

DIVISION IN THE LEGISLATURE; THE GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED

Three Weeks' Debate On Speech From Throne Ended-- Government Approved 48 to 45.

PREMIER BRINGS DOWN THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 4. — Premier Ross today demonstrated his right to hold the reins of government in Ontario, the first division of the session resulting in a Government majority of 3, the vote standing 48 to 45. The seemingly intolerable debate was concluded after three weeks' duration, Mr. Hanna being the only speaker of the afternoon. The division was upon Mr. Hoyle's amendment censuring the Government for calling the House into session for the purpose of recording his vote for the Government. Mr. Adam Beck, who was absent, was paired with Mr. D. C. Cameron. The only other pair was that of Henry Carscallen with J. R. Barber. Tomorrow will be private members' day. The House adjourned at 5 p. m. with the intention of delaying the election trials. The Liberal members evidenced their splendid loyalty to their leader, each arising in his place and recording his vote for the Government. Mr. Adam Beck, who was absent, was paired with Mr. D. C. Cameron. The only other pair was that of Henry Carscallen with J. R. Barber. Tomorrow will be private members' day. The House adjourned at 5 p. m. with the intention of delaying the election trials. The Liberal members evidenced their splendid loyalty to their leader, each arising in his place and recording his vote for the Government.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FREIGHT RATES

Service to the United Kingdom Badly Demoralized.

BIG CONFERENCE AT NEW YORK

American Steamship Lines and C. P. R. Meet But Fail to Reach an Agreement.

New York, Feb. 5. — One of the most important conferences of steamship men here in years has just been held. Agents and representatives of practically all the lines operating between Atlantic ports and the United Kingdom were present. The object of the gathering was to see if the current demoralization in the trans-Atlantic freight business could not be ended by a concerted action. The minimum rate agreement under which the lines have been working for two years or more expires by limitation in a few days. The meeting was for the purpose of seeing if some common ground of renewal could not be found. There was little hope of reaching an agreement, and the conference broke up without definite date for re-assembling, and with a prevailing belief that the freight situation will now become so bad that the demoralization itself will force the lines to come together. Meanwhile, the freight brokers report that, while the old agreement had not officially expired, it has had a premature death in that it has been entirely ignored for ten days or more, and that large contracts for freight for the coming month have been made at rates favorable for shipping. These contracts are now a barrier to any immediate negotiations for a new agreement. The London lines, it is understood, patched up somewhat of a new agreement a few days ago, but no formal agreement has been entered into. The lines represented in the conference operate to the United Kingdom from all ports on the coast from New York to Portland, Me., and included also the Canadian Pacific steamers. Continental lines were not represented.

THE FIRST DIVISION

Imperial Government Has Majority of 86 on First Vote.

London, Feb. 5. — In the ultimate division in the House of Commons today on Mr. Robson's amendment to the address, the Government had a majority of 86, the vote being 192 for, and 278 against the amendment.

THOUGHT GIRL WAS SATAN

An Infant Woman Chokes Her Daughter to Death.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 5. — In the presence of her two daughters, Lou and Maggie, Patsy Eligan, living on a plantation eight miles from Walterboro, Colleton County, yesterday, nearly 17 years old, and clutching her by the throat, choked her until she was dead. The two sisters, who were in the room at the time of the tragedy, seem to know little of the crime except that they helped to carry the body of their mother to an adjoining room at the command of their mother. An inquest was held, the jury finding that the deceased came to her death at the hands of her mother by choking. Patsy was committed to jail, charged with the murder of her own child. In prison the woman denied the killing of her daughter, but said she had killed the devil and that she did so at the command of Christ. She professed to have communicated with the other world, and when questions were put to her she would place her ear to the wall of her cell and receive her answer before replying.

GREAT FIRE AT BUCKINGHAM, QUE.

Three Business Blocks and Several Hotels Burned.

COMMERCIAL HOUSE DESTROYED

Many Stores and Offices Wiped Out-- Loss Very Great--Fire Still Raging.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 5. — A special from Buckingham, Que., says that shortly before midnight fire broke out in the Commercial House there, and it is still raging. The Commercial House, Thomas Burke, proprietor, is a total wreck, together with the remainder of the block, consisting of Dr. Rodrique's drug store and John Cosgrove's general store. The Commercial House contained McCullum's and Lahaie's general store, J. K. Millford's saddlery and boot store, and the upper part of the block, Bernard's block, the latter contained the Buckingham Hotel, T. Senchal, proprietor; Bernard's shoe store, Feller's confectionery, P. Ague's barber shop, and a Chinese laundry, Albert Storey's grocery and F. J. Wilson's shoe store. The total loss will be very large. McCullum & Lahaie's loss alone being over \$30,000.

