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GOVERNMENT ISSUES MANIFESTO OF POSITION ON THE NAVAL BILL

Dignified, Vigorous and Determined it Stands in Manly Contrast to Laurier's Anaemic Attitude

STRIKES NOTE OF PATRIOTIC APPEAL

Does Not Negative Idea of Canadian Navy but Does Claim Such Course Would Not Immediately Increase Britain's Naval Strength—Parliament Resumes its Sessions Today.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, March 24.—The House resumes tomorrow after the Easter recess with the political situation considerably altered. There has been, and will be no change in the determination of the government to render the promised aid to the naval defence of the Empire as provided in the naval bill. There is, however, a noticeable lessening of the tension, and this is due to the fact that the blockers fear the effect of stopping all supplies for the public service.

More or less official statements are forthcoming today that the opposition will not take the responsibility of refusing the usual percentage vote of estimates for the fiscal year. It is also stated, that the Liberals have abandoned the intention of maintaining the blockade of the naval bill on the lines previously followed, namely of continuous weekly sittings. If these announcements are made good, the effect upon the course of the parliamentary struggle will be important.

It may mean the beginning of a surrender. It means, if nothing else, that the opposition recognizes the failure of the attempt to force a dissolution. Some sort of fight will be put up, if only to cover a retreat, but it may not be of a very serious nature. If there is anything like a real attempt made to resume the obstruction of the naval bill, the necessary changes in the rules of the House will be made without delay.

Guesses which have been made as to the nature of these changes are wide of the mark. The desire of the government to provide ample opportunity for legitimate discussion has been demonstrated and the opportunity abused. The new procedure, if evoked, will, it is understood, furnish sufficient opportunity for legitimate and necessary discussion, while protecting the country against the abuse of such opportunity.

The programme does not promise anything very sensational. Hon. H. R. Emmerson is bent upon seizing the first opportunity to bring up the action of the Speaker in taking the chair during the Clark-Pugsley row. He says he is merely anxious to have the propriety of the Speaker's action discussed and passed upon.

The Government's Official Statement.

Ottawa, March 24.—The following statement in reply to that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was given out by the Government this evening:
"It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the clause which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers have been obstructing during the past two weeks is the first clause of the resolution which Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposed by way of amendment on the 12th of December last. Every member of the Opposition, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself voted for that clause on the 13th of February last as part of his amendment."
"There has been no display of brute force in the debate except on the part of those who first voted for this clause and then obstructed its passage."
"The clause in question, which thus forms part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution proposed on the 12th December last, is as follows:
"From and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding \$35,000,000 for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire."
"If Sir Wilfrid desires to recede from this declaration set forth in his resolution, then at most the question between the parties is whether this sum shall be devoted to the provision of three battleships for immediate and effective aid to the naval forces of the Empire, or whether it shall be employed in establishing a Canadian naval service. If the contracts are let with the utmost despatch to be placed in commission before the next general election. In case it should then be the will of the Canadian people to recall these ships and make them part of a proposed Canadian naval service, it would be perfectly feasible to follow that course. There seems therefore no ground for opposition and certainly none for obstruction."

No Attempt to Gag Discussion.

"It is absurd to assert that there has been any attempt to gag discussion inasmuch as the clause in question has been almost continuously under debate from the 12th of December last and has not been passed. Every possible facility for debate has been afforded to the opposition, and they have taken full advantage of it. Not only have they done this but they have accompanied the discussion with unworthy threats and taunts which have gone unrebuked by any leading man of their party. As a sample of many such utterances the following may be quoted:
"The spectacle presented by the government of Canada today is a regrettable one, a government fresh from the people with a normal majority in this house of 46 or 48 as helpless as children. The present bill has now been under consideration for some time and the government are unable to pass it. What will the people say? They will say that they have already said—that it is time that they again went before the people, and if they do this the result will be known to none better than to ourselves. This is the first time in the history of Canada that a government has been tied up in such a manner as this government is today; they cannot move hand or foot, and will not be allowed to move until this bill is either withdrawn or amended, and they go before the people and obtain their verdict as to what they should do."
(Revised Hansard p. 555-7.)

