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BALFOUR RESIGNS LEADERSHIP OF THE BRITISH OPPOSITION

Retires From Position as Chief of Unionists Because of Views as to Antagonism to His Leadership Within the Party.

London, Nov. 8.—A. J. Balfour has resigned the leadership of the Opposition.

Throughout the day there had been rumors in the lobby of the House of Commons that Mr. Balfour had decided to retire from his position as chief of the Unionist party, in consequence of the divergency of views regarding the efficacy of his leadership.

This afternoon his purpose was definitely and officially confirmed.

The news of Mr. Balfour's resignation caused the utmost surprise, and in some quarters consternation.

The Unionists do not attempt to disguise the seriousness of the loss of one who is admittedly the greatest asset of the party.

It is understood that Mr. Balfour's decision is unalterable. He advances the state of his health as the ostensible reason for his withdrawal from leadership, but there is no doubt that the bickerings in the party ranks was the primary cause. He will remain in Parliament, representing the city of London.

The choice of a successor to Mr. Balfour seems to be between J. Austen Chamberlain and Walter Hume Long. The former is the Liberal-Unionist member for East Worcestershire, and for some time has been mentioned by the opponents of Balfour as his possible successor. Long represents the Strand, and is a strong opponent of home rule, voicing north of Ireland sentiment.

POLICE CORRAL A CLEVER GANG

Check Swindlers Rounded Up by Uncle Sam's Police.

OPERATED MANY YEARS

Cleaned Up Half Million by Means of Spurious Paper.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Nov. 8.—As a climax of a chase that led practically over every large city in the east and middle west and then back to New York, the police last night arrested three men who are alleged to be members of the cleverest and most successful gang of check swindlers that has operated in this part of the country for many years.

They are charged with defrauding various banks in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, St. Louis, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Detroit, New Haven of sums aggregating more than a half-million dollars by means of spurious checks skilfully forged, it is said, with a camelshair brush.

All of New York.

The men are described as William I. Schutzberger, 26 years old; Isador Weiss, 28, and Charles Carlesi, 42, all of this city. According to the police, Schutzberger and Weiss confessed to having signed a number of bad checks, but another member of the gang, said to be an artist, not yet located, is said to have done the work of reproducing the checks. This man, it is said, not only imitated the lettering and the signature but also cunningly duplicated the fibre of the paper. The method of the man, according to the police, was to engage in some business transaction with a well-known firm with large banking connections, for which they would pay with a check larger than the amount called for, with the request that the surplus should be returned in a form of a check. In this way they were able to obtain a form and signature, which could be duplicated and raised to a larger amount.

VERANDAH THIEF MADE NICE HAUL

Carried Off Satchel With Cash While Owner Was Inside.

A very daring theft was perpetrated the other morning when a satchel containing nearly $16, was stolen from the verandah of the residence of Mr. St. John Hyttenrauch, 781 Richmond street. Mrs. Hyttenrauch was just going down town to pay some bills, and left her satchel on the verandah while she returned to the house momentarily. When she returned the satchel had disappeared. It contained three new, crisp five-dollar bills and some small change, together with a number of bills and receipts.

Apparently someone saw her place the bag there while she went into the house, and they quickly made off with it while she was inside.

The police have been receiving quite a large number of complaints lately about articles that have been stolen from verandahs, and they wish to warn all citizens not to leave anything valuable out over night. Many people have lost valuable plants, while the thieves have not hesitated to take verandah chairs when there was nothing more valuable in sight.

RATES RAISED

Catholic Order of Foresters Has Increased Its Subscriptions.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Nov. 8.—Mr. J. C. L. Marteny, chief provincial ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters, has just sent a circular to every member of the order, calling attention to the increase in subscriptions. The rates have been raised according to the schedule fixed by the Fraternal Congress, which amounts to four per cent interest to be levied, this increase to come into force Jan. 1, 1913.