LATER.
Buckingham, Que., Feb. 5. — The fire which broke out in the Commercial Hotel about midnight raged for four hours before it was got under control, destroying property on Main and Joseph streets, to the value of about one hundred thousand, on which there is very little insurance. Just when the fire was about over the alarm rang again for a fire at the residence of Mr. M. Lapierre, which was totally consumed.

HANNA HAS TYPHOID

Physicians of the Ohio Senator Issue a Bulletin.

Washington, Feb. 5. — Senator Hanna is officially pronounced to have typhoid fever. The following bulletin was issued by the physicians immediately after the consultation at 9 o'clock this morning: "Senator Hanna has typhoid fever. The diagnosis is confirmed by the complete blood examination reported this morning by Dr. Edward Behrson. The senator seemed fairly well last night and this morning his temperature is 100, pulse 82." President Roosevelt walked over from the White House this morning personally to inquire after the senator's condition. He spent ten minutes at the hotel.

GOT AWAY WITH \$5,000

An Express Messenger Robbed of Big Shipment of Gold.

New York, Feb. 5. — A dispatch to the "World" from Sterling, Ill., says nearly \$5,000 in gold has been stolen from an express messenger of the Adams Express company here. The thieves escaped. The express car was attached to a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train, Sterling being the terminus. The express messenger, Fred Harmon, had just placed the canvas sack containing the gold on a truck. A moment later he discovered that the sack was gone. The theft was done in an instant and the messenger did not get a glimpse of the thieves.

WILL BE DEPORTED

Manila, Feb. 5. — Sixto Lopez, the well-known Filipino agitator, whose unfriendly disposition toward American rule in the Philippines has been exhibited before, has arrived here and refused to take the oath of allegiance. He will be deported.

WIDOWS AND FATHERLESS

Families of the Dead Miners Sent Back to Austria.

Pittsburg, Feb. 5.—Fifteen widows and their families, bereft by the Cheswick disaster, have been ticketed to Vienna and Trieste, Austria, by the relief committee. In all over 100 widows of foreigners who lost their lives will be sent back to Europe.

HAMLET'S CASTLE

Famous Building Threatened With Destruction by Undermining Tiles.

New York, Feb. 5. — The Danish castle of Kronborg, famous as the Elsinore of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," is threatened, according to an American dispatch from Berlin, by destruction by the undermining of the Kattgat. The foundations are seriously damaged and the castle may have to be pulled down, together with the rampart on which the ghost of Hamlet's father appeared.

MURDERED BY HEREROS

Two German Officials and Two Correspondents Butchered.

Berlin, Feb. 5. — Telegraphic communication with Windhoek, German Southwest Africa, has been restored. The authorities there cable that the Hereros murdered Assistant Director Hoepner, of the colonial bureau, and Herr Watermeyer, an agricultural expert. No information regarding the fate of Herr Muelendorff, the Cologne correspondent's correspondent, is given. The forestry expert, has been obtained by the authorities. Both of these men are reported to have been murdered.

THOUGHT IT "BLUFF"

Bannerman Tells Commons Some Anti-War History.

London, Feb. 5. — An interesting little bit of anti-war history was revealed by the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in the House of Commons today, in the course of the debate on the amendment to the address, in reply to the speech from the throne. Sir Henry said that when Mr. Chamberlain interviewed him on June 20, 1898, prior to the war, and asked him if the Opposition would support the Government in sending out 10,000 troops to Cape Colony, he, Sir Henry, expressed surprise, whereupon Mr. Chamberlain said: "You need not be alarmed. There will be no fighting. We know those fellows won't fight. We are playing a game of bluff." Sir Henry said the Opposition refused the request. The statement of Sir Henry was greeted with roars of laughter from the Opposition benches. Mr. Chamberlain, in reply, said he did not remember using the word "bluff." His only object in approaching Sir Henry was to make sure that the South African question should not be treated in a very spirit. Sir Henry said the Boers might be convinced of the earnestness of Great Britain.

ROUGH ON BUCHANAN

College Principal Asks Mercy for Soul of United States President.

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 5. — President R. H. Jesse, in his conation address at the opening of the second semester of Missouri University, created a stir by naming the presidents of the United States whom he considered the five great champions of education, and holding up Buchanan and others as contrary examples. President Jesse said: "James Buchanan was a man of genius for doing the wrong thing. He was a very clever man, but he was not a statesman. He was a man who was surrounded by him."

