

BIG MAJORITY FOR MEASURE

Minimum Wage Bill Passes Second Reading by 123 Votes—Mr. Balfour Deals With Gravity of Crisis

LONDON, March 21.—Arthur J. Balfour's motion for the rejection of the minimum wage bill was defeated and the government measure passed its second reading in the house of commons by a majority of 123—a larger majority than the ministerial leaders themselves had hoped for.

The prime minister formally moved the second reading of the bill and immediately gave the floor to Mr. Balfour, who, in moving its rejection, temporarily assumed the leadership of the opposition.

Mr. Balfour pointed out the gravity of the crisis that had been brought about by a "single organization, acting within its legal powers, and threatening to paralyze the whole trade of the country."

He declared the government, by endeavoring to pass the bill, was deceiving both itself and the house of commons.

Labor leaders, though they tabled a number of amendments, one on the inclusion of their schedule of minimum wages, now are expected to be satisfied with the inclusion of the five shillings and two shillings minimum.

Although the tension has been relaxed greatly and the debate may be carried into next week, it would not be surprising if the government's original programme was carried out and the bill become law by Saturday.

During today's debate, Austen Chamberlain confessed that the opposition was not anxious to take office but said it would not shirk the responsibility if called upon.

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BODY FOUND IN HARBOR

Mystery of Bomb. Lindley's Disappearance Is Explained—Inquest Today

Reported missing since the 16th instant, the body of Bombardier W. T. Lindley, a member of the Work Point force, was found in the harbor yesterday morning off Spratt's wharf by Mr. J. Smith, an employee of the Canadian Mineral Rubber company.

Lindley's body was discovered at 10:10 o'clock floating in the harbor. He was dressed in his uniform, but his cap was missing. A bottle of Scotch whiskey, the label of which was unbroken, was discovered in one of the pockets of his overcoat.

A DEATH OF HORROR

Employee of Nanaimo Steam Laundry Meets Terrible Fate

NANAIMO, March 21.—Arthur Van Hulle, age eighteen, son of Peter Van Hulle, was almost instantly killed this afternoon while employed at the Nanaimo laundry.

GOTCH MAY SIGN UP WITH ZBYSZKO

Portland Possible Scene of Match For World's Wrestling Championship—Ready For Signatures

PORTLAND, Ore., March 21.—It plans which are in the making, and which have tentatively been agreed to, mature, Frank Gotch, world's champion, and Stanislas Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, will come together in Port-

land in July and the long time rivalry between the two men will be settled. The match will occur during the national convention of the benevolent and protective Order of Elks who meet on July 8 to 13.

Zbyszko is in Portland to wrestle tomorrow night with John Berg, who claims the light heavyweight championship of the world. On his arrival in Portland, the Pole's manager was approached by promoters and agreed to have his man remain in this country after the wrestling season which closes in May.

TWO NEW RINKS FOR NEXT YEAR

New Westminster and Seattle Likely to Have Artificial Ice For Pacific Coast Hockey League

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The idea of giving the new Coast champions a try east to play for the Canadian title, after consideration, was not approved. It was found that the arrangements could not be made without a delay of several days.

In regard to the all-star exhibition matches it was agreed to go ahead with the proposition. A list of the first hockey players was compiled and wired to Montreal.

Mr. Frank Patrick is consulting with the business men of New Westminster today with regard to the proposed rink. A definite undertaking, it is expected, will be reached shortly.

TO IMPROVE WIRELESS PLANTS OF VESSELS

United States to Provide Regulations That Auxiliary Set Must Be Carried For Emergencies

Regulations are to be put in force by the United States government whereby all passenger steamers plying to United States ports will have to install, in addition to their ordinary wireless telegraphic apparatus, an auxiliary wireless set independent of the vessel's dynamo, engine, or storage battery plant of any kind.

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NEW BUILDING FOR C.P.R.

Handsome Modern Structure to Be Erected as Headquarters Here of the Coast Steamship Service

Plans are to be prepared at once by Mr. J. E. Painter, C. P. R. architect, for a substantial modern office building for the C. P. R. Coast Steamship Service to be erected within the next two years on the present site of the company's offices on Belleville street.

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