

LIBERALS AT A RALLY SMOKER

DUNCAN ROSS AND M. B. JACKSON SPEAK

Large and Enthusiastic Gathering Hears Bright Speeches and Clever Programme

"I have been told that Premier McBride, when addressing a meeting of his Conservative friends in this city, said that the talk about Liberal organization was a joke. Well, gentlemen, if he was present now he certainly could not do other than think that it was a very practical joke.

These significant words were uttered Friday night in the Broad street hall, where the Liberals of Ward Three foregathered in great numbers to a smoker, by the president of the association, Joshua Kingham.

Never was the Broad street hall more comfortably filled than it was last night and never was there a more harmonious or more enthusiastic gathering assembled together within its precincts. The clarion note of Liberalism was the reveille to which they had so gallantly responded, and their attendance in such generous numbers was not ill-requited, for the promoters saw to it that the entertainment was not allowed to flag for the original high spirits of the audience permitted to sag from want of sustenance. Clever songs with the universal chorus, smart diversions bright speeches, and musical diversions filled in the evening most amply, and when the closure was applied at a late hour, a good days' work had been done in the cause of Liberalism.

The chairman, in further reference to Premier McBride's alleged satire, quoted him as proving his own disbelief in the fecundity of the Liberal organization. He had exhorted the Conservatives of Victoria to hold their own.

"Yes, hold their own! The normal school and the normal people are all commented the chairman caustically. 'If the Liberal organization is a joke, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and we now know that, after learning of the Liberal organization, the steps are taken to organize the Conservatives also.'

In connection with the work of organization President Kingham commented that similar meetings should be held with greater frequency.

Duncan Ross After a musical interlude Duncan Ross was called to the rostrum. In a whimsical vein he congratulated those present upon their sustained cheerfulness in the presence of the "hippids" disaster. Had it not been for the fact that local legislators that the country was going to be ruined by the disloyal and unparliamentary government at Ottawa which had introduced legislation, as a result of which they would no longer be a part of the British Empire.

"Yes, your cheerfulness upon such occasion is philosophic and does credit to your courage," he said.

His next point was serious enough for all concerned. "You are going to have an election within the next eight months, it may be sooner. And we are going to have it on a clear-cut issue between the two great parties in the Dominion, the issue being the great question of reciprocity that is agitating the minds of the people all over the Dominion." Personally, he liked a fight in a political contest and he felt sure that on the next occasion they were going to get one. He welcomed the issue and he welcomed the every Liberal welcomed it also. (Hear, hear)

"The Conservatives have already begun their campaign, and it is on the same lines as they have adopted in every campaign since 1878. They are again at the old trick of waving the flag, and every interest associated with the party is again preaching a campaign of disloyalty against the Liberals. You touch a protected interest in this country and they believe a cry is ed even before they are hurt," Mr. Ross continued.

"It is within possibility that we will have an election within a very short time with respect to the present outbreak government may possibly decide to appeal to the electors for approval of their policy before another session of parliament. If they do so what position will the Conservatives all over the city of Victoria? That is the question which the citizens of this city are faced with."

He exhorted them to lose no time in getting to work in having many Liberal voters added to the list as possible. "And at the same time see that every dead man on the list is stricken off. If you do not they will rise up and vote against you as they have done in the past. Also see to it that the absentees are struck off so that 'Gandy's pluggers' from Seattle may not come over again in their places. It was hired pluggers from the city of Seattle that decided the last election." (Hear, hear)

Touching upon the necessity for organization he said there had been a tendency among the Liberals in the west not to fight because they were in power. He impressed upon them, however, the great fact that indifference and lethargy on the part of any political body is more conducive to defeat than the attacks of the opposition. He held that they owed it to their great chief in Ottawa to make a fight in the next election. He knew that they would fight and he believed that the fight would result in a Liberal victory.

He also dealt briefly with the Oriental question out of which so much capital had been made by the Conservatives, and democracy in the fact that the time had proved the Dominion government to be right upon the subject. He assured them that when the next election campaign was on they would all be charged again with disloyalty to the Empire and also with being annexationists. He warned them not to be misled by any cheap cries of that description.

