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PROBS: Fairly not much change in temper

St. John's Building Room

FIRE INSURANCE BUSINESS TO BE PROBED

New York State Commission to Investigate for Scandal in all Branches Except Life Insurance.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 31.—The disclosures unearthed by Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss in the fire insurance investigation now under way in New York has spurred the legislature to action.

THEY OILED THE WHEELS

Buckley and Late "Andy" Hamilton Worked Together.

NEW YORK, March 31.—How Wm. H. Buckley, accelerator of insurance legislation, and the late "Andy" Hamilton, former keeper of the life insurance "yellow dog," worked together in shoulder oiling the legislative wheels at Albany, for good and substantial consideration, was brought out to-day in the fire insurance enquiry conducted by William H. Hotchkiss, assistant superintendent of insurance, Hamilton, the evidence showed, received no less than \$500 from certain companies in 1901.

Mr. Wilcox wanted to have the casualty and surety companies included in the exemption and accordingly went to Albany. He tried to get Senator Raines and Assemblyman Lewis interested, but failed. Then he hunted up Buckley and told him his troubles.

Did he tell you he had to pay out any of the money? The witness was asked.

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Time Has Come To Reorganize

Ottawa Citizen, Conservative Organ, Declares That Dissension is Rife and a Cleaning Up Imperative.

OTTAWA, March 31.—The Ottawa Citizen (Cons.) to-morrow will say: "Recently the idea has been put forward in certain quarters, that the holding of a Conservative convention, as originally proposed, should be postponed until some time nearer the holding of the next general elections."

"The circumstances under which the present convention has been suggested are very different. Not only the Conservative party throughout the country, but more particularly the opposition in the federal house, needs reorganization and stimulation."

"An opposition cannot perform its important functions, not only in the interests of the political party, but of the country at large, unless it is united and harmonious."

"It would be idle to deny that these conditions are lacking in the Conservative opposition in the Dominion house. It is a matter of open discussion not only in the columns of Liberal newspapers, but in some sections of the Conservative ranks."

"What is needed is a general house cleaning and reorganization. The opposition is not doing, and has not for some time been doing, its best work; it has been missing opportunities and failing to achieve results. This is largely due to dissension within its own ranks, which have a most disheartening effect."

"Reorganization is imperative and the sooner reorganization takes place the better."

U.S. MAY FIGHT JAPAN SAYS FRENCH ADMIRAL

Believes That Situation in Orient Gives Every Cause for a Conflict Between Them.

PARIS, March 31.—The memoirs of Vice-Admiral Fournier, commander of the Mediterranean squadron of the French navy, in which he discusses particularly the possibility of a war between the United States and Japan and the resultant danger of dragging all Europe into a terrific conflict, were issued in book form to-night. The memoirs have caused something of a sensation in political and diplomatic circles.

Admiral Fournier accords the star role on the stage of international politics to the German emperor, "not only in Europe," says the writer, "where the emperor is trying desperately to break the league of powers against him, but also indirectly as an influential factor in the relations between the United States and Japan."

Admiral Fournier says it is useless to deny that there is a possibility of war between the United States and Japan as a result of popular agitation in America should Japan's demands or Japan's policies of absorption prove intolerable to America's excessive self-interest.

Where Interests Clash. These interests the admiral adds are antagonistic to those of Japan which pushed on by fate to expand in the Pacific, and to those of America which, in the name of a diplomatic victory, seeks to become predominant in the various regions which the United States protects in supporting the integrity of China and the policy of the open door.

The admiral declares that Japan's great fear is that the friendly relations between the United States and China will culminate in an out and out alliance, and thus in the event of war the United States would have a base of operations and general resources vastly superior to the Philippines; Japan's increased armaments, therefore, are explainable, not as a menace to Russia, but in preparation to combat before it is too late, the peril contained in America's policies.

In Case of Coalition. In case of a hostile coalition of the United States with the triple alliance of England, Japan and Russia, he doubts, however, that the German emperor, "albeit devoured by a desire to smash the league, and adopting a diplomacy as unscrupulous as that of the lion chancery, would enter upon the perilous venture of such a war, which would offer little chance of victory on land or sea."

