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MR. HYMAN DEFENDS HIS WORK OF REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

In a Strong Speech the Member for London Shows Inconsistency of Conservatives' Position.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY DIVISIONS DISCUSSED

Ottawa, Sept. 9. — The Opposition are threatening to obstruct the passage of the redistribution bill, which is the fairest measure of its kind ever presented to a Canadian Parliament. They talked at length on it today, and several of them promised further speeches in greater detail when the bill reaches committee of the whole. The bill is an honest readjustment of the constituencies on the principle of county boundaries, for which the Liberals have always contended. Yet it is denounced by men like Mr. Haggart, who helped to perpetrate and maintain the infamous gerrymander, by means of which constituencies were carved up in the most ruthless manner, regardless of any principle save that of party advantage. Mr. Haggart almost wept this afternoon as he pictured the alleged disadvantages that would result from the contemplated readjustment, and called upon the Government to act in accordance with the dictates of justice and fair play. This, coming from one, who, as already stated, has been identified with some of the most odious examples of gerrymandering, was a ludicrous spectacle.

Mr. Hyman met the Opposition criticism in a dignified and effective manner. He showed that of the rules proposed by the Conservatives for the guidance of the committee, only one was acted upon. Three others, which dealt arbitrarily with the readjustment of representation in the cities, did not meet with approval and were rejected. Two others, again, were not general in their application, but affected solely the counties of Middlesex and York.

The eleventh rule was unanimously departed from at the very first meeting of the committee, after the proposition had been submitted. The application of the rules that had been rejected would have resulted in party advantage to the Conservatives. Mr. Hyman was caught in a nasty predicament. He had denied categorically that he was responsible for any of the propositions before the committee affecting the county of Elgin. Sir William Mulock and Mr. Hyman were unable to establish, however, that two of the propositions adopted were submitted by Mr. Hyman to the Postmaster-General, and in turn forwarded by him to the chairman of the redistribution committee, and given effect to. Col. Sam Hughes was convicted of inconsistency. In 1892 he denounced the readjustment of South Waterloo as fantastic, yet the arrangement then condemned the very same principle which the Conservatives now propose as an alternative proposition to that contained in the present bill.

MR. HYMAN'S SPEECH

Mr. Hyman gave the reasons which actuated the committee in arriving at their conclusions, and his businesslike and logical remarks were rewarded with liberal applause from the Government benches. He referred with satisfaction to the fact that Sir, Monk, although mildly critical in his remarks, had in a general sense commended the action of the committee. His complaint had been against the lack of rule, which the cities and counties of Ontario were divided. Mr. Hyman analyzed the complaint, and showed that the leader of the Opposition for the guidance of the committee, the rejection of which formed the subject of Mr. Monk's complaint, was the same rule which were general in their application, were acted upon by the committee, three of these rules, which treated different cities, such as the city of Toronto, in an arbitrary way, so far as representation was concerned, and which were not in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the committee, were not accepted. Two of these rules, which were in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the committee, were accepted. The committee was divided, Mr. Hyman said, into two groups, one in favor of the principle of county boundaries, the Minister of Public Works (Hon. James Sutherland) had put the matter fairly when he said the committee should act by the rule.

COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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A DOUBLE MURDER

Divorced Man Kills Wife and Mother-in-Law.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 10.—An Evening Wisconsin special from Spring Green, Wis., says: According to a story told by the 12-year-old son of George Brandt, who reached here yesterday morning, Mary Murphy and her daughter, Mary Brandt, were murdered at their home about six miles south of here in Iowa County Tuesday night. Mrs. Murphy was about 60 years old and her daughter 32. The latter is the divorced wife of George Brandt. The boy says that about 8 o'clock his father came to their home and shot his grandmother, who was sitting in the doorway reading, and then went to the barnyard, where Mrs. Brandt was feeding calves, and shot her through the back. The boy's story was confirmed later, and Brandt was captured in a barn near the scene of the tragedy and confessed the crime. He gave no reason for the deed. Brandt attempted suicide by shooting, but failed.

STOLE STOCKS AND BONDS

And Used Money to Give His Father a Trip.