Delay Caused by Obstruction.

"It is quite true that many important measures now upon the order papers are delayed and hindered by the obstructive tactics which the opposition have practiced in respect of this bill. The banking act, the act to encourage and assist the improvement of highways, the act for granting aid for the advancement of agriculture, and other equally important proposals, as well as the harbor improvements and other important public works throughout the country can make no progress because of the obstruction of the opposition; that they and they alone are to determine what legislation will pass the House of Commons."
"Sir Wilfrid Laurier's comparison of the discussion on this bill with that on the naval service bill of 1910, is a very unhappy one for him. The

MANY MOURN DECEASE OF PHILIP HEINE

Messages of Condolence Received from Friends in All Parts of Dominion—Local Men Will Attend Funeral.

Moncton, March 24.—A funeral service for the late Conductor Heine was held at the family residence here this evening preparatory to taking the body tomorrow morning to Norton for burial.
Telegrams of sympathy have been received from many friends in all parts of the Dominion, including Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, Ottawa, Hon. H. F. McLeod, Fredericton and George W. Fowler, M. P., Sussex.

Message of Condolence.

Fredericton, March 24.—The death of Past Grand Master Philip Heine, a well known I. C. R. conductor of Moncton, which occurred suddenly, has been learned with deep regret by local Organized and other friends here. Hon. H. F. McLeod, past grand master, received a telegram from Moncton apprising him of Mr. Heine's death, and in reply he sent the following message:
"The shock of a sincere sorrow came to me with the word of Brother Heine's death. He was one of the best and most fearless Organized men in New Brunswick. I will always remember the light of courage and sincerity that shone from his eyes. The highest honors of our order are due to the man, who so honored Organized men during his life."
The message was directed to J. W. Clark, grand director of ceremonies.

SAILING SHIP WAS BECALMED

S. S. Harfleur Reports Assistance—Starving Crew Supplied with Provisions.

New York, Mar. 24.—Becalmed in mid-Atlantic with all hands starving and with seven other vessels in sight, but unable to give help, was the condition in which the steamer Harfleur found the Norwegian bark Rimosa, according to the Harfleur's officers who brought their ship to port today.
The Harfleur left Cette early in March and sighted the becalmed steamer of sailing vessels on March 17. The Rimosa was flying urgent signals of distress. She hailed the Harfleur, said that she was 152 days out from Quebec for Plymouth with cargo of nitrate and that all hands on board were starving. A hoist of provisions was sent from the steamer. The captain of the Rimosa declared they had been on short rations for more than a month and that the last food had been eaten when the Harfleur was in sight. Light winds and calms had delayed the Rimosa.
After leaving the becalmed steamer the Harfleur damaged her propeller by striking a submerged wreck. She put into St. Michaels for repairs.

PARRY SOUND MAN BURNS TO DEATH IN FIRE IN COACH HOUSE

Few Bones all that Remained of Edward B. Weart—Camp Burned During Great Gale of Friday Night.

Parry Sound, March 24.—A few bones, all that remained of Edward B. Weart of this town, were brought here from Beakitow, a little settlement on the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway, about seventeen miles north of this place.
The unfortunate man was burned to death in the cook house of the Beakitow Lake Lumber Company at Beakitow on Friday night, when the great gale which swept the continent was at its height.

POWERS SAY STOP! TO ALLIES

Europe Settles Peace Terms Dispute—More Fighting Useless

Northern Albania Frontier Marked by Powers—Sharp Engagements Still in Progress Along Line.

London, March 24.—The powers have come to an agreement regarding the boundaries of northern and northeastern Albania from Jakoviz to the Adriatic. Their decision will be made collectively to the allies, who at the same time will be informed that as Europe has settled the question, there will be no further need of military operations, the result of which would not in any way affect the powers' agreement.

Message of Condolence.

