

THREAT BY NORRIS CAUSES A STORM

Manitoba Premier Declares He Was Misunderstood—Opponents Undaunted.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—Premier T. C. Norris told the legislature this afternoon that he had not the authority of the lieutenant-governor to precipitate a general election, and declared that on Tuesday he did not intend any such thing.

"I laid a clear statement of existing conditions before the house," the premier said, "and if a deadlock occurs there is no other course than an appeal to the people. It may not be this government which would make the appeal, but, if not, it would be some other administration."

SCENE DRAMATIC IN COURT ROOM

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be tolerated and that spectators guilty of such conduct were ejected.

Mr. Spracklin in the Stand. When court was resumed, Mr. Spracklin was called to the stand. His appearance in the box excited the audience.

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NEW ATTRACTIONS AT LOCAL THEATRES

'Way Down East' at the Royal—'The Storm' for Princesses.

Announced as the most remarkable production with which the name of David W. Griffith has yet been associated, his "Way Down East," made from the famous stage play of the same name, was shown in this city for the first time at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, beginning Monday evening, with matinee daily thereafter.

As is expected, the usual Griffith effects and embellishments are said to be found in this latest work in abundance. He has again, as in his previous work, made a masterpiece of the most spectacular of stage effects, and has made a masterpiece of the most spectacular of stage effects.

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B.C. LIQUOR BILL IS BROUGHT DOWN

Jail for Those Who Sell Illegally—No Drinking in Public Places.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 23.—(By Canadian Press).—Attorney-General J. W. B. Farris introduced the Government liquor control bill in the legislature this afternoon. The new act is fairly "liberal," but the promised rigid enforcement of the law, its supporters expect, will promote a higher degree of temperance under government control than has existed under the prohibition act.

All spirituous and malt liquors will be sold by the government. There is no provision made for the licensed sale of any intoxicating beverage by private parties.

However, it is understood that the act is subject to the most revolutionary fiscal policy and amendment while in committee stage, which provides the probability of the addition of sections to the act allowing the sale of beer and light wines by agencies other than the government liquor stores.

Two quarts is the probable limit of any single purchase, and uniform prices will prevail thru British Columbia. Consumption of intoxicants will be allowed in hotel rooms. Permanent residence permits may be obtained for a fee of \$5, and non-residents will be required to pay \$5 for a thirty-day permit.

Government stores will be open eight hours daily and will be closed on Sundays and election days. There will be no display of signs bearing the words "bar," "beer room," "beer parlor," etc. A tax of \$2.50 per quart on all liquor to be imposed on all liquor not purchased from the government. All existing private stocks are to be marked by a government seal.

All warehouses are required to pay a license fee of \$500 annually. Must Sign All Orders. In buying, the purchaser must write out his order and sign it, stating on the order the serial number of his license, the nature and quantity of the liquor purchased.

Limited sale of liquor by druggists is permitted, but only in cases where liquor is prescribed by a physician for medical purposes. Even then, the druggist must sell the liquor in the original sealed packages as obtained from the government.

Severe penalties are provided for infringement of the act. A first offence may mean a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,000, and a second offence may mean a term of imprisonment with hard labor.

Hamilton, Feb. 23.—Wilfred Meharg and E. Dickenson, charged with the murder of Dr. E. J. Whitworth of Binbrook on the night of Dec. 23, were committed for trial this afternoon, when the preliminary hearing was concluded before Magistrate J. P. Vanech. The case was started this morning. This afternoon the evidence of the police was given, but the prisoners were not heard.

Signed Statement. What is considered the most important bit of evidence for the crown is a signed statement handed John Miller, provincial detective, by Dickenson and Dickenson, which was read in court, is to the effect that Meharg had an appointment to meet him at the top of the John street road, and he was to be there in an automobile.

Gasoline was needed, so the men stopped at the store of the late Dr. Whitworth, and Dickenson asked for some cigarettes. When the murdered man rushing in with revolver and ordered Dickenson to get the money.

Says Meharg Shot Doctor. He did and when he grabbed the pills, Dickenson took hold of his rifle, shot the doctor and he let go of Dickenson, and the men returned to the automobile. Dickenson said: "Spending a member of the party, who was driving, he got out of there, that 'they' had shot a man. They rode over the road to Brantford, and Meharg kept his revolver in his hand during the ride. The document in his hand during the ride, but Meharg told the five men there that if any of them said anything he would 'get' them. The money received was divided and the men got \$2 each, it was stated in the letter signed by Dickenson.