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SEND AID TO DYING CHINESE

APPEAL FOR HELP FOR FAMINE SUFFERERS

Subscriptions May Be Left at Times Office or Sent Through Clergy

Everyone has heard of the great famine in China and of the suffering and death which it has caused. The people there are in great need of food to sustain life. In this country there is plenty and it is difficult to understand what it means to die a lingering death from want of food. The Chinese can sustain life on very little, but, like others, they must have food to keep the body alive. The news dispatches say that people are dying every day. It is not too late, however, to save thousands of lives by sending food, or money with which to purchase it. A letter of appeal from Miss Macklem of this city is appended, and in answer to a request a subscription list will be opened at the Times business office, where money may be paid in.

"We are receiving quite a large number of small donations, which we are forwarding to our treasurer in Shanghai, to be used as far as possible by our own missionaries.

"In sending these donations we certainly do remember sufferers in prayer that God will not only use the money to save lives, but that it may turn to their souls' salvation."

Now may I ask all who read this to do all in their power to send help to these poor people. We cannot realize what it is to be slowly dying of hunger, and we do not like to think of it. We prefer pleasant and more easy thinking than that; but it is to ourselves and to our children, and how shall we feel? Oh, do not let us turn our face of pity from them. Let us help them speedily and generously. We can all we can. Our good bishop, Rt. Rev. W. W. Ferrin, Victoria, is glad, as you know, to forward all subscriptions sent to him. I shall be glad to do the same with all that are sent to me, and with all my heart I beg you not to forget these sufferers, but to send something, much or little, just what each one feels he or she ought to give, and may God bless the givers as well as the recipients.

May I add the wish that every church should take up this matter and among their members respond heartily to the appeal.

I am sure any of our clergy will gladly forward gifts on behalf of the sufferers.

Any who are kind enough to send to MISS CAROLINE MACKLEM, 1126 Richardson St., Victoria, B. C.

NEW AVIATION RECORD. U. S. Army Aeroplane Travels 106 Miles in Two Hours, Seven Minutes.

Laredo, Tex., March 4.—A world's aviation record was broken between this city and Eagle Pass yesterday when Lieut. Benjamin Fouler, U. S. A., and Aviator Philip C. Parmelee drove an army aeroplane 106 miles in two hours seven minutes. This is a world record in point of time, and also a record for the United States for a two-man flight. Speed of a mile a minute was made on several spurts.

TWO DEATHS FROM CHOLERA. Honolulu, March 4.—Two more deaths from cholera occurred here yesterday. This brings the total number of cases in the present outbreak up to fifteen, of which thirteen have been fatal. All are native Hawaiians.

The territorial board of health has started in cleaning up the city thoroughfare in the city.

The crew of the steamer Sierra, which arrived here yesterday from San Francisco, was not allowed to come ashore.

BILL MINER SENT TO PENITENTIARY. Sentenced to Twenty Years by Georgia Judge for Train Robbery

Gainesville, Ga., March 4.—George Anderson, alias "Old Bill" Miner, was given a prison sentence of 20 years, and George Hamford and Charles Hunter, sentences of 15 years each here yesterday for complicity in the robbery of an express car on a Southern railway passenger train, near White Sulphur Springs recently.

LOSES CASE. New York, March 4.—Miss Anne Berthe Granspan, to-day lost her \$100,000 suit against William English Walling, the millionaire Socialist, for breach of promise of marriage. The jury retired shortly before 11 o'clock and adjourned at night before reaching a verdict.

Bakersfield, Cal., March 4.—Drew Bacon, 21, was instantly killed when his automobile turned turtle near Hart's to-day. Bacon is said to have relatives in Frankston, Texas.



A MAN WHO WIELDS THE BIG STICK TO SOME PURPOSE.

SEWER SYSTEM IS SUBJECT OF BY-LAW

Council Would Submit \$300,000 Loan to People's Vote, If Executive Permits

(From Saturday's Daily.) For the purpose of completing the sewerage system of the city the council will go to the executive to-day and ask for the right to submit a by-law at the forthcoming election asking authorization to float a loan for sewer purposes and surface drainage of \$300,000. Of this sum the council estimates, on the opinion of the city engineer, that \$250,000 is now needed to complete the sewer system, while \$50,000 will provide surface drains.

Ald. Moresby read from information received from the plumbing inspector that \$17,000 remains on hand for sewerage extensions, and that \$12,000 is necessary to be spent to make the Harriet and Manchester Road district habitable during the summer without the residents risking infection.

The city engineer reported that he had two months' work in sight for 100 men on sewer work, and four gangs of 20 men each now on sidewalks would be working for two months yet. He will return to the council a full report on the work available and the money allotted for street work of all kinds.

