

LONDON, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1923.

## GOVERNMENT TRIUMPHS IN FIRST-SESSION CLASH

Two Amendments to Address Decisively Beaten—Majority Is Larger Than Anticipated by Whips—Progressive Support to Mr. Shaw's Motion Smaller Than Expected.

### COMMENDS ITSELF TO CONSERVATIVES

Special to The Avertiser by a Staff Correspondent.  
Ottawa, Feb. 9.—At an early hour this morning, when the vote was taken on the two amendments to the address—that making the straight avowal of tariff fault by the Progressives, and the somewhat futile amendment of Mr. Shaw of Calgary, affirming faith in a principle already embodied in the speech from the throne—the government emerged triumphantly from the first trial of strength of the session.

The government majority on both motions was much larger than anticipated by the whips earlier in the day, for reasons that shall be noted.

The main amendment was proposed by Mr. Hoey, Progressive member for Springfield, and urged "substantial reductions of the burdens of customs taxation." This, obviously, the Conservatives could do nothing but vote against.

The subsequent amendment proposed by Mr. Shaw of Calgary, viewed with alarm the increase in the national debt, and urged every possible effort to economize in expenditure so as to lessen the burden of taxation.

This amendment, apparently nothing more than the pious avowal of an abstract principle, had been declared by Mr. Fielding in his speech on Tuesday last to be one which no self-respecting government could accept.

**Solid Conservative Support.**  
It commended itself to the Conservatives, however, and when the vote was taken they supported it solidly. None of these strange combination, however, were effective in affecting the prestige of the government when the vote was taken, after 1 o'clock this morning.

The government supporters were present in almost full support, while there were absentees in the Progressive ranks which reduced their vote on the Hoey amendment, and there were defections on the Shaw amendment. The government majority in the Hoey amendment was 38 on the amendment and 38 on the sub-amendment, and as a consequence, considerably higher than the whips had anticipated.

The support received by Mr. Shaw's amendment was also much larger than he had anticipated, the following Progressives and Independents voting against it: McBride, Humphrey, Black, Millar, Irvine, MacDonell, McDonald, Smith, Pritchard, Sales, McInnes, Beaulieu, Carmichael, Neill, Kellner and Irvine, a total of sixteen.

**Death Speech.**  
The Shaw motion received its death blow in a capital speech made by Mr. McConica of Saskatoon, one of the ablest of the Opposition, and a former state senator from Ohio, and a man who uses a keen sense of humor very effectively.

It is claimed that all the members of the Progressive party were fully anxious for economy as the member from Calgary, but they did not deem it an issue expressed solely in this amendment, as speakers in this manner of sufficient urgency, to enlist their support to the extent of embarrassing the government.

As a matter of fact, when he made the statement, the Progressives had seen to it that government was not likely to be embarrassed at all on the amendments, as speakers in the conservative side had earlier intimated a course of action which would take care of the government on the Hoey amendment.

**OPPOSITION LEADER ASKS ABOUT TREATIES**  
Meighen Questions Government Regarding Foreign Trade Agreements.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Treaties mentioned by the prime minister as signed or in the course of negotiation on Dec. 29 last, when the present administration completed its first year of office, are made the subject of questions placed on the order paper of the Commons by Rt. Hon. A. Meighen, leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Meighen asks the government to table the treaties with Australia and Belgium covering trade matters, as well as those with the United States covering great lakes disarmament and Lake of the Woods levels to which the prime minister referred in his statement.

**QUEBEC AGRARIANS WILL DELVE INTO POLITICS**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, Feb. 9.—That sections of the United Farmers of Quebec would eventually take up active politics was hinted by speakers at the meeting held here yesterday. A resolution was proposed to give each division of the United Farmers freedom to adopt what political course it liked without reference to the attitude of the governing body. J. N. Ponton, organizer of the United Farmers, said that sooner or later politics was bound to enter.

**WILL TAKE UP RESOLUTION CONCERNING FRANCE'S GIFT**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Feb. 9.—In the commons—Government business is the order of the day, and a number of government notices of motion will be taken up. These include the resolutions regarding France's gift to Canada of a tract of land at Vimy Ridge; resolutions regarding cold storage, live stock, fruit containers, and sale of seeds; and a loan of \$5,000,000 to Vancouver harbor commissioners.

In the senate—The senate will not sit.

## DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



## HUGH NIVEN CHAPTER RE-ELECTS EXECUTIVE

Members Returned by Acclamation at Meeting at Home of Mrs. J. A. Moffatt.

The election of the entire executive by acclamation took place at the annual meeting of the Hugh Niven Chapter, I. O. D. E., held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Moffatt on Central avenue, Thursday afternoon. The executive is as follows: Honorary regent, Mrs. J. S. Niven; honorary vice-regent, Mrs. Hugh Niven (Winnipeg); regent, Mrs. Emerson Nicholas; 1st vice-regent, Mrs. H. J. Sutherland; 2nd vice-regent, Mrs. A. Callaghan; secretary, Mrs. B. Biggs; treasurer, Mrs. E. Moore; standard-bearer, Mrs. W. J. Anderson.

A donation of \$100 was received from Mrs. E. I. Sifton of Hamilton towards the chapter's out in the War Memorial Hospital, which is in memory of Mrs. Emily Kelly Ashin, a former member of the chapter. A second donation of \$25 from Mrs. Hubert Ashin towards the same memorial, which completes the \$1,000, was also received.

An active year, spent in preparing linen supplies for the War Memorial Hospital, was reported, and a happy feature of the meeting was the standing vote of thanks to Mrs. H. J. Sutherland, who was convener of the task of collecting the articles, numbered 5,290, which are now stored in the hospital cupboards. Materials were purchased, articles cut out, directions applied and articles distributed throughout the city and district. Upon their return they were checked, and later the linen sent to the laundry, and then finally stored in the hospital. A gift of flowers is being sent to Mrs. Sutherland, who is ill at present, as a token of appreciation from the chapter. The final report of the work was presented by Mrs. Biggs.

With this task completed, the chapter is turning its attention to other interests, and plans were made for a bridge to be held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Niven, Colborne street, in April.

**O. A. C. ALUMNI MEETS.**  
There will be a meeting tonight in the rooms of the department of agriculture on the market square, at 7:45 of the O. A. C. Alumni Association. There will be the annual election of officers, a general discussion and the activities of the association, and refreshments. This is to be a social evening, and a large turnout of members of whom there are some forty or fifty in this district, is expected.

## ENRAGED MAN SMASHES DIVISION COURT WINDOWS

William Awbury, Thinking Himself Offended, Seeks Revenge by Breaking Windows, and Lands in Jail—Sanity To Be Examined.

Because he thought first division court officials sent him on a fool's errand, William Awbury, 36, became enraged this morning, and smashed the window of the court's office, and threatened all and sundry with depredation. He is now in police cells charged with disorderly conduct.

Awbury had been working for William Brown, a dairy farmer, residing on the outskirts of London. He thought Brown was holding back his pay without just cause and came to London to enter suit in the division court for his wages.

"Where is the man in charge of this office?" asked Awbury as he stalked into the court office on the market square.

He was told Col. C. M. R. Graham, clerk of the court, was at the court house.

Awbury set out in search of the officer, but was unable to find him. Believing the officials at the court office had sent him down a blind alley, Awbury returned and told them so.

Then he went out into the street and drove his fist through the big plate glass window of the office. Taking a piece of glass which he had broken, the farmer proceeded to break every remaining bit of glass in his path.

## DECLARES JAPANESE CONTROL B. C. FISHING

Bishop De Pencier Warns Against Admitting Further Orientals Into Country.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 9.—Warning against admitting further oriental immigration, and the declaration that in some sections of British Columbia control of districts has passed into the hands of Japanese and Chinese were features of the address Rt. Rev. A. D. De Pencier, bishop of the diocese, addressing the annual session of the New Westminster synod here yesterday. The estimated number of Chinese in the province, he said, is about 30,000 against 16,368 Japanese. The fishing industry was controlled by the Japanese, and the Chinese had practically a monopoly on market gardening.

**MAN GETS TWO YEARS FOR THEFT OF VIOLIN**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, Feb. 9.—Pleading guilty to a charge of theft, Alfred Couture, 20 years of age, who said he came from Toronto, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Magistrate Lakay at St. John's, Que., yesterday.

Couture had been arrested on Monday at Lacolle, on a warrant which charged him with the theft of a violin, the property of H. Chandler.

