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SIDE LIGHTS AT OTTAWA

By JOHN J. McLELLAN, Advertiser Staff Correspondent.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Ottawa, April 11.—When the leader of the opposition criticized the suggestion in the report of the committee on agriculture and colonization that the matter of the re-establishing of the wheat board with compulsory powers demanded urgency, he was careful that his criticism savored of being constructive.

He had an alternative idea for the committee to consider, but this alternative was in no way apart from the main theme of the wheat board.

If the leader of the opposition has been understood aright by the majority of the members who heard him, he put forward a scheme whereby the board could be once again set up without the delay of waiting on a decision from the supreme court.

The interpretation placed upon the proposal was that a bill should be drafted under the direction of the parliamentary law officers, again placing the wheat board on its former footing.

The parliamentary law officers supposedly would allow the bill to give such compulsory powers to the revived board as they considered constitutional.

The constitutionality of the wheat board with compulsory powers must be made clear if that institution is to be revived, because otherwise powerful private companies, who consider the board detrimental to their interests, would avail themselves of the processes of law to obstruct the activity of the board.

The main purpose is injunction. But in his eagerness to have his criticism constructive, Hon. Arthur Meighen paid little attention, it is thought, to the value of the alternative suggestion he had to offer.

It is said to be doubtful whether the proposed legislation, drafted though it might be under the direction of the parliamentary legal lights, would be any freer from attack by injunction than if the wheat board were re-established again, regardless of the constitutionality.

In other words, the alternative suggestion which the leader would have the committee consider is worthless.

PAUL MERCIER, of the constitution of Westmount, St. Henri, had the government report, declaring that negotiations were being entered into between the British embassy at Washington and the American Government regarding the deepening of the St. Lawrence scheme, was authentic. The reply given by the Hon. W. S. Fielding was to the effect that it was not with the knowledge of the cabinet that any such negotiations had been entered into.

The scheme for deepening the St. Lawrence has received great support from the western part of Ontario, because of the great effect any such scheme would have on the port along Lake Erie, and the Detroit and St. Clair rivers. In fact, it is understood that from the last mentioned neighborhood the scheme received its initial support in Canada, after it had originated in the middle western states.

We have learned that it is charged by the Great Lakes Tidewater Association, which is behind the project, that at the present time the city of New York is maintaining a professional lobbyist at Ottawa to create a strong feeling against any move on the part of the Canadian Government to further the scheme.

By the city of New York it is meant not the municipality but great interests in New York who would be badly smitten if the plan were carried through, and transportation from the middle west went via Lake Erie and the St. Lawrence rather than by rail to the ports in the United States along the Atlantic Coast.

The question of this scheme is one that is going to be before the public mind for many years to come. The work is a monumental one, and has a great bearing on the future of great sections of Canada and the United States. At the present time the coast cities in the United States are understood to be doing everything possible to postpone the

ADOPTS CITY GAS BILL IN PRINCIPLE

Lloyd George Insists On Durable World Peace

Strive to Mould Economic Destiny of Europe at Genoa Conference

AVERTS BREAK WHEN FRANCE, RUSSIA CLASH

Two Nations' Delegates Enter Heated Discussion On Arms Policy.

CHITCHERIN OBJECTS TO JAPS AND RUMANIANS DEALING WITH SOVIET AFFAIRS.

St. George's Palace, Genoa, April 11.—That all countries invited to the Genoa conference have a right to be represented on its committees was the ruling of Premier Facta of Italy, this afternoon, following the protest of Russia against the presence of Rumanian and Japanese delegates on the committee to consider Russia's affairs.

Foreign Minister Chitcherin, who made the protest, based it on the grounds that Rumania is occupying Bessarabia and Japan is occupying portions of Siberia. Premier Facta, who presided over the committee, refused to consider the protest.

Consideration of the Russian question by the international economic and financial conference began this morning, the Russian commission, appointed Monday by Premier Facta, conference chairman, meeting at 10:30 o'clock.

The clash between the Russians and French at the opening session yesterday was still the subject of excited comment as the delegates gathered today. Allied diplomats believe that only the prompt intervention of Premier Lloyd George, and the firm attitude of the chairman, averted a break, which would have seriously affected the coming deliberations.

Announcement by George Chitcherin, head of the Soviet delegation, that Russia was prepared to support any proposals that would avert war, or lighten the burden of armament was accepted as a fling at the French military policy by Louis Barthou, who heatedly declared that France would refuse to discuss disarmament at Genoa.

