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Men, which he gave in a most manner and listened to with interest. Miss Campion of the musical choir then gave a number of her most efficient numbers. The orchestra numbered fourteen pieces and gave the congregation some first class music. After the congregation gave a hymn it brought one of the most successful meetings ever held under the auspices of the P. S. A. to close.

Income Tax American residents in Brantford in future be required to pay income tax, according to an announcement made on Saturday. It will be paid on conscience, however, as the law has no right to send hawks over here to collect. Awful things are promised, however, if they do not return to the States. Just at those things are has not been obtained, but it couldn't be much less than the payment of arrears during the period of delinquency.

Supper. A large audience gathered at the Verdale Baptist church on Friday night to attend the oyster supper under the auspices of the Philanthropic Society of the church. The young ladies deserve congratulations for the very supper provided and the splendid programme which was rendered. For Miss D. Schram, teacher of the class occupied the chair with his good grace. The following took part in the programme: Solos by Miss J. Cornelius, Messrs. Robt. Southworth and Burton, all of the Baptist church choir; readings by Miss Pearl Fyle; instrumental solos by Messrs. Street, Kitchen and Richards; by Mr. H. A. Pettit and Mrs. Thomas E. Richards. Every number was encored. Mr. Sweet being back the third time. Before the close a vote of thanks was moved by Miss Pearl Madgwick and tendered to all those who had helped to make an evening a success. The receipts amounted to \$40 and are in aid of the building fund of the church.

COMPANY WAS FINED HEAVILY

Gas Concern is Handed Out Stiff Dose in Police Court.

Magistrate Discourses on Little Devils and Big Devils.

Once again the Brantford Gas Co. were charged with causing a public nuisance to the citizens of Brantford. Mr. Henderson briefly reviewed the past history of the case. In December, when Mr. Lynch Staunton defended for the company, he admitted there was a nuisance, and that there was a supply of sulphuretted hydrogen in the gas. Promises were made that purification was to be effected. That purification had proved to be a farce. Even the new and obnoxious gas was short in the supply, and even yesterday he had not enough in his office to heat it. The Gas Co. has had many opportunities to rectify the conditions, but in three months no amelioration of affairs had been effective. The gas had been turned on during the winter and no option was given to the people. It was a case of gas or starve in the cold. He asked the magistrate to impose the only penalty which the court could inflict. He submitted that the Gas Co. be fined, and fined, substantially. He had no fear that the company would cut off the gas, as that was a threat which had fallen through.

The magistrate could not see what would stop the Gas Co. turning the "Let them do it," said Mr. Henderson, "that was thrashed out in the council chamber and nothing has resulted. If they turned off the gas they would be responsible." "I think it is better to put up with the little devil you know, than tempt the little devil you know, than tempt Magistrate Livingstone. Mr. Sweet for the company said they had acted in good faith, they had installed purifiers, but the weather had been exceptionally hard against them. Owing to the large demand, a quantity of unpurified gas had to be supplied with the purified amount and this accounts for a part of the obnoxious odor, notwithstanding a great quantity was purified and this was supplied, along with the small quantity of unpurified gas necessary. He could see no object in fining the company who had been put to a great expense, \$5,000 being a first cost to the company and a weekly cost had to be kept up in extra salaries. If the company shut the gas off they would not be responsible. The prosecution had never even offered suggestions for the remedying of the matter and in this matter they had been unreasonable. Mr. Henderson replied that they had offered one suggestion which was said to be impossible. "What did the Gas Co. want them to suggest?" The city had nothing to do with the bringing of the gas into the city and were, therefore, not responsible for any remedies. (Continued on Page Two)

Safe Conduct For Carranza Through Texas To Juarez

Good Faith of the Constitutional Leader Regarding the Benton Case to be Tested.

EL PASO, Texas, March 3.—At a meeting here yesterday of United States officials with British Consul Percival of Galveston, it was decided to ask Washington to permit Venustiano Carranza to come to Juarez through the United States from Nagles in order to settle the difficulties arising from the Benton case. This would test Carranza's good faith and authority over Villa, it is asserted. The officials argue that Carranza can, as things stand now, contend that he cannot reach Juarez and thus he can delay action in the Benton case and also stave off for a time public knowledge of his break with Villa, if this is the case. On the other hand, if the United States would offer him safe conduct through its territory, it is contended he would either come at once and settle the present crisis or it would be

City's Attitude Plainly Defined

In response to a telegram from Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., who is at present attending session at Ottawa, Mayor Spence defined this city's attitude succinctly and plainly in regard to the gas situation. Mr. Cockshutt's enquiry was in regard to the city's attitude in view of the deputation of representatives of the Western Ontario gas companies who will wait on the Minister of Inland Revenue on Thursday asking for concessions in regard to the distribution of sulphur gas. The Mayor wired to-day: "Brantford is strongly opposed to the deputation at Ottawa taking any steps to assist the Gas Company in unloading sulphur gas on the consumers to the detriment of public health." Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., was also instructed, and the Brant representatives will be present Thursday when the Gas Company makes itself heard at Ottawa.