Ald. Moresby asked how the council stood in regard to Burdette avenue. The mayor replied: "Right up against it."

EARL CREWE IN CRITICAL CONDITION. Fainted and Fell During Dinner—Suffering From Concussion of the Brain

(Times Leased Wire.) London, March 4.—Former Colonial Secretary Lord Crewe is in a critical condition at the home of Lord Rosebery to-day, suffering from brain concussion. While dining at Claridge's last night Lord Crewe fainted and fell, his head striking the tiled floor. He was carried to the home of Lord Rosebery nearby.

ROME TRAGEDY. Officer Who Killed Countess is Now Expected to Recover.

Rome, March 4.—Surgons to-day extracted the bullet from the skull of Lieut. Paterno, who shot himself after having killed Countess Giulia Di Trigona in a local hotel, and his recovery is practically assured.

To prevent details of the scandal reaching the public efforts will be made to have Paterno's trial held behind closed doors.

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MASSACRE OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

MANY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

(Times Leased Wire.) London, March 4.—Private messages from Russia received here to-day assert that Jewish massacres there are approaching the barbarity of the slaughter at Kishinev.

Owing to the strict censorship exercised, few details of the outbreaks are obtainable, but among the victims are said to be the parents of Dr. Tartakower, the chess expert.

The rioting is said to be the result of the failure of many Jews to observe the expulsion order recently promulgated by the central government.

FIVE KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION. Bodies of Men Blown Fifty Feet From the Scene of the Accident

(Times Leased Wire.) Portland, Ore., March 4.—Five men were killed and two injured when a donkey engine in a sawmill on the Clackamas river near Estacada exploded this forenoon, according to reports reaching here. The men were workmen employed in the mill. Estacada is about 30 miles southeast of Portland.

The dead: James Pittman, Richard White, both of Sandy, Ore.; Watson; R. W. Smith, Whitefish, residence unknown; unidentified workman.

The boiler was hurled high in the air and struck in a field 200 feet from the mill. The bodies of the men, badly mutilated, were picked up fifty feet from the scene.

Fireman Nevlist, who was slightly injured, said that he knew no reason that would explain the explosion.

DIVIDEND DECLARED. Hamilton, March 3.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Camera, Ltd., the financial report showed a profit of \$38,825, from which a dividend of 7 per cent. was paid on preferred stock, \$50,000 was placed to insurance reserve and \$17,438 carried to profit and loss account. The old directors were re-elected.

QUEBEC MURDER. St. Leonard Dabbon, Que., March 4.—Residents of this district are greatly excited by the news of the murder of Maurice Plouffe, of this place, and formerly of Three Rivers, on Monday, February 27. Plouffe arrived here and after spending a couple of days in town started to walk back home late on Thursday night his body was found on the St. Celestin road with a number of ghastly wounds.

DALLAS ROAD WALL EXCEEDS ESTIMATE

Counterfort Foundations Must Be Deepened—City Engineer to State Extra Cost

Resulting from a statement made to the council Friday night that the Dallas road sea wall will cost \$10,000 above the estimate, the city engineer was ordered to prepare statistics of cost of extra work needed, and submit same to the council.

A comptroller reported that the amount of the contract was \$74,289, counterfort foundations \$12,200, deepening foundations \$3,500, with other cost bringing the total up to \$101,197. The city has provided for the contract cost, allotting \$75,000 with the government allotment of \$20,000, bringing the total arranged for to \$95,000. The comptroller reported that the foundations will have to go six or seven feet deeper than contemplated, and the work had been ordered by the board of works. The extra cost now would be \$3,500, making altogether \$10,000 above the original contemplated estimate.

After the aldermen had thrashed the matter out from all points, they were told the government official had intimated that if his department found certain things necessary, these would have to be done, and the city would have to pay for them.

Ald. Ross, Teden and Langley were surprised that the extra work was required, and came to the conclusion that as they could not stop the work, they could obtain an estimate from the city engineer to ascertain how much the extras were to cost.

NAVAL DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIA

Admiral Henderson's Reports Recommend Basis at Sydney and Fremantle

(Special to the Times.) Melbourne, March 4.—Admiral Henderson, who was commissioned to devise a scheme of naval defence for the commonwealth, urges two principal naval bases at Sydney, N. S. W., and Fremantle, West Australia, on the southeast and southwest coasts, respectively. The eastern scheme will cost £2,000,000, and the western one £1,000,000. Both allow for extensions when necessary.

