Liberals and Nationalists. The debate was marked by fiery declarations by the opposition speakers, who predicted that the imposition of home rule would result in civil war in Ireland.

### North Tyrone Ready for War.

Sir Edward Carson, the Irish Unionist leader, said: "For my part I will continue to support the Ulstermen and will take full responsibility for their resistance. You may seize their arms and send troops but you will not settle the Irish question. You know that you are crowing about peace when there is no peace, and you will fall in your object."

### Beresford to Volunteer.

Lord Charles Beresford declared: "If the government sends troops to Ireland I shall offer my services, poor as they may be, and help my fellow-countrymen."

The opposition leader asserted that even if the country was appealed to and a general election favored home rule, Ulster would not submit.

John E. Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, said that Edward Carson's speech was the most violent he had ever delivered. Sir Edward had taken upon himself a grave responsibility, and did not represent Ulster's opinion. The Nationalists were willing to make any concessions. "But," added Mr. Redmond, "twenty-four counties will not allow themselves to be intimidated by four."

### Upper Chamber Powerless.

The bill now enters the suggestion stage before its inevitable rejection by the lords. The house of commons, under the Parliament Act, which provided the means of passing Liberal bills over the veto of the house of lords, cannot amend the bill. It must go to the lords in exactly the same shape as it reached that chamber last session. Members of the lower house may, however, suggest amendments to the lords, which the latter may insert at their discretion.

Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, said that if it were a bargain between the government and the Nationalists, the house of commons ought to know. Mr. Redmond denied the existence of a bargain and Premier Asquith supported the denial.

Mr. Law, proceeding, said: "The government is compelling the whole Unionist party to take the side of Ulster. If the government forces the bill thru under the present conditions it will be a self-constituted revolution."

### Clubs on Parade.

The majority of the club arrived by rail, as the following 19 were on parade: Carricklee, Castlederg, Donemana, Ardstraw, Killen, Clady, Ballin-

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## Impressions of the General Assembly By DR. QUILL

The moderator is not much on "the millinery." And Massey Hall was slow to find a sanctuary on whose door is usually seen the august words—The Moderator. Hence the first day of two, he just dispensed as some forefather probably threw his shoemaker's apron over his chair. But this story concerneth the getting into his black Geneva before one of the early seditious. In the gallery were a score of old Montreal students who had a laugh at their honorable friend's expense.

He picked it up as a lion might take into its claws a human garment stained with blood. It was tossed over his shoulder, but evidently he was into some holy pocket instead of the other sleeve. Off it came again, but whether the inside and outside were playing tag the amused old friends knew not. But they saw that he remembered Bruce and the spider, and went to bed with a will. In a stage whisper, however, one was heard to say—Mud-doch, get your kilts!

Robert McQueen, Kirkwall, was one of the chaplains at the opening of the eleventh day of the great Presbyterian fete. It brought one back to the days of the "long prayer." It was holy in tone; there were many of the most precious gems of the Old and New Testament scripture therein; and its incense filled the temple—humility, penitence and love. The truth is that it would have been a piece of rare his-

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