Boston, Sept. 10.—Charged with the sale of stocks and bonds aggregating some \$800, Frank G. Christensen, 29, for five years past a clerk for Robert D. Evans, stock broker, is locked up at police headquarters where he confessed his crime. There is a pathetic side to the case. In the fact Christensen gave a \$200 of his pecuniations to his father to enable the latter to visit Sweden, and the father is now on the ocean on his tour to the old home unconscious of his son's wrongdoing. Young Christensen said he lost the rest of the money on race tracks. His salary had been \$10 a week.

Wholesale Robbery.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—By the arrest of eight men last night the wholesale grocers of Chicago struck an initial blow at a wide-spread conspiracy by which they have lost thousands of dollars worth of merchandise in the last few weeks. Those in custody are six teamsters, a receiving clerk and a retail grocer.

ELECTED FIRST-VICE

Mr. J. W. McIntosh, London, Honored by Division Court Clerk's Ass'n.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Division Court Clerks' Association of Ontario was held at Toronto yesterday, when Mr. J. W. McIntosh, clerk of the first division court, was elected first vice-president. Mr. McIntosh was also appointed to the committee on legislation, and he was named with Messrs. B. Allen, of Owen Sound, and E. H. Duggan, of Toronto, to wait upon Hon. J. R. Latchford, and submit a resolution calling for an increase in the jurisdiction of the division court. During their existence the division court's have been self-supporting, and have contributed some \$20,000 to the province.

ASK DISMISSAL OF BEIRUT VALI

U. S. Says Americans Are in Danger If He Remains.

DEVASTATION IN MONASTIR

Smoking Villages and Dead Bodies Mark the Path of Turkish Troops.

Constantinople, Sept. 10.—U. S. Minister Leishman has presented a demand to the Turkish Government for the dismissal of Reshid Pasha, Vali of Beirut, on the ground that so long as he is retained in office the lives and property of Americans in Beirut are insecure. The Porte has not yet replied to the demand, nor has there been any development in connection with other American claims.

The dispatch to Nazim Pasha to be cut from his post at Damascus, is considered to be a preliminary step towards his dismissal. Nazim Pasha received an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival at Beirut, a crowd at the railway station cheering him repeatedly. The town was then perfectly tranquil.

According to the latest telegrams, however, the consuls continue to transact their business with Reshid Pasha, Vali of Beirut.

London, Sept. 10.—A despatch to the Times from Smyrna, dated Sept. 3, says a railway journey from Salonika to Monastir gives a slight idea of the devastation of the country. The Christians, who were the first to be entirely disappeared. The crops are lying deserted and the railway stations and villages along the line are swarming with armed Turks, few of whom could be described as regulars. The signs of the Turkish victories are indicated by the number of villages deserted and burned, and the number of lives still burning over the neighboring hills. Vast columns of smoke are seen in the direction of Neveke.

Sept. 10.—The Tugblatt says that the German training ship, Moltke, will leave Lisbon for the Mediterranean. She will stop at a port in Greece and thence proceed to Syria. The ship has 450 men on board, a part of whom could be landed in case of need. She will be under the command of the German Embassy in Constantinople, is now cruising in the Black Sea.

The Frankfurter Zeitung declares that the trouble at Beirut was caused by the appearance of the American squadron.

Constantinople, Sept. 10.—Beirut advices received here late yesterday stated that the Turkish troops, who are among the Christians there and that the exodus to the mountains continues, but no fresh disturbances had occurred.

Private advices from Kirk-Kiliseh, (22 miles from Adrianople), state that while the Turkish troops are conducting themselves well, the banians are insubordinate and are pillaging and burning villages and are even threatening their own officers when they are ordered not to plunder.

Up to Sept. 7, twenty-seven battalions of the Turkish troops were concentrated in the Kirk-Kiliseh district.

An imperial irade has been issued ordering the repair or reconstruction of the fortifications of Adrianople, Chatagla, Erzerum and the Bosphorus.

Advices received by the French from the Turkish authorities at the town of Pasha, the Vali of Syria, are making a thorough investigation of the causes of the recent disorder at Beirut and that he has given assurances to the British and Italian consuls that he will severely punish the guilty. Under the circumstances, the Turkish authorities are not to be taken for the landing of American marines as contrary to the Constantinople advices.