**DAMAGED SHIP REPORTS IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER**  
Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, Feb. 9.—The freighter Winnieago, which called for help on Thursday off the French coast, reported yesterday to the Foreign Transport and Mercantile Company that she was in no immediate danger, and expected to reach Brest tomorrow.

The message said the freighter's hand and steam gear had been seriously damaged.

## CARVE 10 CROSSES ON BODY OF GIRL WHO QUIT CHURCH

Victim of Horrible Crime Is Found Unconscious on Lonely Road.

### WOUNDS NOT FATAL

Doctor States Woman Will Recover—Kidnapped by Masked Band.

Special to The Avertiser.  
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9.—Ten crosses were carved on the body of Miss Mildred Eric by a band of masked men, who kidnapped her and left her unconscious on a lonely country road, according to a statement made to police by the girl today.

Miss Eric declared the men seized her as she was leaving her home and rushed her to the country, where she was mutilated.

Two crosses were carved on her breast, two on her back and the others on her legs and arms.

Motorists found her beside the road and took her to her home. Miss Eric declared she was recently threatened in a letter. The note said, "We are going to get you for leaving your own church," she asserted.

The girl recently joined the Catholic church and sang in the choir. She left her home about 5 o'clock and was not heard from until after midnight, when her room-mate, Miss Margaret Alexander, was notified by telephone she was being brought home in a serious condition. Dr. Erickson attended Miss Eric, and reported the case to the police. He declared the wounds were not fatal.

## LIBRARY CIRCULATION FOR YEAR, 400,000?

Fred Landon Estimates Strikingly Big Circulation for City of London.

The growth of public library work in London is rather strikingly illustrated in some figures which have been compiled by the chief librarian, Fred Landon, covering the work of the last ten years.

In 1912 the number of books loaned to citizens was 147,674, which in 1921, the first year of the war, had grown to 180,880. In 1922 the figure was 191,960, and at the beginning of 1923 an extension of library work was made by the opening of the east branch. The circulation of books in that year rose to 233,075.

In 1917 there was a large increase in reading, the circulation being 271,620. The following year, because of the library being the outbreak of flu, there was a material gain over 1917, but in 1919 there was an increase to 308,892 volumes.

The next two years brought a gain of over 40,000, the circulation in 1921 being 348,565, which last year grew again to 381,595. It would appear likely, therefore, that in 1923 the circulation would go to 400,000 or more which is a rather striking amount of reading in a city of London's size.

The library board regard their policy of providing branches in outlying parts of the city as having been justified and as being proved by the citizens generally. The reference library for the whole city, but with more than 8,000 volumes in the east branch, and with smaller numbers in the two other branches books in variety and quantity are brought close to the homes of the people who will use them.

How much there is need for the branches is indicated by the fact that the newest of all, that on Hamilton road, circulated more than 35,000 books last year. Averaging the circulation for the whole year it would appear that every book in the library times was used an average of about fifteen times.

## DR. HILL TELLS MOTHERS ABOUT SOCIAL HYGIENE

Dr. H. W. Hill gave an interesting talk on Social Hygiene at the regular meeting of the Aberdeen Mothers' Club held Thursday evening. Following the address a discussion took place.

Arrangements were made for a Valentine tea to be held Wednesday afternoon next in the school, in honor of the teachers. The next club tea will be given at the home of Mrs. Winnett, 71 Wellington street.

A charming program was presented, including solos by Miss E. Cooke; readings by Miss Swan, and an instrumental number by Ruby Brown.

## SEES NO POSSIBILITIES TO ALTER DIVORCE LAW

Bonar Law Suggests Proposed Bill Be Discussed on Private Members' Day.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Feb. 9.—Premier Bonar Law, writing to the Divorce Law Reform Union, says he is unable to promise that special facilities will be provided for the passing of a measure of reform in the divorce law at the coming session of parliament, but suggests that there should be sufficient time for discussion of the proposed bill on private members' days.

The secretary of the Divorce Law Reform Union, in reply to the premier's letter, expresses amazement at Bonar Law's attitude. "I can only assume," he says, "that, coming from Scotland, where a wiser divorce law exists, it is immaterial to you as a Scotsman how long the antiquated and unjust divorce law, which is causing many thousand separations annually in this country and is fast undermining marriage, remains on the statute book."