WOMEN'S DRESSES WERE IN THE FIRE

It Is Estimated That $25,000 Worth Were Destroyed.

CAN'T GET OTHERS

As Tailors and Dressmakers Are Swamped With Rush Orders, Owing to This Being Busy Season.

A very large number of London women had dresses destroyed in the recent fire which wiped out several drygoods stores. This was the rush season in the tailoring departments, and the rooms were piled up with dresses and suits in all stages of making. Many dresses would have been delivered the day after. Many others were just being put together, and hundreds of others had been cut. A great many women had purchased goods and been measured, and were waiting their turns to get their suits made. It is estimated that fully $25,000 worth of women's garments that had been ordered, were burned, and as a result many women are in despair, as they fear that owing to the way in which all the tailoring departments and dressmakers are swamped with orders, they will not be able to get their dresses made in time for Christmas.

Many of the women are wondering whether or not they will have to stand the loss of the dresses. Some of them have the bills showing the purchases they made. Others have not. Those whose orders were on the firm's books or who have their receipts, will probably be all right, and may get new dresses, but many of the others fear that they will be out everything, and in addition will not have their dresses.

Letters are pouring into the firms from oue of town points also, as many women from the towns and villages all around London had placed orders for dresses and other goods.

Outsiders Lose Too.

"Women all through the city and all over this district, are in a great way," said one of the largest losers in the fire t The Advertiser this afternoon. "We have had countless personal calls and hundreds of telephone calls, both local and long distance. Hundreds of letters are coming in, and the burden of them all is they want dresses for Christmas or other occasions as soon as possible. Some of the outsiders seem to think that there may be a chance that their dresses were saved. As far as we are concerned absolutely everything went up in smoke, and we had hundreds of orders on our books. We are going to do the best we can in the matter, and our customers."

WANT A RECEIVER

Grand Valley Railway Company Case, However, Was Adjourned a Week.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Nov. 8.—An adjournment of a week was made in the application before Mr. Justice Riddell at Osgoode Hall today for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the Grand Valley Railway Company. The application was made on behalf of the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, Limited, bondholders to the extent of $17,000.

A SERIOUS CHARGE

Hull Physician is Accused of Having Performed Illegal Operations.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—Dr. J. Alex. Oulmet, the Hull physician who is charged with performing illegal operations in this city, was before the magistrate today for the third time since his arrest. The magistrate again remanded the accused until Friday afternoon, in order to give the crown a chance to produce its chief witness, Mrs. Ferguson, who is still confined to a local hospital. No bail has been accepted in the case.

The charge against Mrs. Annie Balcomb of conducting a house wherein Dr. Oulmet attended his patients, was also remanded until the same time.

LAST TRIBUTE TO SIR JOHN CARLING

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Funeral Service at St. Paul's.

GIVEN MILITARY HONORS

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Former Cabinet Colleague, Among Mourners.

The body of Sir John Carling was laid to rest this afternoon in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, with impressive ceremonies.

The services were very largely attended, all classes in the city paying tribute to the distinguished statesman.

There was a private service at the house at 2 o'clock for the family, Rev. Canon Tucker, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, conducting it. This completed, the public services were held at St. Paul's, his Lordship Bishop Williams and Rev. Canon Tucker being in charge at the cathedral.

The Seventh Regiment turned out in large numbers, and all the civic bodies were represented.

The cortege, which was a very long one, was headed by the firing party from the Seventh Regiment, commanded by Major McCrimmon.

Then came the Seventh Regiment Band, the hearse, the mourners, the Seventh Regiment and other military bodies, staff officers, Col. Hodgins and staff.

The Police.
Mayor Beattie and the Council.
Water Commissioners.
Board of Education.
Board of Health.
Board of Trade.
Civilians.

There were many at the house when the cortege moved to the cathedral, but the majority went to the church.

Distinguished Mourner.

Among the mourners from a distance was Sir Mackenzie Bowell, one time premier of Canada, and one of the few surviving members of the Government of which Sir John formed a conspicuous part. Although himself a very old man, Sir Mackenzie Bowell came from Belleville to pay his last respects to his old friend.