Appeals to Delegates. While Mr. Lloyd George appealed to the delegates to adhere to the agenda as adopted by the supreme council at Cannes, he made the flat declaration that "unless the Genoa conference leads to disarmament, it will be a failure."

"But before you get to disarmament," he said, "you must have a durable peace. With the present agenda we have all the cargo the ship can carry."

After quiet was restored, appointment was announced of the commission on verification of credentials, the Russian question, finance, economic questions and transport.

The keynote of the conference was sounded by Mr. Lloyd George, when he outlined the only conditions on which he can consent to deal with others, this supposedly referring specifically to the Russians.

Guarded by Police. The principal committee of the conference, composed of the chief delegates from all the states represented, and attended by the experts of the various delegations, assembled this morning in the Palazzo Reale. Considerable importance is attached to the deliberations of this committee.

Extraordinary police precautions were taken at the palace, and forces of military lined the main street. Turn to Page 2, Column 2.

TOWNS CUT OFF ELECTORAL LIST

Ottawa, April 11.—Under schedule 2 of the Dominion elections act, the chief electoral officer has struck off the list by amendment, the following places at which less than 15 votes were cast at the advance polls: Brantford, Courtright, Alimira, Elora, Kitchener, Kincardine, Port Dover, Port Rowan, Southampton, Stratford, Teeswater, Walkerville, Wallaceburg, Winton and Wingham.

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LLOYD GEORGE, ENGLAND.



LOUIS BARTHOU, FRANCE.



SIGNOR FACTA, ITALY.



DR. RATHENAU, GERMANY.

FREES MOTHER WHO QUIT BABE

Magistrate Bartlett Pities Young Girl As She Trembles Awaiting Sentence.

Authorities To Turn Efforts To Bringing Man Responsible To Book.

With tear-dimmed eyes and trembling lips a young girl admitted in police court Tuesday morning that she was the mother of the tiny two-months-old babe, found abandoned in a G. E. R. train here on the afternoon of March 24 last.

When the charge of abandoning a child was read to her, she whispered the one word "guilty" and stood trembling, waiting for the sentence of the court.

Deputy Police Magistrate P. H. Bartlett spoke kindly to the young mother, and little by little drew her story from her.

She was an orphan, she said, and had come to London six years ago to live with her uncle and aunt. She had taken a business course, and later had taken other employment, which she left last December, after contracting rheumatism.

The baby had come into the world at Bethesda Hospital on February 2, and the mother had stayed at the hospital 7 weeks before going to Hamilton, where she had endeavored to put the child in a home for infants.

She did not succeed in this aim and finally returned to London, not knowing what she would do or where she would go. She could not explain why she had left her tiny son in the railway coach. She thought the train went right on through, after a short stop in London.

Questioned by Mr. Bartlett the girl said that she knew who the father was but declared he had done nothing to support her.

"The girl's uncle said she was an only child and an orphan. He had always found her a fine girl. Another uncle gave evidence of a similar nature."

A. R. Douglas, appearing for the crown, said that the girl knew perfectly well what she was doing when she abandoned the child in the train. She might have taken it back to Bethesda Hospital. On the other hand, said the crown, he was not pressing for the full penalty, as it seemed to be a pitiful case.

Pleads for Leniency. Inspector Kelly of the children's aid society made a plea for clemency, stating that the girl was afflicted with rheumatism and not really strong enough to work. Naturally, she had taken the child out of the city to put it in a home, but found that that was not such an easy thing to do.

"The result was," said Inspector Kelly, "that in an insane moment she left the child on the train. She

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Londoners Welcome Spring In Air--And Everywhere

Ye Poets Sing of Birds. Yet well we know that Spring is here. We feel it in the air. We wipe it in the atmosphere. And also everywhere.

YEA, verily, spring is here. Its merry, piping voice is resonating everywhere. It echoes in the atmosphere and Verne DeWitt Rowell, the Bryanston poet, tuning his lyre, strums lightly upon the strings, clears his throat and doth sing marvelously and at great length.

Yes, Spring is certainly here, and the poet sings of birds, buds, bees and other things, and gets all "het up" so that his mind flits from work to running streams, babbling brooks, quiet, sequestered nooks along the route to Mapledeen, where beauty holds forth in all its glory.