TILBURY GAS COMPANY TO SEE MINISTER

Make Arrangements to Oppose Request for Enforcement of Purification.

OTTAWA, March 3.—Hon. Bruno Nantel, minister of inland revenue, has received word that representatives of the natural gas companies will be here on Thursday to protest against the enforcement of federal regulations regarding purification of their product, as was urged by W. G. Weichel, of North Waterloo, and John H. Fisher of Brant, in their interview with the minister last week.

The two members presented the particular cases of Galt and Pars, but pointed out to the minister that conditions in these towns did not differ from conditions in other places which had entered into agreements with the natural gas companies.

Notifies Mayors. Immediately upon learning of the action that was contemplated by the gas interests, Mr. Weichel and Mr. Fisher proceeded to get in touch with the heads of the municipalities interested, and last night sent telegrams to a number of the mayors of Western Ontario, acquainting them with the situation and urging them to take the case for the municipalities should be strongly backed up. It is possible that there may be a delegation from Western Ontario here on Thursday to support the Western Ontario members who are preparing to attend the hearing and meet the objections of the gas people.

KILLED BY UNKNOWN. SASKATOON, Sask., March 3.—A coroner's jury at Fiske, Sask., declared that Lee Yuen, whose throat was slashed in his laundry adjoining the post office, was killed by unknown persons.

STRAIGHT TALK FROM SIR EDWARD GREY RELATIVE TO THE PRESENT SERIOUS SITUATION IN MEXICO

Britain Will Not Forget When Time Comes to Secure Reparation for the Butchery of Benton—Declares it is Fantastic to Send Troops at Present.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, March 3.—The British Government's view that no immediate action could be taken by it in connection with the deadlock over the investigation into the death at Juarez of William S. Benton, the British ranchman, was made quite plain today in the House of Commons by Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary. Sir Edward was, however, equally explicit in pointing out that if Great Britain failed to secure satisfaction through the United States, the British Government reserved to itself the right to secure reparation whenever it was able to do so.

The promised pronouncement on the Mexican situation from the Foreign Secretary had been anxiously awaited. It was delivered before a keenly interested gathering of the members of the House of Commons, while the entire nation looked forward to a declaration of the Government policy in regard to Mexico.

Intense resentment has been displayed throughout the British Isles, over what is regarded as an attempt on the part of Venustiano Carranza, the Constitutional leader in Mexico to sow discord between the British Empire and the United States and also over the repeated delays in the investigation of the circumstances of the death of Benton. Replying to another question Sir Edward Grey said that Great Britain had not recognized General Villa as a belligerent.

A further question brought the

statement from Sir Edward Grey that no assurances had been obtained from Provisional President Huerta regarding the protection of the British subjects in Mexico. "I must ask leave of the House to make a somewhat more extended statement than can properly be compressed within the limits of an answer to a question: "All the efforts that have been made hitherto, have failed to secure an investigation into the facts respecting the death of William S. Benton. "The persistent difficulties put in the way of such an investigation create the strongest presumption of a desire and an intention to conceal the truth on the part of those in Mexico who are responsible for what has happened. "Communications with the government of the United States are still proceeding, but I would repeat what I said last week—that these communications do not imply that the Government of the United States has any responsibility for what has taken place—by which I mean of course the death of Benton. "While, therefore, we shall welcome any action that the United States is prepared to take to secure justice, we have no title to demand as a right

that the United States should itself resort to the use of force. "One can demand that another government should go to all lengths to secure reparation for a crime only when one holds that government in some way responsible for the commission of the crime. "So far the United States has shown at least as much interest in the death in Mexico of a British subject as it has in the case of outrages on American citizens—for I understand that several Americans have been killed in Mexico. And the United States has shown every desire to use its influence for British subjects in the Mexican territory controlled by the constitutionalists. "I would therefore sum up the situation by saying that if the United States thinks it proper to take further steps either on behalf of its own citizens or of a British subject, we will gladly wait the result. But if for reasons of its own the United States does not think it desirable to take such steps we must of course reserve to ourselves the right to secure reparation whenever it is in our power to do so. "Our general policy towards Mexico and the Central and South American Republics is continued to commercial interests, which we keep within our political limits. As a rule therefore all questions that arise between those republics and ourselves are settled by diplomatic means or can be referred to arbitration. "But the violent death of a British subject and the refusal by those in