A Sofia despatch says that sharp fighting took place today both at Adrianople and Tokhatina. Details are lacking.

Turks Surrender.

Cettinje, March 24.—David Pasha, with a Turkish army numbering 15,000 men has surrendered to the Servians on the Skumbi River in Albania. David Pasha was commander of the seventh army corps and formerly army commander at Udup.

BIG FIRE IN MONTREAL

Waterfront at Foot of Thomas Street Swept by Fierce Blaze—River Steamer and Freight Shed Burn.

Montreal, Mar. 24.—Damage amounting to \$75,000 was caused early this evening by a fire which destroyed the shed of the Merchant's Montreal Line, on Canal Bank at the foot of Thomas street; damaged the steamer City of Montreal, and plies in the summer between Montreal, Toronto, Detroit and Toledo.
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MILWAUKEE POLICE CAPTURE JEWELRY THIEVES IN RAID

Ringleader and Assistant of Largest Burglar Gang in Country Caught in Hotel Raid—Others Escape.

Milwaukee, Wis., Mar. 24.—The ringleader and one other of what is said to be of the cleverest gangs of crooks in the country are, the Milwaukee police department believes, now at the central station, charged with complicity in a jewelry store burglary at Rochester, N. Y., February 14th. Two others made their escape when a raid was made on their room at a local hotel.
One of the men arrested is known to the police as William Anderson, alias George Brown, alias "Dutch" alias "The Swede," alias Ed. Bauer, Mitchell alias L. K. Pape. Each is thirty-two years of age.

NOTED FRENCHMAN IS DEAD IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 24.—Comte Raoul De Saint Phall, the French ambassador here, died yesterday after an illness of two months. He has been connected with the embassy for eighteen years; was fifty-eight years of age and unmarried.

ITALIANS DEFEAT ARABS.

Tripoli, March 24.—The Italian forces recently defeated a large band of Arabs. The Arab losses numbered 230 killed and many wounded. On the Italian side the casualties were 24 dead and 123 wounded.

HUNDREDS OF DEAD MARK PATH OF TERRIBLE WESTERN TORNADO

ICE DESTROYS TWO BRIDGES NEAR CHATHAM

Structures at Barnaby River and Bay Du Vin Carried Away by Freshet—Logs Escape to Tidewater.

Special to The Standard.
Chatham, March 24.—Later news from Barnaby River shows that the Howe truss, the covered span of the bridge, has stood the onslaught of the current, but the other two have been forced out. One pier is said to have while a second. Reports state that the bridge was not only slightly displaced. The people are now forced to use the O'Donnell bridge, necessitating a drive of more than eight miles.

Word reached here today that the bridge over the Bay du Vin River, at Wine River postoffice had gone. This is a single span affair of about 40 feet in length. Reports state that about a million feet of logs are loose and have been carried by the heavy freshet clear out to the tide water, going over the ice in their hurried rush down river.

Such a sight has never before been witnessed on the river. Today the river is clear of ice and this makes a record for the running of the ice in that vicinity.

May Save Bridge.

Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, March 24.—The freshet has caused but little more damage than has been reported. Efforts were made yesterday to save the large bridge at Andover by driving down piles, which was not very successful. The people are anxious to see how the bridge will stand the next run of ice.

ROLLING STOCK FOR THE I.C.R.

More Contracts Let Yesterday by Cabinet—Thirty-four Locomotives of Different Types on Order.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, March 24.—Contracts for additional rolling stock for the Canadian government railways were let by the cabinet today. The Montreal Locomotive Works will build four Pacific type locomotives and five consolidated freight engines at \$24,000. Five freight engines at \$17,600 and 10 freight engines at \$24,000 are ordered from the Canadian Locomotive Company, and 10 freight engines at the same figure from the Canada Foundry Company.

JOHN CONNOR'S BODY IS FOUND IN WOODS, BROTHER'S IN RIVER

Boy Victims of New Glasgow Tragedy Discovered Near Allan Shaft—Were 100 Yards Apart.