**MAYOR MARTIN REFUSES TO PLAY "THIRD FIDDLE"**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, Feb. 9.—Mayor Martin has no intention of succeeding Hon. A. Lacombe as minister without portfolio in the Taschereau government. "I don't play third fiddle," said the mayor. "I think Premier Taschereau would think better of Montreal than that."

**TO HOLD COMPETITION.**  
A stock judging competition will be held this afternoon in Stratford by the department of agriculture, in which heavy horses and beef cattle will be judged.

Mr. Finn, the local representative of the department, will take charge of the competition, and give an address on the subject of stock judging.

## FACTIONS OF ERIN STRIVE FOR PEACE BY EVERY EFFORT

Hope Is Lit as Mulcahy Offers Amnesty to All Who Will Surrender Arms.

### IS RESULT OF APPEAL

Action of De Valera's Chief Deputy Results in Granting of Execution Stays.

Dublin, Feb. 9.—The proposal for surrender contained in Liam Deasy's letter to Eamonn DeValera and other leading irregulars cannot be considered, says an official communique issued by the Republican "headquarters staff" on behalf of "the Republican government" and its army council.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Feb. 9.—The Irish rebels have declined to enter into peace negotiations, according to a press association dispatch from Dublin.

Liam Lynch, chief of the Republican forces, in reply to the peace proposals of Liam Deasy, informed him officially on behalf of the "Republican government and army command" that the proposals could not be considered.

**Hopeful Sign.**  
The surrender of Deasy has been received by the press and the public as the first hopeful sign for months. Deasy was a close associate of Michael Collins in the fight against the British, and is credited in many quarters with having been the brains of the irregulars' military campaign.

The peace move among the Limerick prisoners is also being warmly welcomed, as it is believed that the prisoners are being released on parole to admit of their making an attempt to influence the leaders.

There is as yet no indication from DeValera or any of his present lieutenants of a change in their attitude.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Dublin, Feb. 9.—Hopes for a reconciliation between the Irish Free State government and at least an important part of the republican element were brighter today in consequence of the developments that led Richard Mulcahy, minister of defence, to offer amnesty "to all in arms against the government who will surrender their arms on or before Feb. 18."

The minister's proclamation was the result of Liam Deasy's appeal to other republican leaders to lay down their arms, as Deasy has consented to do, he himself, chief deputy, is one of several irregulars who have been sentenced to death.

It is believed, however, he signed an agreement for the surrender of arms and men, and was then permitted to issue a communication to several prominent republicans, including De Valera, himself, Austin Stack and Liam Lynch, asking to take a similar step. Meanwhile stays of execution were granted.

**Insists on Reply.**  
Just what will be De Valera's response to the appeal is unknown. However, it was only recently that through the medium of a newspaper interview he reiterated his uncompromising hostility toward the republican element, and his insistence upon a republic.

William Cosgrave, president of the Dail Eireann, left for London last night. His visit, undertaken in the company of Hugh Kennedy, the government's legal adviser, is reported to have considerable political significance.

The Freeman's Journal says that 600 prisoners at Limerick have also asked "for the opportunity to press upon their leaders the futility of a war of extermination."

"They do not want Ireland to be turned into 'ashes and blood,' to use their own words," the newspaper says. It describes the new developments as a genuine effort for peace and continues:

**Hope in Ireland.**  
"Great hope will seize the heart of Ireland today. Fighting men are making a genuine effort for peace. Liam Deasy, under a stay of execution, has asked for time to attempt something for the future of Ireland."

"If Liam Deasy agreed to fight against the British, the war would cease. We may rest assured that it is because he, as a soldier, has taken the measure of the hopelessness of the situation. His peace overture is an act of genuine moral courage. The Limerick prisoners are unanimous of the same mind."

The article concludes as follows: "Nobody will any longer have doubts as to where the responsibility rests for the continuance of the struggle. Moreover, the government will be given a perfectly free hand. They cannot again be indicted for measures necessary to put an end to the suicidal war. The man responsible for this war himself invoked it by the horrid word 'extermination.'"

**PLAN INCENDIARY CAMPAIGN.**  
Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Feb. 9.—Officials of the Ulster government have received information that the Republican army is preparing for an extensive incendiary campaign in Belfast, and six of the northern counties, says the Belfast correspondent of the Central News.

The dispatch asserts that special precautions are being taken for the protection of property, and that the police from several sources have learned of the arrival of irregulars in Ulster.

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