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ONTARIO'S FINANCES REPORTED

A Net Surplus of \$320,000 for the Year 1913 is Shown.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] TORONTO, March 3.—The public accounts submitted to-day by Hon. I. B. Lucas, provincial treasurer, show total receipts from all sources for the year of \$18,472,638 and total expenditure \$16,091,672. The receipts include Dominion subsidy \$2,396,378; subsidy from federal government on account of the T. and N. O. Railway, \$2,134,080; lands forests and mines \$2,739,809; succession duties \$60,600; provincial secretary's department (mainly from provincial institutions) \$5,367,366; fish and game \$138,364; agriculture \$177,131; income from various sources under the supplementary revenues act \$937,599; interest on hydro-electric advances to municipalities \$207,805; T. and N. O. Railway earnings \$250,000; back interest from Dominion government on T. and N. O. accounts \$934,628; sales of treasury bills \$2,831,841; provincial loan \$1,637,173. The heaviest items of expenditure are education \$1,969,291; public institutions \$1,366,038; civil government \$720,225; justice \$715,924; agriculture \$603,391; hospitals and charities \$416,812; colonization and immigration \$124,801; legislation \$302,293; colonization roads \$406,024; crown lands \$582,593; hydro electric commission \$129,582; refunds \$164,212; miscellaneous services \$317,196; public buildings accounts \$2,778,689; roads in Ontario \$1,063,355; advance to T. and N. O. Railway \$95,000; good roads statutory fund \$288,367; new government house \$224,996; new provincial prison \$238,975; new hospital for insane at Whitby \$209,563. The accounts as presented show a surplus of over two million dollars, but the government figure a net surplus of \$320,000. Critics of the budget on the other hand will point out that \$8,946,514 of the gross receipts are from extraordinary sources such as loans, special subsidies, etc.

Two Burned to Death Near Cambellford, Ont.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., March 3.—A terrible catastrophe occurred early this morning at Healy Falls, six miles north of here, when two Austrians, Pete Bonivant and his wife, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their boarding house. Twenty fellow-countrymen, employed in power construction, were occupants of the house, and escaped in their night clothes. About 1.30 Bonivant discovered the place to be on fire, and hastened to arouse the inmates and give the alarm. He then re-entered the blazing building for his wife, but the fire had gained such headway that their escape was cut off, and only the charred trunks of their bodies were found in the ruins. An inquest will be held by Coroner Dr. W. F. Loucke.

START RACIAL CRY TO AID EVANTUREL

Friends in Riding Say the Would-be Liquor Member is Persecuted.

VANKLEEK HILL, Ont., March 3.—The Executive of the County of Prescott Liberal Association has been summoned by President J. N. LaPointe to meet at Vankleek Hill on Saturday, March 7, to consider the question of Gustav Evanturel, M.P.P., and his expulsion from the party. From opinions freely expressed it looks as though the association will almost unanimously demand Mr. Evanturel's retirement from public life. Some of his friends have started the race-religion cry in his favor, declaring he is being persecuted by Messrs. Pyne, Ferguson and Hanna and the Orangemen of Ontario. This was freely discussed in various parishes after church on Sunday. Mr. Evanturel's personal friends in Alfred are outspoken in these declarations. Mr. Evanturel, it is understood, will be asked to attend the meeting on Saturday.

TO TAX CHURCHES. CALGARY, March 3.—The city council voted to submit the question of taxing all church property to a plebiscite, which will be taken at the general election.

Two Montreal brothers were arrested on board a transpacific steamer charged with fraud.

Confers With The President

Sir Lionel Garden Will Then Set Sail for the Old Land.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, March 3.—Sir Lionel Garden, Great Britain's minister to Mexico, will confer with President Wilson to-night at 6 o'clock and later will leave for New York to sail for England to-morrow morning on the Olympic.

With Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador, Sir Lionel Garden conferred briefly with Secretary Bryan and arranged the hour of his meeting with the president. Secretary Bryan will dine at the British embassy this evening before Sir Lionel leaves New York. The British minister declined to comment on the Mexican situation in any way. "I am sorry," he said to all questions, "but my government does not permit me to give interviews." Immediately after his brief conference with the two British diplomats, Secretary Bryan went to the cabinet meeting with the latest Mexican despatches, where the killing of Bauch, the American, the Benton case and probable attitude of Great Britain in the light of latest developments was discussed. There was no outward indication of any change in the situation, as President Wilson outlined yesterday.