Without the intervention in Europe of the navies of the triple alliance in a way to help the American fleet at the moment it was seriously engaged in the Atlantic and the Pacific, the decisive superiority in that struggle, declares the vice-admiral, "would rest with the forces of Japan and England."

Under these conditions, which spell defeat, the United States would undoubtedly resist the temptation to settle her differences with Japan by an appeal to arms."

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ASQUITH TRYING TO BRING ON CRISIS

Gives Notice of Motion of Closure on Big Issues—Churchill Intimates That King May be Asked to Create New Peers.

LONDON, March 31.—The official opposition amendment to Premier Asquith's resolution on the veto power of the house of lords was removed in the house of commons to-day by Sir Robert Bannatyn Finlay.

It declares in favor of a strong and efficient second chamber and expresses willingness to consider proposals for the reform of the upper house, but it declines to proceed with the government's proposals which destroy the usefulness of any second chamber.

Churchill's Hint. Winston Spencer Churchill, the home secretary, declared that when the veto resolutions were disposed of, the government would advance with the budget, regardless of the consequences. Unless the house of commons carried the budget, it was idle, he said, to look to the King or to the country to carry the veto bill; but he predicted that at the proper time and under the proper circumstances they would succeed in carrying both the veto and the budget measures to the steps of the throne.

Mr. Churchill closed with a significant statement. "The time for action," he said, "has arrived. Since the lords have used their veto to affront the prerogative of the crown, and have invaded the rights of the commons, it has become necessary that the crown and the commons, acting together, should restore the balance of the constitution and restrict for ever the veto power of the house of lords."

Applying the Closure. Premier Asquith's galling motion, which is published to-night, provides that the committee stage of all three veto resolutions shall be concluded on the night of April 1.

The notice of closure to the veto resolutions in committee is coupled with intimation that similar action will be taken subsequently in regard to the budget, and has created the general impression that the government has decided to accelerate the crisis, and so, if general election is necessary, which is almost the universal view, the dissolution will be in May.

Nationalists Obdurate. Congress and cabinet and the Nationalists have occurred in the last few days, but up to the present seem to have failed. Redmond insists on retaining his hold, at least until the final stages of the budget, and until the lords have dealt with the veto resolutions, despite the promises of a renunciation of the whiskey tax in the 1910-11 budget. Of course, desperate as the situation to the government appears, there is still time for an arrangement. Dillon had a long talk with Lloyd-George to-day.

Meanwhile, corroborative evidence of a belief in an election in May is found in the attitude of all parties, and it is noticed, too, both in the tone and temper of the Churchill speech to-night. This appeared to bear testimony to the failure of the government to bring the Nationalists into line. Perhaps, however, the Nationalists may be conciliated by a secretary's hint that the cabinet may ask the King to create enough peers to pass the veto resolutions.

Restricting the Operations. Sponsor for the St. Lawrence Power Trans. Co. Make Concessions.

OTTAWA, March 31.—(Special.)—F. P. Pardee, of West Lambert, who is sponsor for the St. Lawrence Power Transmission Company, has given notice that on the third reading he will move the following amendment: "Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute an approval by parliament of any future development of water power by erecting a dam or across the St. Lawrence River, under Act 1, Edward VII, chap. 3, instituted an act to incorporate the St. Lawrence Power Company; or otherwise, nor shall the company hereby incorporated be authorized to transmit power generated by the St. Lawrence Power Company; or other than the power generated by and in connection with the works already constructed by the said St. Lawrence Power Company."

Mr. Pardee, who is the chief Liberal whip, has come in for a great deal of hostile criticism thru his connection with this bill.

"WHIP" TAYLOR'S BIRTHDAY. Seventy Years of Age—Presented With Nice Souvenir.

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A SPORT.



UNCLE BOB FLEMING: Brick or no brick I'll h'st'er, if it takes a leg.

300,000 MINERS STRIKE IN BITUMINOUS FIELDS

ENGINEER SCOTT ALSO RESIGNS

Didn't Like to Ride Around in a Lettered Auto—Will Go to the Pacific Coast.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 31.—Three hundred thousand organized miners of the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Kentucky, and Arkansas quit work to-night.

The miners, members of the United Mine Workers of America, declared the walk out was not a strike, but merely a suspension of work pending an arrangement between themselves and the operators for a wage scale for another year; the old scale having expired with the month of March.