Up and down Richmond street trudges the stalwart minion of the law with pig-iron in his shoes, while from his throbbing brow the moisture doth run copiously. He also concludes that Spring is here, but not blessed like the poet with temperamental genius, he does not idly strum upon the mandolin, or lift his voice in lilting verse, but selecting the coolest corner of Dundas street to maintain his vigil, he engages in pipe dreams aplenty.

Out at Springbank Park the jub-jub bird calls sadly to its mate, but there is no response. The wild flower edges up through the sod and glances modestly around. "It would seem," he says to no one in particular, "that I'm the stand-by this season."

Even old standby Car 27, as it bounces merrily along the dangerous spots on its way to the city's natural playground down the river, seemed imbued Tuesday morning with the prospect.

"It won't be long now," it exclaimed hilariously, as it rounded the bend at Wonderland, "before the dance pilgrims will be loading me down for the old park."

Over at Boomer's the soda dispensers gambol up and down behind the marble counter. "No more hot chocolates now," they chuckle one to another.

In the sweep of springtime all are back upon their jobs—the baseball squad, the Mint League rosters—hailing the season when they can cheer their heads off for a winning team. They want to see Buzz Wetwell's hot-headed antics in action over at the west side lot. It is sweet they admit, but baseball brings more soulful satisfaction.

And the golf bug prepares to hustle one north to the links; the fever—he has it and has been waiting all winter for such a day as today. He only prays that it is here to last. The tennis player heaves a joyous sigh, tunes his racket up to G and hankers to bat the ball over the net.

Here is authentic and final warning to shed overcoats and winter headgear. Up back of Becher's Island, as Monday afternoon dragged on, a bunch of ten and twelve year old boys won the outdoor spring championship when they plunged into the picturesque river Thames. In the face of this even the most optimistic rooster and wood pecker must throw up the sponge and plead for mercy.

"What do we care for coal strikes on the bottom of the pile. But there is another land of dream delights, peopled with folks he has met in books and with radiant beings of his own imagining, into which he slips after he is tucked into bed—and sometimes during the day."

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NO CUT MADE IN CHARITY TOTAL

Repeat 1921 Grants, Totalling \$208,000, Says Bell.

Charity Bill May Be Bigger Owing To Winter Unemployment.

Charity grants by the city this year will be the same as in 1921, about \$208,000.

Finance Commissioner James Bell states that the estimates for this year provide for the same number of grants as in 1921 and each for the same amount.

During the last couple of months, there has been considerable anxiety among various institutions dependent on the city for financial assistance, as Mayor Cameron Wilson had declared that these grants must be reduced.

However, the fears have proven unfounded. The grants have been passed in toto, the same as in 1921.

In some quarters it was stated today that the mayor's declaration was made for the purpose of shutting off further appeals and also requests for increases. Among the latter applications was that of the Children's Aid Society, which informed the city that it was not having the full cost of its children and that other charities of its kind individuals had to make up the deficiency of the city. The grant was not increased, so the old condition of 1921 will be continued.

City Clerk Baker estimated that the total charitable claims on the city in 1921 was \$208,000. A similar amount is being raised in the tax rate this year.

However, when the year ends it may be found that this total has been materially increased as this winter saw considerable work done to aid unemployed and one-third of the excess cost of the work, the city's share, will be added to the charity and relief total.

Early in the year the council received a number of requests for increased grants, chief among them being the Soldiers' Aid, Children's Aid, Day Nursery and Aged People's Home.

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MINISTER HOLDS TWO PORTFOLIOS

Victoria, B. C., April 11.—Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, was sworn in yesterday by Lieutenant-Governor Nicholas as minister of industries for British Columbia. He will retain the office of minister of finance.

Premier Oliver, who has been minister of industries, resigned just before Mr. Hart was sworn in. The premier will still retain the office of minister of railways.

POLICE BELIEVE LEWIS WILSON PLANNED BREAK

Abortive Attempt To Free Brother From Jail Leads to Search by Officials.

COMBING LOS ANGELES

Death of Cox Is Attributed to Fact He Talked Too Much To Suit Gang.

Special to London Advertiser.

Los Angeles, April 11.—Fully convinced that Lewis Wilson, brother of Herbert Wilson, former London, Ontario, evangelist, who, police charge, shot and killed Herbert B. Cox in the Alameda County Jail here Sunday, is again in the city, Sheriff W. L. Traeger and a squad of armed deputies, are combing the underworld of this city, in a determined effort to apprehend him.