The investigation thus far made into the outbreak has shown that the police participated in looting the shops and houses, the former Vali (Reshid Pasha), being unable to control the police.

CRIMINALS FOR CANADA

London Recorder Ships Them to the Dominion.

London, Sept. 10.—The Recorder of London evidently still regards Canada as a legitimate dumping ground for criminals. Yesterday he released a boy who had been convicted of theft on condition that he go to Canada. Afterward, in releasing a Canadian who had been imprisoned in Canada, the magistrate remarked that foreign countries were in the habit of sending their criminals to Britain.

Knocked Out for Keeps.

Philadelphia, Sept. 10.—Joseph Riley, 22, a bantam-weight pugilist, died shortly after midnight last night at St. Agnes Hospital. Riley Tuesday night engaged in a six-round bout with Grif Jones at the Southern Athletic Club. The fight ended in a draw and Riley seemed in good condition at the conclusion of the fight, but shortly afterward he became unconscious, and did not regain his senses.

STOCKHOLDERS ARE UP IN ARMS

Minority Stockholders of the "Soo" Corporation

WANT A RECEIVER APPOINTED

To Take Over Affairs of the Big Concer—a Movement Started by Banking Houses.

Philadelphia, Sept. 10.—Minority stockholders of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, headed by E. C. Miller & Co., W. W. Kurtz & Co., and Erie, Monges & Co., bankers, have started a movement with a view of asking for the appointment of a receiver for that concern. They have sent out a statement to the stockholders of the company, in which they say: "The management of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, having repudiated the demand made upon them through counsel for the names of subscribers to the \$11,000,000 contract of subscription to preferred stock of the company, upon which the company's report of June 30, 1902, admits that a balance of \$9,239,109 was then due and unpaid, and having failed also to give any reason whatsoever for not having enforced the payment of said subscription, it is important that immediate steps should be taken for the protection of our rights as stockholders. As the means of accomplishing the desired result, it is proposed to apply for the appointment of the receiver or receivers for the corporation, in which, among other things, the advice of counsel as the most effective course to pursue."

The statement asks all stockholders "who are determined to assert their rights to ascertain the true financial status of the company before accepting blindly any proposed scheme of reorganization."

The banking concerns mentioned above represent \$5,000,000 of the stock of the company. The Lake Superior Company is a Connecticut corporation, and the application for a receiver will have to be made in that state.

Vice-President Sanborn, of the Consolidated Lake Superior, has issued a statement in which, among other things, he sets forth the contention that the books of the company were not spirited away to Canada. He justifies this statement on the ground that it was President Shields' first step along the line of an economical policy and says the removal was made in accordance with the principles of the company, which were transferred to Saint Marie, Canada.

The house was very beautifully decorated with banks of pink asters and smilax, and the bridal party proceeded up the long drawing-room through an aisle of palms and broad pink satin ribbons to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by a concealed orchestra.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white crepe de chene over white tulle, trimmed with rose point lace and the usual veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Her bridesmaid, Miss Isabel Love, was gowned in pink silk voile over white tulle, and carried sweet peas. Mr. David W. Mills, of Cleveland, Ohio, supported the groom. Among the guests from out of town were the Misses Boyce, sisters of the groom, Mr. S. L. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boyce, the Misses Marnie Neal, Lena Lassen, Isabel Macchytrey, Grace Tibbets, Hattie Jacob, and Bertha Goodier, and Messrs. Stanley Macfarlane and O. E. Weber, of Port Huron; Miss May Walker, St. Thomas, Mr. Ralph Davis, of Amherst, and Mr. Weymouth Kirkland, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce left on the mid-night train for New York, Mrs. Boyce having been invited to give the wedding match. On their return they will reside in Port Huron.