MR. WHITNEY'S FUNERAL

Many Americans of Prominence in Attendance at Obsequies.

New York, Feb. 5. — Funeral services over the remains of William C. Whitney, former secretary of the United States navy were held today at Grace Episcopal Church. Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington conducted the services, Bishop Doane, of Albany, also participating. In the assemblage which filled the body of the large church were many of the highest prominence in New York and the United States, representatives of the various interests with which Mr. Whitney had been connected. The principal and national government, of societies and organizations of which he had been a member, and, side by side with them, scores of employees of the corporations with which he had been connected. Floral tributes in profusion were banked high around the casket, before which the coffin was placed.

Mrs. Almerice Hugh Paget, a daughter, absent, being unable to return from Italy in time for the funeral. The honorary pallbearers selected were: Grover Cleveland, Elihu Root, Thomas Ryan, J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas Dolan, Grant B. Schley, F. A. B. Widener, H. McK. Twombly, Col. Wm. Jay, and C. C. Haven, but Mr. Morgan was unable to attend and his place was taken by Mr. H. H. Vreeland. General Henry C. Corbin and Rear Admiral Frederick Rogers, in uniform, represented the army and navy, and Mayor McClellan, the city government.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH

Overheated Stove Starts Disastrous Fire at Trenton, Pa.

Mahanoy City, Pa., Feb. 5. — Six persons, all foreigners, were burned to death early today at Trenton, near here. The fire destroyed six double dwellings. John Checonski and his 7-year-old son, were among the victims. The names of the others are not known. The fire started from an overheated stove.

WEATHER NOTES

The weather continues very cold throughout the Dominion. A storm which entered the continent from the Pacific yesterday morning is moving toward the great lakes. A heavy snowfall has occurred in the Northwest Territories. Local temperatures: Thursday—Highest, 10° above; lowest, 8.5° below.

ENTIRE TOWN SWALLOWED UP

Great Loss of Life by Volcanic Eruption On the Island of Java.

Amsterdam, Holland, Feb. 5. — Advice received here say that an entire town in the Island of Java, Dutch East Indies, is reported to have been swallowed up by a volcanic eruption and that hundreds of persons were killed.

MR. HYMAN TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Sworn in Before Lord Minto at Ottawa as Minister Without Portfolio.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5. — Mr. C. S. Hyman, M. P., was sworn in a member of the cabinet today without portfolio. The swearing in ceremony took place at the office of the Governor General in the eastern block at 12:45.



C. S. HYMAN, M. P. FOR LONDON, ONT., Sworn in this morning as Cabinet Minister.

The member for London is one of the most popular members of the House, and has a host of friends at the capital, who are today congratulating him on his appointment. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. James Sutherland and Hon. Raymond Prefontaine were present when Mr. Hyman took the oath of privilege councillor from Lord Minto.

"MR. BLUEBEARD'S" TROUBLE

Peculiar Litigation Arising Out of Irish Folklore.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The United States Government has become a party to the complications growing out of the Irish folk tale of "Mr. Bluebeard." The value of the destroyed scenery, wardrobe and effects is variously estimated at from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The Government, for duties in event of failure to return to plant to the country of its origin, required a bond of \$10,000. British underwriters insured the property in part by the Drury Lane Company, and it is upon them and upon the Drury Lane Company the property loss will fall.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—SNOW AND SLEET.
London, Friday, Feb. 5.
Sun rises: 7:21 a.m. Moon rises: 10:46 p.m.
Sun sets: 5:32 p.m. Moon sets: 3:59 a.m.
Toronto, Feb. 4—8 a.m.
This morning the temperature over the greater portion of Canada, east of the Rockies was zero or below, and the day has been very cold. Light snow has fallen in the Territories and also locally in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—48; Kamloops, 24—28; Calgary, 8 below—zero; Qu'Appelle, 20 below—zero; Parry Sound, 19 below—10; Toronto, 4 below—10; Ottawa, 14 below—8; Montreal, 2 below—6; Quebec, 12 below—2; Halifax, 2—22.

FORECASTS

Friday, Feb. 5—8 a.m.
Today—Easterly winds; snow late tonight.
Saturday—High easterly winds, with snow, or in southern districts partly sleet.