Federal authorities allege that Lewis is not only the "mastermind" of a gang of bandits whose alleged depredations up and down the Pacific coast during the past three years has netted more than \$2,000,000, but that the hunted man engineered the sensational break for liberty from the county jail Sunday of his brother, Herbert, Eddie Farrell and Herbert R. Cox.

When "Lewis" slipped cleverly through the police dragnet, which culminated in the arrest of Herbert Wilson and Cox, it was at first believed that he had fled across the Mexican border.

Think He Returned. That he hurried east toward the old Wilson home in Ontario, returning to Los Angeles about three weeks ago to meet the third Wilson brother, Frank, and is still in the city is, however, the contention of authorities at police headquarters today.

With this knowledge in their possession the officers also have uncovered, they say, other clues which strengthen their belief that "Lewis" was the unseen hand that directed Sunday's dash across the "bridge of sighs" with its subsequent tragedy.

Federal police who have been in close touch with the situation since Wilson and Cox were arrested several months ago, expressed not the slightest surprise respecting the sudden death of the latter.

"Dead men tell no tales," said one of them today. "Cox seemingly talked too much to suit Wilson and his gang; he died."

When Herbert Wilson was formally charged yesterday with the murder of Cox, it was revealed that he had in his possession, in addition to the revolver, several hack saws and more than \$1,000 in cash, pointing again, police assert to the clever hand of the elusive "Lewis."

Will Chase Brother. That the money and swag were smuggled into the Alameda county jail despite rigid surveillance is obvious and indicates the work of active criminals, and it is stated this morning by the "authorities" that the charged yesterday with the murder of Cox, it was revealed that he had in his possession, in addition to the revolver, several hack saws and more than \$1,000 in cash, pointing again, police assert to the clever hand of the elusive "Lewis."

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COMMITTEE OF HOUSE RETURNS MAJORITY OF 3

City Representatives Will Fight Measure Clause by Clause Next Week.

DEPUTATION IS SMALLER

Only Mayor, Ald. Ashplant and London Solicitor Appear To Protest Plan.

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Toronto, April 11.—The act respecting the City Gas Company of London was adopted in principle by the private bills committee of the Legislature this afternoon by a vote of 23 to 20.

The passing of the bill clause by clause was adjourned until next week.

Defeated in the general adoption of the bill, the city's representatives announced their intention of fighting each clause when the bill again comes up.

The vote followed a long discussion in which Mayor Wilson, City Solicitor Meredith and Ald. Ashplant strongly opposed the gas company of the city of London being forced to pay \$1.25 for gas by means of a measure which allowed the company to transfer reserves to capital stock.

The city officials objected to a permanent price being fixed on an audit at a time when prices were at their peak.

They proposed to the committee that a temporary price be fixed of that the company be called upon to live up to its former agreement with the city for 90c gas.

Only Mayor Wilson, Ald. H. B. Ashplant and T. G. Meredith, the solicitor of London, appeared to oppose the bill.

This is a much smaller deputation than came down a week ago when the measure was first presented to the private bills committee and laid over for a week when the city solicitor raised objection to the bill as presented, on the ground that it had not been advertised.

Prepared For Grill. It was whispered throughout the corridors that some of the Farmer members would have liked to have seen a few more of the London aldermen on the deputation, as they had some interesting questions stored up for several of them.

It was also clearly evident that the members of the committee are not falling over themselves to rush consideration of the measure, as after the committee decided that the bill was acceptable in principle, the decision was reached that next week would be time enough to take up the measure clause by clause, and the committee then passed on to another measure.

Since the Gas Company's measure was up a week ago, Mr. Meredith has given considerable study to it, and came here today well posted and ready to put up a big fight. He will have an opportunity to do so when consideration is being given to it, clause by clause.

The various clauses of the bill are as follows:

Clause one declares that the present capital stock of the company is \$400,000, \$250,000 heretofore paid and \$150,000 to be transferred from this profit and loss account.

Gives Capital Right. Clause two would give the company the right to increase its capital to \$1,000,000, the par value of the new stock to be \$100,000, and provides the city with the right of subscribing for \$50,000 worth of the new stock, and the mayor to be ex-officio a director of the company. It is proposed to offer the stock by auction and any surplus over the par value realized shall be added to the reserve fund until that

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Quaffs Poison To Join Husband In Death

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., April 11.—Wedded in life, it is the desire of Mrs. Alice Frey to be buried with her husband.