At the cathedral the full burial service was given. Dr. George B. Sippi presided at the organ, Canon Tucker read the service, and his Lordship Bishop Williams preached the sermon. He referred to the long and useful public career of Sir John, and the many worthy acts of the distinguished statesman.

The sermon was an appealing one, and created a vivid impression on the large congregation.

The interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The pall-bearers were: T. Harry Carling, Fred Carling, John A. Carling, T. G. Meredith, K. C., R. Nicholson (Ottawa), and J. Innes Carling.

QUARTER MILLION MORE FOR THIS PROVINCE

Federal Subsidy Increases With Increase of Population.

Toronto, Nov. 8.—Ontario's legislation subsidy from the Federal Government will be $270,000 more, as a result of the increase in population as shown by the recent census. As the population of the Province is over 2,500,000, the rate per capita will be 60 cents per head, instead of 80 cents as formerly. Under the 1901 census the per capita subsidy reached $700,000.

APPEAL DISMISSED

Railway Company Must Pay Damages to Man Who Was Hurt.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Nov. 8. — The divisional court at Osgoode Hall has dismissed the appeal of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway, from the decision of Judge Snider, who awarded Antonio Corrieri $200 damages for injuries to his foot. Corrieri was helping two other men to carry a tie last December, when the rear man tripped and the tie fell.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.
Tomorrow—Colder.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Nov. 8—8 a.m.

Moderate winds, becoming easterly; fair today and on Thursday, with stationary or slightly lower temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

The following are the highest temperatures recorded yesterday, and the lowest at 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	52	42	Cloudy
Calgary	..	0	Cloudy
Winnipeg	40	22	Cloudy
Port Arthur	..	26	Cloudy
Parry Sound	42	36	Cloudy
Toronto	48	38	Cloudy
Ottawa	50	38	Fair
Montreal	52	40	Fair
Quebec	50	36	Fair
Father Point	44	33	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Pressure is low in Eastern Canada and over the West and Northwest States, and nowhere very high.

The gale has subsided over the Great Lakes.

In the Western Provinces wintry conditions prevail, with snow in nearly all localities.

HON. A. J. BALFOUR,
Who Has Resigned the Leadership of the British Unionists.

ITALIANS OF FOREST CITY SAY COUNTRYMEN LIBELLED

Official Report From Tripoli, in Italian Journal, Declares Stories of Cruelty to Arabs Are Untrue.

Local Italians are greatly interested in an official report published in L'Araldo, the leading Italian paper of the United States, refuting entirely the statements regarding alleged Italian cruelty at Tripoli, sent out by the man giving the name of Francis McCullagh.

"We could hardly believe that such things as were stated could be true," said Mr. Dominic Cusolito, to The Advertiser this afternoon. "But before we said anything about it we wanted proof that they were false. Now we have it, and we wish to set the matter right again. The stories that were published were the grossest kind of a libel on the Italian soldiers, and Italian people in general feel that this is a matter that should be set right."

DEATH TAKES CLARK RUSSELL FAMED AS STORY TELLER

[Canadian Press.]

London, Nov. 8.—William Clark Russell, also known under the pen name of "Clark Russell," died as he slept this morning. He had been bedridden since April last.

Mr. Russell was born in New York in 1844, and in early life spent several years before the mast. Later he engaged in newspaper work in London, and wrote many successful novels.

Clark Russell was probably the most successful writer of sea stories of the last twenty-five years. He sprang into fame with his "Frozen Pirate," following this with scores of novels and stories.

GETS ONE FARTHING DAMAGES FOR SLANDER

Mrs. Atherton Was Not Turned Out of a Cairo Hotel.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Nov. 8.—Mabel Louisa Atherton, divorced wife of Col. Thomas James Atherton, yesterday, after a trial lasting two days, got an award of one farthing damages for slander. The defendants were her brother and her sister-in-law, Sir Aubrey and Lady Dean Paul.