TEMPERATURES

Stations	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	—8	—10	Cloudy
Winnipeg	—12	—14	Clear
Edmonton	—12	—14	Clear
Toronto	—6	—8	Cloudy
Montreal	—10	—12	Clear
Ottawa	—4	—6	Clear
Quebec	—12	—14	Clear
Halifax	—8	—10	Clear

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Fatal Wreck in East London Yards of the C. P. R.—Fireman Geo. Hunter Killed

Number Five Express From the East Crashes Into the Rear End of a Freight Train—Hunter Jumped and Met an Instant Death—Engine and Cars Wrecked— Passengers Escape Injury.

George Hunter, a C. P. R. fireman, of Toronto, lies dead in this city, having met his death this afternoon in a wreck which occurred on the main line, just east of Adelaide street. Hunter was the fireman on engine No. 5, attached to passenger train No. 5, due here at 11:30 o'clock. John Abernethy, also of Toronto, was the driver, and he was badly shaken up, but it is not thought that his injuries will be serious. The accident occurred as a result of overcrowding in the yards here. The yards were full, and it was necessary to make up the freight on the main line tracks, along which No. 5 was due from the east at 11:30. The train, however, was late—reported an hour and a half—and it was thought it would be possible to make up the freight before it would arrive. Just to the east of the scene of the accident there is a curve which would prevent an engine driver seeing any train ahead any distance, and as the passenger train came in this afternoon, not quite an hour and a half late, she crashed into the freight almost before the engine driver was aware of the danger of an accident. Abernethy had scarcely time to reverse his engine when the crash came, as a result of which two of the freight cars were completely demolished, while the engine of the express was imbedded in the rear of the freight in such a way that the car was piled almost on its end. In addition to Abernethy, engineer, and Hunter, fireman, the passenger train was in charge of Conductor Wm. Scanlon, of Toronto. The freight was being made up by Patrick O'Leary and James Larkin, who fortunately were not on the train when the crash came. HUNTER JUMPED.
It was not the crash that killed Hunter, however. Seeing the impending collision, he thought apparently, that his only plan was to jump, and he did so, to the left of the train. On the next track was another freight train, and into this he was thrown, rebounding into the wreck, which happened as he jumped. When he was pulled out from the debris, it was found that he had met a terrible death. His remains were horribly mangled, and his head was split open and almost severed from the body. Death had been due to the fracture of the skull, and had been almost instantaneous.

Abernethy stuck to his post. He probably realized the futility of jumping, and stayed on the engine. As the shock came he was thrown back in the cab and had to be carried to the bunk house, where Dr. MacArthur was called. He was in a dazed condition, and so badly shaken up that there may be serious results. However, nothing could be reported at the time as to what complications might arise. He was not in a fit condition to give any idea of how the accident happened. Both of the men are married. Hunter, who is a young man, has a wife and family in Toronto. SCENE OF THE WRECK.
The scene of the accident is at the foot of Carling's Heights, and on the north side of the track there is a clear space, where hundreds of people who heard of the news congregated. The second to the last car of the freight was badly enough smashed and thrown off the track, but it was to the last car that the greatest amount of damage happened. The train was to be largely of beef, but the last car at least, contained other freight. The chief merchandise consisted of barrels of groceries. People who saw the accident from a distance say that when the engine struck the car the debris was thrown into the air three times as high as the car. The car was completely smashed, and some idea of what a sight it was may be imagined when it is said that twice as high as the ordinary car were the wheels imbedded in the broken wood. The engine was partly under the ruins, and also damaged.

HOPE OF PEACE IS ABANDONED

20,000 Russian Troops Massed in Yalu Valley.

READY TO SEIZE NORTH KOREA

Japanese Newspapers Have Given Up All Hopes of Peace Being Maintained.

London, Feb. 5. — A dispatch to the Central News Agency from Tokyo says that the newspapers there publish Telegrams, saying that 20,000 Russian troops have been concentrated in the Yalu Valley, with the probable intention of seizing North Korea. It is added that hope of maintaining peace has been abandoned.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5. — Advice from Vladivostok says that over a thousand Japanese girls embarked there for Japan yesterday, and that three steamers are on the point of sailing for Japan with Japanese families, including many who left the Nikolskoye and Ussuri regions on Wednesday last.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5. — A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur telegraphs as follows: "There is no truth in the report that freight traffic has been stopped on the Manchurian Railway."

All the ships of the Russian Pacific squadron, which have been held in reserve, are now in full commission. The regiments of the Third East Siberian Rifle Brigade, which recently left Port Arthur, are taking temporary stations along the Chinese Railroad.

The Port Arthur garrison has been strengthened by the arrival there of the Sixth Brigade of conscripts, who have recently been going through a short course of training.