WEATHER BULLETIN
London, Thursday, Sept. 10.
Sun rises, 5:50 a.m. Moon rises, 8:21 p.m.
Sun sets, 6:39 p.m. Moon sets, 9:24 a.m.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cooler.
Toronto, Sept. 10.—A. S. p.m.
The weather continues cool and showery in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, with no immediate prospects of change. From Ontario to the Maritime Provinces it has been fair and moderate warm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 34-50; Victoria, 52-60; Kamloops, 48-64; Calgary, 48-64; Winnipeg, 46-56; Port Arthur, 48-66; Parry Sound, 50-57; Toronto, 52-55; Ottawa, 48-58; Montreal, 44-63; Quebec, 46-61; Halifax, 46-63.

Thursday, Sept. 10.—A. S. p.m.
FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh southerly and westerly winds; showery.
Friday—Fresh westerly winds; fair and a little cooler.

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WEATHER NOTES.
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Low temperatures: Wednesday—High, 81°; low, 35°.

WANTS THEM BOTH BLACK

Rawlings Would Like to Change Color of Clipperton's Optics.

"I'll pay any fine just to have the satisfaction of making his other eye black," was what Christopher Rawlings, of West Nisour, said to Squire Lacey when being tried for assaulting William Clipperton, of the same place. The case occupied much time, several witnesses being examined for both sides. Rawlings' counsel, Mr. Hume Elliot, tried to show how Clipperton had also been guilty of the same offense. The magistrate reserved his decision until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

THE TAXATION OF THE RAILROADS

Deputation of Farmers Wait on Premier Ross

DEMANDING HEAVIER TAXATION

Claim That Rich Corporations Are Largely Exempt—The Premier's Reply.

Toronto, Sept. 10.—A deputation consisting of about 20 delegates to the Farmers' Association waited upon Premier Ross yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock to urge the adoption of the principles of the Pettypiece bill for the taxation of railways and other corporations. President J. Lockie Wilson introduced the deputation.

Ex-Mayor Macdonald, of Alexandria, spoke of the great increase in taxation of the corporations in Michigan, which had been brought about by the farmers' organizations. The middle class of Ontario was now taxed to the limit, and the rich corporations were largely exempt. He asked that a witness be called in accordance with the value of their property, just as householders were.

James Campbell, of Glenora, said that the Pettypiece bill would satisfy them, and nothing else. W. L. Gordon, of East Wellington, and Thomas Brooks, of Brant, expressed similar views.

Mr. James McEwing, of West Wellington, said the Government's own bill admitted that a witness existed, and proposed a remedy extending over ten years. The Pettypiece bill proposed that the railways should be taxed in accordance with the value of their property, but that there should be no delay in providing the remedy.

Messrs. James Armstrong, East Lambton; R. B. McLean, South Huron; J. Hyatt, Prince Edward; C. A. Mallory and J. P. Beam, of Black Creek, also added their views.

Premier Ross, replying, good-naturedly offered his congratulations to the farmers for the ease with which they were able to obtain seats in the Legislature. He said that the Government was anxious to go into the matter thoroughly and study the assessment question in all its bearings.

The question of taxing the railways was an important one. They had been subsidized, and before their assessment was increased they should be asked whether they could bear the extra burden. Much prudence, moreover, would be necessary to see that the railways did not use their power to recoup themselves by increasing the freight rates, and thus shifting their tax burden upon the farmer. Every corporation, however, should be compelled to pay their full share of taxation, and the Legislature would see to it that this was done.

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They Work for Missions
Annual Meetings of the Dundas Street and Arva Societies.

The annual meeting of the Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society in connection with Dundas Street Methodist Church was held Wednesday afternoon. The past year has been one of much interest and activity, showing an advance both financially and numerically. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Mrs. C. (Rev.) Dickson; president, Mrs. C. J. Beal; first vice-president, Mrs. (Rev.) C. T. Scott; second vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Winnett; third vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Wortman; fourth vice-president, Mrs. T. B. Escott; recording secretary, Mrs. J. J. Weeks; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. H. Zeigler; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Tennent; superintendent of systematic giving, Mrs. C. E. German.

OFFICERS CHOSEN AT ARVA.
The annual missionary meeting of the Arva Auxiliary of the W. M. S. was held on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the home of Miss McNab. There was a very good attendance. The officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Mrs. D. Anderson; first vice-president, Mrs. R. Shobbrook; second vice-president, Miss E. Webb; recording secretary, Mrs. L. W. Smith; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. W. Hawkins; treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Westlake; superintendent of systematic giving, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Sytherton; delegate to branch meeting, Miss M. Fish. The auxiliary has had a very successful year, with an increase of membership.