The slander consisted of the statement by Lady Paul that Mrs. Atherton was turned out of a Cairo hotel.

Mrs. Atherton also complained that her sister-in-law said she was no better than a street woman, but the jury found that this statement was not made.

WANT BIG FLAG

Rush Order From Minneapolis for Union Jack for Pankhurst Meeting.

[Canadian Press.]

Minneapolis, Nov. 8. — There is not a British flag in Minneapolis big enough to do honor to Mrs. Emmaline Pankhurst, English suffragette, who is scheduled to appear here next Saturday night, so a rush order has been sent to Winnipeg, Man., for a Union Jack equal in size to the American flag which is to be draped across the stage from which Mrs. Pankhurst is to speak.

DUTY ON TUBES

Dominion Customs Has Issued Order to Protect Canadian Industry.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—An order of the Dominion Customs Department today provides that the dumping duty of 1907 shall apply without any exemption allowance to iron and steel tubing of from four to eight inches diameter of a class made in Canada. This order will afford a slight protection to the Canadian industry. The same order places smaller sizes of tubing on the same basis as rolled iron and steel, as regards the dumping law, the tax to be imposed when the difference between the fair market value and the cost to the Canadian importer does not exceed five per cent.

FRIENDLESS WOMAN DIED IN HOSPITAL

Gave Her Name as Miss Jessie McLeod, But Relatives Cannot Be Found.

A woman giving her name as Miss Jessie McLeod, died in Victoria Hospital last evening after a brief illness with heart trouble, and as yet the hospital authorities have been unable to locate any friends or relatives to take charge of the body. About four weeks previous to her death Miss McLeod was employed at the Protestant Orphans' Home as a cook. She was about 50 years of age, and had been in Canada for some time.

She formerly boarded at a house on Richmond street, but the people there do not know where her home is, or where her relatives can be located. She stated that she came from Delaware, and that she had a half-brother employed on the Chippewa Indian reserve. She also stated that she had a half-brother living in Toronto. It is known that she was at one time a school teacher in London Township.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson, who attended her, states that he has known her for some time, having attended her on several occasions for heart trouble. He is, however, unable to throw any light on the whereabouts of any relatives. The remains have been taken to the undertaking rooms of Ferguson & Sons, and will be kept there for a few days until the relatives of the deceased are located. In case no one is found to take charge of the funeral, the body will be turned over to the Western University Medical School.

TAKEN TO THE CITY.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 8.—Henry Clay Beattie, jun., condemned to die on Nov. 24 for the murder of his young wife, was removed today from the city jail to the penitentiary to await his execution. He was locked in a cell in the condemned ward, adjoining the electrocution chamber.

FOUND A PARASITE.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 8.—T. J. Anderson, Government entomologist for the British Department of Agriculture in East Africa, has come to Washington to get parasites to fight an insect pest which attacks wheat in East Africa, and which has no natural enemy in that section. This country has the desired parasite, and Mr. Anderson has arranged with the Bureau of Entomology to have a batch of them shipped abroad.

DENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCES FEATURE OF TODAY'S SESSION

"Our Church's Share of the Task," the Theme of Laymen's Missionary Meeting On Closing Today.

Four large denominational conferences aggregating in attendance more than one thousand men were held in central churches of the city in connection with the Western Ontario Men's Missionary Conference this morning and afternoon.

The four big denominations of London and Western Ontario—Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans and Baptists—all had largely attended and enthusiastic meetings.

"Our Church's Share of the Task" was the general denominational theme, which each assembly discussed in its various phases.

In addition to the denominational conferences this afternoon, big mass meetings were held in St. Andrew's Hall for ladies, and in the Collegiate Institute for boys, Sir Andrew Fraser and Mr. Robert E. Speer addressing the latter gatherings.

Tonight's Meetings.