Stores of provisions and coal are being accumulated and all the necessary military works are being actively pushed forward.

Both the army and navy are in excellent condition. Everything is ready for an emergency, but all are patient, awaiting the outcome of the negotiations.

The Russian population is tranquil. Very few Japanese are leaving, but many Japanese merchants are selling out and going home. Those remaining here feel entire confidence in the authorities.

The announcement from Vladivostok that preparations have been made for the mobilization of the Manchurian reserves was premature.

A DECISION REACHED.
London, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to the Reuters Telegram Company from Tokyo says: "The general impression here is that all hope of peace is gone. The elder statesmen had a conference this afternoon at which the Emperor was present. It is believed a weighty decision was reached." St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The Russian response to the latest Japanese note was sent to Tokyo tonight. The feeling here was that Russia has offered substantial concessions, but that she cannot meet Japan's wishes regarding Manchuria or agree to Japan's fortifications in Southern Korea. It is intimated in certain unofficial quarters that if Japan should offer a counter proposal that Russia guarantee China's Manchurian treaties, irrespective of the ultimate sovereignty of the province, there might be a chance of reaching such a compromise. It is

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

The cause of the accident is a matter the railway officials will settle. At this place it is difficult to see any distance ahead, coming from the east, owing to the curve, but there is a semaphore a few hundred yards east of where the accident happened, and this afternoon it was set against the express train. Some say that even if the semaphore was set against the passenger it would be hard for the driver or fireman to see it, coming around the curve, as at this time there were engines at the east end of the yard on the other tracks, and the steam from them would hide the semaphore altogether.

Dr. English was on the scene this afternoon, and was attending to the injured men. Dr. English also went through the passenger cars to see if any passengers needed attention, but no one was hurt. The shock was very severe, as the train was going at about 35 miles an hour, and how all the passengers escaped is something of a mystery. No. 5 was switched off on to a siding until the track could be cleared.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Murphy, superintendent of the C. P. R., was interviewed by The Advertiser, and denied that there was any engine in the yards from which escaping steam could prevent the engineer of No. 5 seeing the semaphore, and he stated positively that the agent was not to blame. He said: "It is another unfortunate occurrence of men running past signals. All I can say is that I cannot see why the engine ever ran past the semaphore. I understand he is a very good man, but I cannot see how he could pass the semaphore unless he did not have his eyes open. The signal was set against him, and there was no engine in the yard whose steam could interfere with his seeing it. As to the passenger train, it was not hurt, except that the mail car was slightly damaged. The shock was not very great, and the passengers, of whom there were not many, did not suffer any injury at all."

CLEVER ROGUE OF MANY ALIASES

Engineered Many Swindles Throughout Britain.

HE HAD 22 DIFFERENT NAMES

Plundered One Gentleman of \$20,000— Quoted the Judge Who Condemned Him.

London, Feb. 5. — One of the most versatile rogues of his time is James Byrne, who stood with melancholy face in the dock at the Old Bailey yesterday. Under 22 different names he has dabbled in nearly every variety of fraud, and exhibited ingenuity enough to have made his fortune in an honest way.

Now, at the age of 37, he begins three years' penal servitude. One of Byrne's devices for getting money was the founding of "correspondence colleges," which he set up in London, Gloucester and other places. Having worked on that vein, he established the "R. Constabulary Gazette," in Dublin at absconded a few days later. At different times he ran a bogus "handwriting competition," and a publication company, and was a fish salesman. Billingsgate, which stock he obtained by fraud. Only a few weeks after he had undergone eighteen months' labor he was found conducting a fishing business on the old lines. Finally he took office in the Strand as a clerk, and engaged a printer, and launched to a big swindling scheme. He was a victim of his own greed, and by this time victims scores of people all over country. His dupes he defrauded sums varying from £15 to £500. One gentleman at Wisbech, he plundered of £4,500.

With a delightful audacity even sent out circulars signed Judge Addison, of the Society court, as saying that he ought to turn his business into a "liability company." He really had said—as his honest ally pointed out in his own day—was that, owing to the state of the law, people were forming themselves into limited companies, being given every facility for swindling the public, and, therefore, that every man who did not turn out a company.

It was for the Strand swindler that Byrne was yesterday sentenced to three years' penal servitude. He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for a swindling of £4,500. His trial lasted three days, and his defence was conducted by three barristers.

SWEET OVERBO

New York, Feb. 5. — A boy was washed overboard from the steamer Bluecher, while day; another fell and broke his arm; and a third was injured. The crew countered a succession of gales and very rough seas.