Capt. Wm. McIlwain, a veteran ocean and lake mariner, for twenty-five years Dominion Examiner of Masters and Mates, died at St. Catharines, aged 87.

Benton's Body May Be Mutilated

[By Special Wire to The Courier] EL PASO, March 3.—Members of the Benton investigating committee did not know today whether they were to proceed to Chihuahua or not. They waited instructions from Washington. Should it be decided to proceed with the investigation the commission will make the trip to Chihuahua on a special train which yesterday brought Marion Letcher, an American consul at Chihuahua, to this city. The train is being held in readiness across the river at Juarez. The commissioners entertained but slight hope that the proposed investigation would reveal the manner of Benton's death at the hands of General Villa. It is belief of many here that if the Briton's body is not in an advanced state of decomposition, it probably has been mutilated by chemicals.

UNEMPLOYED MADE DEMANDS FOR UNION WAGE

Didn't Want to Shovel Snow in New York for Anything Less.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, March 3.—While city, railroads and private companies are seeking men to remove snow, there are nightly meetings by a small group of self termed unemployed, who assert their right to a "place to sleep." Last night at St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church 250 of these men were fed and offered work at 20 cents an hour shoveling snow. They refused to work at that price, demanding 30 cents an hour.

The Rev. William Gamble welcomed the men on behalf of the Socialist fellowship of St. Mark's, and said the wage offered was intolerable. He then introduced Frank Tannenbaum as chairman of the meeting. "At last we have a chance to let the city know what we want," Tannenbaum began. "We are members of the working class. Everything in this city was created by our hands, or the hands of our brothers and sisters. We have a right to share in every house and in every man's loaf of bread. What's more, we are going to make the city give it to us or take it by force. "We want work but we will not work for 50 cents or \$1 a day. We want \$3 a day for an 8 hour day. We want union wages and union conditions and we will not work unless we get them. We would rather go to jail."

Representatives of labor unions, socialist and fraternal organizations, held a meeting last night at which arrangements were made for a general conference to be held to-morrow night, when plans will be made to aid the unemployed. WINNIPEG CUSTOMS. WINNIPEG, March 3.—Winnipeg customs receipts dropped from \$833,044 in February of last year to \$402,816 in the month just closed.

New Bureau Of Information For Dominion Is Organized

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Chairman of Committee to Supply Data on National Interest.

OTTAWA, March 3.—For the purpose of properly collecting and assembling information on questions which are of vital interest to Canada and become the subject of reference to the International Joint Commission an important committee representative of several departments of the Government and also the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, was appointed at yesterday afternoon's sittings of the Cabinet. The Hon. J. D. Hazen is chairman of the body and it is designed to perform a work of much utility. The Marine, Public Works, Naval Service, Interior and Hydrographic Survey Departments will have properly qualified technical officers upon it. In the United States there is an admirable organization with a similar purpose under direction of the Department of the Secretary of War.

GENERAL ELECTION IMMINENT

Political Deadlock Over Home Rule is Absolute One.

Unionists Will Resist the Government to the Bitter End.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, March 3.—A cable from London to The Gazette this morning says: The Pall Mall Gazette declares that a general election is in sight, the deadlock being absolute, with no prospect of its being broken under the conditions existing in the present parliament. Nationalist control of the Commons, and the government forbids any effective attempt to secure a compromise in Ulster. The Pall Mall Gazette asserts that the government is preparing its suggestions, while well knowing that they will be rejected. The Unionists of both houses will resist, and will use every constitutional method which is likely to compel the government to face the country before actual civil war is inevitable. The news from Ulster leaves little doubt that the Covenanters are prepared to mobilize as soon as the home rule bill passes the Commons. The whole situation is so profoundly altered that if the ministers are not constrained to face the people before the bill is passed, they must be induced to dissolve immediately afterwards. The Westminster Gazette demands the settlement of the question whether one party has the right to manipulate the army in order to exempt Ulster men in case of their resistance.

GUELPH NURSES' APPEAL DISMISSED

U. S. Government Declines to Interfere in the Ann Arbor Case.

DETROIT, March 3.—According to a Washington despatch received here last night, the Government will not interfere in the order for the deportation of Miss Edna Schwalm and Miss Elizabeth Wilson, the two nurses from the Macdonald Institute at Guelph, Ont., who were ordered by the immigration department last week to be deported from Ann Arbor University Hospital. Secretary of Labor Wilson, to whom an application was taken by President Hutchins of the University of Michigan, takes the stand that there was no sense in going to Canada to hire a hospital matron and nurse when there are plenty in the United States. The hospital authorities at Ann Arbor are still wondering who laid the information before the immigration authorities.