When Frank Frey, 58 years old, died last week, Mrs. Frey took a slow-working poison in order that she might join him in the Great Beyond.

Sunday she learned arrangements were being made to bury her husband. She left her hospital bed, went to the undertaking establishment, and in tears begged that the funeral be postponed until her death.

Told by physicians that Mrs. Frey's death is inevitable, the undertaker has postponed Frey's funeral for a few days. Mrs. Frey asked that her husband's love letters to her be buried with her and that his picture be placed in her casket.

The Weather

FORECASTS. Strong winds and gales with rain. Wednesday—West to northwest winds; mostly fair and quite cool.

The disturbance which was over Kansas yesterday morning has moved northwestward to Lake Michigan with increasing intensity, causing heavy rains over the greater part of Ontario. Showers have occurred in many parts of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in the west the weather has been fair.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a. m. today were:

High. Low. Victoria... 50 28. Calgary... 42 24. Winnipeg... 50 24. St. Arthur... 38 20. S. S. Marie... 42 24. Toronto... 38 24. Kingston... 44 24. Ottawa... 40 26. Montreal... 36 20. Quebec... 38 24. F. Point... 40 28. St. John... 46 28. Halifax... 58 36.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a. m. today were:

Highest. 79; lowest, 50. The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a. m. today were: Highest, 80; lowest, 54. Barometric Readings. Monday—5 a. m., 30.14. Tuesday—8 a. m., 29.44.

FOR PHYLLIS LIVES ON SIMCOE STREET AND NEVER TELLS A LIE!

PHYLLIS lives on Simcoe street and she is really a truthful child. If you take her gently by the shoulders and stand her against the wall, then lift her chin look straight into yours, and say, "This is the little girl who always tells her mother true, and when she tells her mother true she is never punished. Now, Phyllis, who put the green paint on Mrs. Murphy's dear little white curly dog?" the truth will plump out at you, with perhaps such additional information as that the paint can stood in Mrs. Murphy's garage (forbidden territory, by the way), and that the Murphy garage door, the white picket Murphy fence and the Murphy red brick walk have been similarly decorated.

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truthfulness has always been of a strictly utilitarian nature.

Having discovered at an early age that punishment followed crime, and being one to whom crime, of a light-hearted and not unendearing variety, was as the air she breathed, she stumbled on the inevitable conclusion. The simplest way out of the difficulty was to say, "I did not do it," and let it go at that. Argument, cajolery and threat proved as unavailing as punishment. That was her story and she stuck to it. Only when a conference of dismayed parents decided that for the present emphasis must be laid on veracity, even to the extent of ignoring minor misdemeanors, did Phyllis, convinced of forgiveness if she made a clean breast of things, resume her artless admissions of wrongdoing. She was glad to resume them. She is naturally a truthful child.

Jack's romances have been of an entirely different and less perplexing kind. He lives in two worlds. In one, school, football, hockey and skating are vivid realities to be pursued with zest, and stamp collecting rivals Mint League baseball as a matter of supreme importance. He is never so happy, in this everyday world, as when, after a clean hard tackle, he goes down

on the bottom of the pile. But there is another land of dream delights, peopled with folks he has met in books and with radiant beings of his own imagining, into which he slips after he is tucked into bed—and sometimes during the day.

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mean revenge.

"I don't care," said he. "Eat all the toast like a piggy, if you want to. I have a beautiful country all my own, where I can go whenever I want." And with a truly prophetic glimpse into the future he added, "And you can never live there!"

Though only 5, Phyllis realized intuitively that she had been struck in a vital spot. This was no ordinary insult, but called for retaliation of a sudden and spectacular nature. With characteristic promptness of decision she threw her shredled wheat biscuit at him. But her intention was better than her aim. She missed. Soaked as it was with cream, the biscuit made a nasty, spreading splatter on the French grey wall of the dining-room, just behind his head.

"You wait," said Jack grimly. "Just you wait, old Peanuts, until mother sees it!" But Phyllis was unconcerned. Her anger is swift but momentary, and her smile would melt a heart of stone. "I'll tell my mother true," she dimpled, "I'm the little girl what always does it. I'll say 'yes, I did it.' When I tell my mother true, I'm never punished."

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