The men demand an increase of pay, in some instances of five cents a ton, and in other instances more, and certain changes in working conditions.

Confidence is expressed by the operators that there will be no general coal famine, large supplies of fuel having been secured in anticipation of the walkout.

While the miners predicted the suspension would be cut short by a prompt signing of wage scales, some of the operators maintained that the mines might be kept closed for a month or sixty days, or even longer.

The conditions in the various states were as follows: Illinois 900 mines closed and 75,000 miners quit; Indiana 18,000 miners quit; Pennsylvania, approximately 40,000 men out; Iowa every mine in Iowa closed pending settlement of the wage scale.

Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas comprising the southwestern interstate fields, 25,000 miners quit; Ohio, all miners quit; at Loraine, Ohio, one steel plant shut down and three out 2,000 workmen, the managers announcing a shortage of coal.

The first victory for the men came in an announcement from Brazil, Ind., the centre of the Indiana block coal district, where it was announced the men's demand for a five cent increase would be granted.

President Thomas L. Lewis of the miners said: "When the national executive board adjourned to-night we all felt that the prospect was very satisfactory. It is now only a question of the miners and operators sitting down together and talking over business."

"In Eastern Ohio it is reported to us that three of the largest companies are ready to sign the contract we formulated at our recent meeting in Cincinnati."

"In Indiana and the Hocking district of Ohio we will reach a settlement next week. There probably will be more difficulty in Western Pennsylvania and in Illinois, where the powder and shot-frasers' question is involved."

NEW LINERS FOR C.P.R. Will Need One or More for Atlantic Service.

HALIFAX, N.S., March 31.—(Special.)—The new liner matter of a short time until the C. P. R. will build one or more new liners for the Atlantic service was the information given to-night by Arthur Piers, general manager of the C.P.R. Atlantic steamship service.

Mr. Piers arrived at midnight on the mail steamer Empress of Britain, from Liverpool.

The Empress brought 1651 passengers.

The Allan liner Corsican steamed in to port with the C. P. R. liner.

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WAS AT THEIR CHILD THEY BURIED?

Parents Say Body is Not That of Their Boy, Whom a Neighbor's Girl Says She Saw Alive Later.

"As long as I live I will doubt that it was our little boy that was buried."

Mrs. Frederick Cooke's voice trembled as she made this statement in her shabby little house at 4 Blackmore-avenue yesterday afternoon.

"At the graveside, when the funeral had reached the cemetery, I looked on the little face. As soon as I saw it I cried out that it was not our child. My husband looked, and he, too, saw the difference; a neighbor was also convinced. They told us that death had changed him, but it couldn't have made such a difference in his little face."

This mother will to-day apply to the attorney-general for an order to exhumate the body so that she may be quite sure whether the child who died Jan. 19 in the isolation hospital and was buried the following day in Mount Pleasant Cemetery was her little two-year-old son, Stanley Ronald Cooke, or another.

The little fellow was sent to the hospital Jan. 14. On the morning of Wednesday at 9 o'clock the mother telephoned to ask how he was, and was told that he had died three hours before. An order to bury was given to the Hopkins Burial Co. and the next day the body was taken from the hospital morgue. There was a ticket on it bearing the name of Stanley Cooke. It was the only body in the morgue.

Failed to Recognize Body. At the graveside at Mount Pleasant the parents and a neighbor were shown the little face thru the glass which covered the coffin. Then they declared that it was not their child. "I was sure it was not my child," said the mother. "I had seen him the afternoon before he died and his face was plump and round. This child's face was thin and drawn; also it was the face of a child of four or five years, while my little boy was only two years old. They told me the child and I did not feel strong enough to make a fuss, so the burial went on."

Two weeks after the burial, Alvin, the 11-year-old daughter of W. H. Vanickie, then of 59 Davenport-road, but now of 12 Cumberland-street, was taken to the isolation hospital suffering with diphtheria, and three weeks later was taken home. She knew nothing of the supposed death of the Cooke's child nor even of his illness. She told her mother that she had seen him in the hospital. Her mother replied that this was impossible, the little fellow was dead before she had been taken there. The little one persisted that she knew the child and was not mistaken.