POLISH MINISTER TO RESIGN PORTFOLIO. Paris, Feb. 23.—Prince Sapieha, the Polish foreign minister, who now is in Paris, has decided to tender his resignation to President Pilsudski of Poland immediately upon his return to Warsaw, says The Temps today.

Resignation is a result of the decision taken by the allied conference in London recently that all the votes in the plebiscite in Upper Silesia, to determine whether the district taken by the allied conference, be held on one day, the newspaper says. The Poles hold that the decision favors the Germans.

CHARGE VAGRANCY. Hamilton, Feb. 23.—Jack May, 43 Central avenue, was held by the police on a charge of vagrancy.

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STARTS A FARMERS' PARTY IN SENATE

Cross-Benches for J. G. Turritt—Rufus Pope Has Hot-Shot for Cramer.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—(Can. Press).—Senator Turritt, Assiniboia, and Senator Rufus Pope continued the debate in reply to the speech from the throne in the senate this afternoon.

Senator J. C. Turritt, Liberal senator from Assiniboia, Sask., continuing, announced himself as a supporter of the National Progressive party and left the government side of the house for the cross benches. He took this course because he did not agree with the government's tariff that is fiscal policy of the Progressives.

Coming to the Fordney bill Senator Turritt believed it would be vetoed by President Wilson. If it did not come into effect it would be the fault of those, who in 1911, talked about the duality of trading with the Yankees.

Says Cramer "Hired Man." Senator Rufus Pope criticized Senator Turritt for his inauguration of the Farmers' party in the senate, and said that if the manufacturers were permitted to make profits of the co-operative grain associations of the west they would be worth many more millions. These organizations robbed the farmers, Hon. T. A. Cramer was the hired man to purchase from the grain associations at \$15,000 per annum and of the people of Canada at \$4,000 per annum. If he wished to represent Canada, he should cancel his \$15,000 cheque. An investigation, commission should be appointed. If it did not show the grossest wrong to farmers, he would leave the senate.

Claims Grainers' Stole. The grain organizations of the west have lost millions of bushels of wheat from the farmers. The machinery for a sample market was held up by the grain organizations. At that time the Grain Growers' Guide was a sample market. A sample market would have given the farmers four value for their wheat. Nobody spoke of the farmers as a menace, nor would they unless they permitted class selfishness to isolate them from the rest of the people.

The present leader of the Liberal party in the house of commons was party in the house of commons was Rockefeller's man, while his associate, Hon. T. A. Cramer, was the hired man of American western associations.

When the senate in the morning Stanfield took the oath of office and his seat.

TUMULTY OFFERED JOB ON JOINT COMMISSION. Washington, Feb. 23.—President Wilson today proffered to President-elect Woodrow Wilson, his private secretary for ten years, an appointment on the international joint commission, which is entrusted with arbitration of disputes between the United States and Canada. In confirming the tender of the appointment, the president has just asked me to accept an appointment on the international joint commission. I very much appreciate the offer. I have not had time to decide the matter. I have been exceedingly busy in finally disposing of the affairs of my office in preparation for engaging in the practice of law.

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PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION

MASSEY HALL THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24th Convention Sessions 9.30 A.M. and 2.15 P.M.

PUBLIC MASS MEETING 7.30 P.M. Band Concert and Mass Singing ADDRESS BY PURLEY A. BAKER

GRAND PROHIBITION PAGEANT OF THE NATIONS 100 ARTISTS IN COSTUME FIVE TABLEAUX REPRESENTING TEMPERANCE PROGRESS IN CANADA.

GOING FALLING

Government Estimates for 1921. Year It Will Open to \$500.

KNOX COLLEGE

Legislation Not Lift Cattle Embargo

The attorney-general (Glover) (Algonia) yesterday that the new province under the O.T.A. was \$55,711,000 in 1920. The estimate for 1921. Mr. Eglin was considerably less preceding year when the estimate had been \$50,000.

Another O.T.A. Charles McCrea (Sask.) has introduced a bill to amend the O.T.A. bill which provides that if a person to have liquor in a room in an apartment house, the landlord is liable for the liquor. The bill is now in committee.

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AURA LEE DEFEAT BOSTON ATHLETICS. Boston, Feb. 23.—The Aura Lee hockey team of Toronto defeated the Boston Athletic Association sextet at the new Boston arena again last night, winning 4 to 1.

JEWELERS AGAINST LOANING WATCHES. Canadian Association Changes Policy at Convention in Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—No more free engraving, the discontinuance of the practice of loaning watches, and no more valuation of goods bought at other stores, were matters of policy decided upon at this morning's session of the Canadian National Jewellers Association.

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