Special to The Standard.
New Glasgow, March 24.—The body of John Connor, the elder of the two, who perished Saturday evening, was found this afternoon on a small island directly opposite the Allan shaft, on the eastern side.
The little body was found face downwards, in a small grove of trees about 50 yards from the shore. The lad was in his bare feet, and his boots and stockings were found within ten feet of the body. Clutched in his hand was the sweater coat of his smaller brother.

The work was continued with renewed fervor, and the body of the younger lad was found a few minutes later, nearly 100 yards above the spot where the other was discovered. It was lying in about 18 inches of water.

Nebraskan and Indiana Cities Visited by Death Dealing Wind Storm, Saturday and Sunday.

150 DEAD; 400 INJURED, IN OMAHA ALONE
Schools, Churches and Public Buildings Wrecked—Rack and Ruin at Terre Haute—Small Villages Practically Wiped Out—Stricken Omaha Now Under Military Guard.

HEADED THIS WAY

Washington, Mar. 24.—Following closely the two tornados which swept death and destruction through the city of Omaha and the middle west, another storm now developing west of the Rocky Mountains is predicted to pass over the east Tuesday night or Wednesday.
The weather bureau has ordered up storm warnings from Hatteras to Eastport on the Atlantic, and cold wave warnings in the west lake region, the middle and upper Mississippi Valley. Showers are predicted to fill in the time until the storm arrives.

Omaha, Neb., Mar. 24.—With the death list fluctuating around 150, and injured apparently 400, Omaha and the surrounding territory in Nebraska and Iowa tonight faced the problem of housing the thousands rendered homeless by last night's tornado.
The number of buildings destroyed was said to be in the neighborhood of 1,200 and the property damaged in the vicinity of several million dollars. Belated reports coming to Omaha tended to increase the enormity of the tornado's destruction and indicated that a much wider territory had been in the path of the storm than was first shown.

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Omaha, Neb., Mar. 24.—It was late today before all the details of the Sunday's storm with accompanying wreckage were known, even within this city itself. The pathway of the storm from three to seven blocks in width, cut a swath, 24 blocks long. The total number of deaths in this part of the city reached almost 50. Within the space of this storm center, which if made rectangular would cover a quarter section of land, 1200 houses were wrecked, 100 bodies have been recovered and search of the ruins is being made for others. Several are known to be still in the ruins at the end of the storm's path. Estimates of the value of property demolished by the storm vary between \$5,000,000 and \$12,000,000. Some of the more substantial houses can be partially rebuilt, but this number is small and where the buildings have not been torn asunder, they have been so twisted that even the material is useless for rebuilding.

Today five public schools were out of commission in Omaha. Several churches are partly wrecked. One private school for girls is a total wreck, although the students escaped. The rest of the loss is to homes. The destruction began with the millonaire houses in the exclusive section of west Farham and Bemis Park, but farther northwest the buildings collapsed more easily and a large number of deaths resulted.

Rescue Work Difficult.
Rescue work started as soon as the people were able to hurry to the stricken district, but the night's work was by the light of lanterns and little was accomplished. The storm took down all the wires in its path and the electric power was shut off immediately to prevent further loss of life. With the arrival of daylight, a trainload of militia from Lincoln and the presence in the city of Gov. Morehead, the work was systematized and late indications are that one more day will end the search for bodies and will even witness a general attempt at rebuilding work. Nurses and medical supplies were also brought on this train. Money is already pouring into the city, the city organizations taking the lead in providing funds. State and religious bodies are falling in line, and offers of help are coming from all quarters of the United States.

The Child Saving Institute at No. 615 South 42nd street, was a veritable death house after the storm had spent its fury. Every available room was pressed into service and one after another the dead and injured were brought into the house.

Village Almost Wiped Out.
Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—Seven persons were killed and seventeen injured at Berlin, Neb., by the tornado which struck that village last evening. The village was almost completely wrecked, every one of the buildings being either totally or partially destroyed.

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