Mrs. Cooke was told of the child's story and went to see her, as did her husband. With the weight of her statement, added to the fact that she had communicated with the hospital authorities, and finally, with the aid of Mrs. Vanickie, were given an order by Dr. Beard to see thru the hospital and find no child that even resembled their little boy. Still they were not satisfied. They still remembered the difference between the parents at his death and their own, whom they had seen but the day before his death. The little girl was sure that she had seen him in the hospital.

May Exhume Body. The matter was reported to the chief coroner last night. He said it was a matter which should be taken to the attorney-general and that the exhumation of the body would doubtless be ordered. He said that owing to the cold weather the child could be easily identified, particularly as the parents' picture of their little son had a distinctive scar upon his knee, and that his toes were webbed in an unusual way.

The parents will take the matter to the attorney-general this morning and will ask for an order to have the body taken up, so that they may make sure of the identity.

E. Hopkins, undertaker, was told of the matter last night, and explained that his man, whom he consulted about the case, had removed the body at the request of the parents. He said it had a ticket on bearing its name, and that it was the only body in the hospital morgue at the time. The man remembered the protest of the parents at the side of the grave, where they had viewed the body for the first time after death, but thought "at the time their doubts had been satisfied."

The Cooke's live in a little cottage in Blackmore-avenue and their case has interested the entire neighborhood. Many have urged them to investigate the matter but they have hesitated, not wishing, as they said, to cast any doubt on the hospital authorities. But the woman is terribly worried. Her husband is little less disturbed in mind. They are hoping now to have their doubts laid at rest by the certainty as to the fate and disposal of their child.

A RETROSPECT. April 1, 1873.—The White Star steamer "Atlantic" struck on Meagher rock, west of Banbro; 560 people were lost.

April 1, 1888.—Hon. B. Dickey was made minister of militia and defence.

It's April Fool's Day. The latest April Fool's joke we know of is to go out this April day with your old winter "Derby." It's a good time now to get redecorated with a Dimeson hat. They are all in—all good and all reasonably priced.

ENGINEER T. S. Scott, first principal assistant to the city engineer, resigned yesterday afternoon, making the third high official to leave the civic service since the first of the year. His resignation was addressed to the head of his department, and it is said there were some warm commentaries on the way things are being run by this year's council embodied in it.

Peevish notions about labelled automobiles and chronic complaints on things in general are said to have brought on the season of his discontent.

Mr. Rust didn't wish to make his assistant's letter public when seen last evening. The resignation asks that he be relieved of his duties on May 1, or sooner if convenient.

"It was simply dissatisfaction with the way things have been going," said Mr. Rust, city engineer, when asked for Mr. Scott's reasons. "I am very sorry to lose Mr. Scott. He was a very able engineer and a valuable municipal man and was making himself very useful."

"There is a great deal of engineering work going on all over the country, and an engineer has to be constantly locating better opportunities than are afforded by permanent positions paying such salaries as are offered by civic corporations. It simply means that salaries must be raised all along the line, and I shall say something in this regard when the matter comes before the board of control. It was not a question of salary, however, that prompted Mr. Scott to leave. I don't think he would reconsider his decision if he were offered an increase."

Mr. Scott has been with the city a little over a year, and is receiving a salary of \$3250. He intends going to Vancouver and entering the general contracting business. Before engaging with the city, he was mutual representative of the T. & N. O. R. and a construction company in finishing up a difficult engineering proposition. Before this he engineered the building of macadam roads, clay tunnels and power transmission lines, and prior, again, he was mutual representative between the Canadian Niagara Power Company and the contractors at the Falls, in completing the construction of the wheel pit.

Several other problems of rock excavation, etc., at Niagara Falls were solved by him. He also served on the maintenance-of-way department of the Grand Trunk Railroad. He is a Queen's graduate in arts, science, his name being on the list of graduates of the department of the decorative attachments of B.A., B.F.C.

MARIE CORELLI ILL. LONDON, March 31.—Marie Coralli, the novelist, is seriously ill at her home, Mason Croft, Stratford-on-Avon. She is suffering from pneumonia and her condition has given rise to considerable alarm.

"PORT MANN." VANCOUVER, B. C., March 31.—(Special.)—Port Mann will be the name of the city on the Fraser River which is to be brought into existence by the C. N. R. Lewis will probably be authorized.

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