REBELS ACTIVE. Movements of Insurgents Alarm the Adherents of President Diaz.

El Paso, Texas, March 3.—Although all the wires between Juarez and Chihuahua are cut, reports are current here to-day that insurgents surround Chihuahua and Torreon, and that a big battle here is imminent. It is also reported that Juarez is threatened with an insurgent force which is approaching from the west.

So alarming are the reports, which are apparently well-founded, that adherents of President Diaz who a week ago laughed at the revolt, now admit that its proportions are most serious.

DOWN THE VETO OF MAYOR

CITY SOLICITOR IS NOT SURE OF OPINION

Ald. Bishop Placed in Chair While Council Reverses Dismissal of C. H. Topp

That the mayor has the absolute power of veto, despite the enabling bill, was the opinion read at the city council Friday night by the city solicitor, who afterwards remarked he was not so positive of the grayed-out clause in the chair while it passed a resolution that the veto exercised by the mayor be rejected, and a second resolution that the previous appointment of Mr. Topp be confirmed.

Prior to the mayor stepping down from the chair, his worship made a fight to have veto stand, and relied on the city solicitor's opinion. He held, when Ald. Fullerton made an objection and put a motion that the veto be rejected, that the motion was out of order.

"There can be no consideration of the matter," he said. "You cannot go beyond the city solicitor's opinion. It was then that the solicitor said a veto was a matter of extreme severity, and he would like to be acquainted with an opinion from the city solicitor. His opinion, however, was that the absolute veto of the mayor could not be interfered with."

Section 12 of the Municipal Clauses Act was read by Ald. Moresby, where power is given regarding reconsideration, and where "veto" is specially mentioned as subject to reconsideration by council.

Siding with the mayor was Ald. Gleason, who made an attempt to delay the mayor leaving the chair by trying to get the matter referred to the city solicitor. When the city solicitor's opinion was read by the clerk, Ald. Ross rose and said: "Tell you what, I think I think we are in the place of the subjects 'the czar'."

Ald. Langley told the council the mayor was laboring under the delusion that he could run the city alone. "Mayor Morley," he said, "has lived so long in the United States that his mind is imbued with the one-man councils there, and he wants to introduce the city boss plan here."

"The mayor is playing to the gallery," said Ald. H. M. Fullerton. "There is an election pending and he wants the ratepayers to believe he is protecting their interests. I want to say (addressing the mayor) I don't believe you are anything but a ratepayer. I believe you will tell the electors directly that the council is trying to make a mark of you. We have reached the place where you are either going to be czar of Victoria, or you are going to work amicably with the council. In other words, it is a show down. I move that Ald. Bishop take the chair."

Before the chair was taken by the aldermen the mayor made an effort to get aldermen to his way of thinking. He referred to two precedents of the veto being exercised, once by Mayor Hayward and once by Mayor Reidfern. The mayor said he would not vote, but anything done would have to be taken into consideration with the veto and the solicitor's opinion. Two aldermen remarked they would take a chance on it, and then Ald. Gleason, with the tide going against the mayor, stepped momentarily into the breach in an effort to tell the waves be still. He claimed that while the aldermen were putting themselves on record they were not adding to the dignity of the council.

The two votes having been taken, with Ald. Bishop in the chair, the council decided to obtain the barrister's opinion under the clauses read by Ald. Moresby, of the right to over-ride the mayor's veto.

Both houses had been in session almost continuously since yesterday morning, with recesses as the breaks in the long grind. Formal adjournment and reconvening was going through with this morning in order to establish the legislative day of March 4. Some parliamentarians declare that by the adjournment the senators resigned themselves out of office, as their terms expired last midnight, but no attention was paid to this view.

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The house finally adjourned at 12:40 o'clock and the life of the first congress was ended.

WIRELESS ACROSS OCEAN. Paris, March 4.—New and powerful transmitting machines installed in the wireless station of the Eiffel tower are being adjusted with the intention of being able to communicate with any part of the world. It was learned that within three months the Eiffel tower station will be talking with Canada and the United States. This will be far the most powerful wireless station in the world.

OVERSEAS GUESTS AT CORONATION. Lord Rosebery is Chairman of the House of Lords Commission

(Special to the Times.) London, March 3.—Lord Rosebery has accepted the chairmanship of the House of Lords commission for the entertainment of representatives of Dominion parliaments during the coronation.