ROCKSAND WINS ST. LEGER
King's Horse Runs Third in Classic Race.

London, Sept. 10.—Rocksand won the St. Leger stakes at Doncaster yesterday. The winner was ridden by Maher, the American jockey. William Rufus was second, and King Edward's Mead was third.

CZAR HAS FRESH DEMANDS AS TO THAT EVACUATION

Wants Special Concessions for Troops in Manchuria and Prolongs His Stay at Mukden.

KING PETER OF SERBIA'S WEAK ADMINISTRATION

Untravel, owing to the habitual obscurity of his communications. Russia now demands, first, that the Russians be allowed landing stages on the Sungari River, with the right to guard them with Russian troops, and, secondly, that Russia shall have the right to maintain Russian post stations along the main route, from Taitshah, the capital of Heilungking Province, to Tobingovestchensk, the scene of the massacre by the Russians at the Amur River. China strongly objects to both conditions. Russia also specifies that the time for the evacuation of Kirin Province shall be four months after that of Heilungkiang, and one year after the evacuation of Mukden. China also protests against this. The Chinese officials seem less hopeful of an early settlement than when they first received the text of the Russian conditions, having then apparently failed to grasp in full their significance. In regard to the new conditions, while I cannot confirm the substantial correctness of my message of Tuesday, I must admit that some details still require an explanation, as they are difficult to unravel.

The Novo Vremya says that King Peter ought to have expelled the assassins upon his arrival in Serbia. Now he must chew the bitter fruit of his weakness. If things remain unchanged they will be merely the prelude to new conspiracies. The correspondent says that the righteous indignation of the Russian press would not tell an interesting tale if he returned to private life.

PUNISHING THE ARMY BRUTES
German Army Administration A Big Advance by C. N. R. and Holds Many Court-Martials and Imprisons Officers.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—Paragraphs similar to the following appear almost daily in the provincial press: "Cologne—The court-martial of the fifteenth division has sentenced Sergeant Schott to a year in prison and degradation for flogging privates and horse-whipping and kicking them. Twelve artillerymen were sentenced to short terms for assisting him."

There have been 80 convictions of sergeants for abuses of privates during the past three months and about 20 court-martials are pending.

The administration of the army is making the most determined efforts to stop these brutalities, which Herr Febel, socialist leader, detailed in a ferocious three hours' speech in the Reichstag in the spring. The weak reply of Gen. Von Gossler on the following day probably cost him his place as minister of war.

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BRITISH PROTEST AGAINST SEIZURE
The Machine Going 58 Miles an Hour Crashes Into a Crowd.

United States Said To Have Taken Some More Islands Off Borneo Coast.

London, Sept. 10.—The British foreign office is said to have made representations at Washington against the seizure of the northern coast of British North Borneo by the United States gunboat Queros. These islands are said to have been seized off the coast of San Dakan (capital of British North Borneo), which the American flag was recently hoisted.

Car's Italian Trip.
Rome, Sept. 10.—It is semi-officially announced that the Car will arrive in Rome on Oct. 24, and will remain here three days. Indignant protests have been aroused all over Italy by the announced intention of the Socialists to make a hostile demonstration against the Car.

LIBERAL CLUB OPENED.
The new rooms of the Liberal Club at the corner of Clarence street and Queen's avenue were opened last evening. At a meeting of the club a house committee was appointed, together with regulations on finance and rules and regulations. It is the intention to make the club the home of all Liberals.

CRATERS SOME TALK.
A wedding which has created some talk, owing to the advanced age of the bride and groom, was performed the other day at Stratford, by Rev. Mr. Jackson, a supernumerary minister residing in that town. The parties were Mr. Joseph Poole, of Lambeth, and Mrs. Nancy Perkins, widow of the late Caleb Perkins, a well-known farmer of Westminister Township. Unknown to very many of their friends, Mr. Poole, if any of their friends, Mr. Poole is 79 years of age, while his bride is two years his senior.