RUEF AT LIBERTY. San Francisco, Cal., March 4.—Judge Lasker yesterday afternoon allowed the stay of Abe Ruef's 14-year sentence to San Quentin for one week on condition that Ruef's counsel must give five hours' notice to the district attorney before taking any further legal proceedings.

About the thickest thing in the world is the film of a soap bubble, in which it would take \$6,000,000 to measure an inch.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS CALLED

WILL CONSIDER RECIPROCIITY BILL

To Meet on April 4—Tariff Board Measure is Killed In the House

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., March 4.—Without enacting a law favoring reciprocity with Canada, a law without providing for a tariff board, President Taft's two top measures, the first congress ended this afternoon. The tariff board measure passed both houses, but the Democrats in the house finally killed it by a filibuster against the senate amendments. Reciprocity was tentatively reported by the finance committee having reported it without recommendation and then allowed it to die at the foot of the calendar.

President Taft struck back by issuing a call for an extra session of congress to convene April 4. He was willing to abandon the tariff board bill, but stood firm for reciprocity. He now believes that the measure will be passed at the extra session.

The closing of the senate was marked by filibusters which kept that body in session almost continuously for the last six days of the session. The final struggle over the Arizona constitution in the senate was so bitter that it caused the resignation of Senator Bailey of Texas, the Democratic color leader announcing his withdrawal when a vote on the Owen resolution showed that all but two of the Democrats were for popular provision. Bailey declared he had been deserted by his followers and quit on the spot.

In the house the scenes were the most disorderly in years. Speaker Cannon pounded his desk violently in trying to keep order and during the Fitzgerald filibuster the democratization of Bailey of Texas, the Democratic color leader announcing his withdrawal when a vote on the Owen resolution showed that all but two of the Democrats were for popular provision. Bailey declared he had been deserted by his followers and quit on the spot.

At noon to-day the first half of President Taft's term as president came to a close. With it also the Republican congress elected with him ended, and during the last years Taft will have to fight for his legislative programme with a congress whose lower house is strongly Democratic.

In the light of this many politicians to-day believe that so far as legislation is concerned the construction of the administration is ended and that during the coming two years few of the laws the president has urged will be enacted.

During the first two years of the administration which began with an extra session, much of the administration was carried out. The most important of the measures was the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill passed at the extra session and which is held largely responsible for the Democratic victory last November.

Aside from the laws enacted and urged, the administration has been marked by unusual events. For the first time in sixteen years a Republican congress is to be succeeded by a Democratic congress.

Filibuster in Senate. The tariff board bill passed the senate at 8:30 this morning by a vote of 56 to 23. It was expected that the house would accept senate amendments, but failure to do so caused the bill's death this morning. Senator Owen prevented the ratification of the New Mexico constitution. McCumber and Root prevented the senate considering the house appropriation bill, which provided for an increase in its membership to 100, and the bill was decided dead.

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VETO BILL SECURE

GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS POSITION

Lord Balfour of Britton's Bill Referred

London, March 3. Inspiring debate, involving a great deal of time, came to a conclusion. Premier Asquith at the second reading, passed by a majority being 368 to 243. House took a division on Chamberlain's amendments of 121 against it.

The figures on the government side were greeted with approval which the bill, on the whole House. This was deferred for some government disposal.

The opposition a series of amendments. Mr. Chamberlain's motion was moved last of the opposition.

House will welcome a bill which, while of Lords, maintains as a second chamber proceed with a measure all effective legislative hands of a single no-safeguards are made without the pie.

Mr. Chamberlain's appearance yesterday's debate interest to the other side, and although form, the former part of the bill, interest will not be expected production of Lords.

Referendum. Lord Balfour of Britton's House of Lords bill for the employment of an endium on occasions of importance. The first reading without introducing his of Balfour said the provided for in order expression on a special solution of the spending the bill. It had been tried had been a success.

The Earl of Crew government, character of the counterstroke to a bill. He said it was a departure from the government even a measure to chamber.

EXPLOSION KILLS. Niagara Falls, Ont., March 4.—A boiler exploded at the Ontario Power Commission, killing three men and other. Seven or eight less seriously injured. The names of the Henderson, Henry Oida.

CHAS. KENT AS CITY COUNCIL RECORD VALUE OF SERVICES POINTS E.

(From Friday's issue.) The resignation of treasurer and tax collector, was received by the city council last night. He had been resigning owing to failing to return to be able to return to his duties. The resignation was accepted. He had been receiving \$1,000 a year for his services.

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