Tonight the regular interdenominational work of the convention will be resumed with a final session in the First Methodist Church.

The Presbyterians.

A large gathering of the Presbyterian delegates met in the First Presbyterian Church to consider the denominational share of the task of evangelizing the world. Among those taking part were Rev. Dr. Smith, of Comber; Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster; Dr. Dickey, Chatham; Rev. J. E. Hogg, of Southampton, and Rev. Colin Fletcher, of the Huron Presbytery. The first subject considered was the "Missionary Responsibility of Our Church." That responsibility in Canada was discussed by Rev. J. H. Edmison, the secretary of the home missionary committee. He stated that ten years ago

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AN INQUIRY ON AT THE BARRACKS

Investigation Being Conducted Into Explosion of Gun.

ALMOST A FATALITY

Matter Is Considered Very Serious, as Weapon Was Regulation Arm.

A rigid investigation into the cause of an accident at the cove ranges, which almost resulted in a fatality on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 25, is being conducted by local militia officers at Wolseley Barracks this afternoon.

The question is considered a very serious one as a regulation militia rifle exploded in the hands of Sergt. Andrew Johnson, as he fired at a 500-yard target in a competition between the sergeants of the Seventh Fusiliers and those of the barracks staff.

While no metal struck him, Sergt. Johnson's face was badly burned by the exploding gas, and his eyes were affected seriously, it is claimed. A number of men connected with Wolseley Barracks and the Seventh were spoken to by The Advertiser regarding the matter, but were not at liberty to make any statement regarding the investigation. Those who had authority to speak on the subject declined to discuss the matter over the telephone. It is known, however, that several men who were at the ranges at the time of the accident have been ordered to be in attendance to give evidnce before the court of investigation.

LONDON ELECTRIC SALE IS AGAIN MOOTED

Reported That Bondholders Are Moving in the Matter—Negotiations On Foot.

Persistent rumors are afloat to the effect that a definite proposal for the purchase of the London Electric Company will be made within a very short time.

There has been considerable correspondence between the parties interested during the past few weeks.

The bondholders are acting in the matter, The Advertiser is informed. A prominent firm of brokers is interesting itself in the situation, and is anxious to discover at what valuation the city will take over the company. Feelers have been sent out, but nothing definite has come from any person in authority in London.

It is probable that the negotiations began from the Toronto end.

"It would be all right to purchase the London Electric at a proper price," said Chairman Philip Pocock. "The plant is valueless to us, and the only part of the enterprise that is worth mentioning so far as we are concerned is the business. I think the time has passed for any further discussion as to the purchase of the plant."

Mr. Pocock stated that so far as he was aware, nothing had been done with reference to purchasing the plant.

DID NOT BUY

Big Real Estate Deal Reported at Ottawa Never Took Place.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Nov. 8. — Col. A. D. Davidson, of Toronto, land commissioner of the C. N. R., who is in Ottawa today, denies a story originating here recently to the effect that the company had purchased a large tract of land southwest of the city, for the purpose of establishing a "junction town." Col. Davidson said the whole thing was evidently a real estate scheme, as certain parties had bought land at the place stated and afterwards tried to sell it to the compny.

STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 8.—Peter Malcoff, a foreigner, was struck by an eastbound G. T. R. passenger train near the Jockey Club, at noon today and received injuries that will likely result fatally. He was badly cut about the head, hurt internally and his right arm was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated.

RIDPATH BETTER.

Toronto, Nov. 8. — Bruce Ridpath, who was struck by a car at Yonge and Alexander streets, is reported this morning to be much better, and has every chance of recovery. He is still semi-conscious, but has been able to take some nourishment.

THE TIMES MAN DEFENDS ITALIANS

Says There Was Some Excuse for Severe Repressive Measures.

ARAB WARFARE SAVAGE

Tells of Desperate Fight of Little Company When Attacked Back and Front.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Nov. 8.—The special military correspondent of the Times whose dispatches relative to the Tripoli atrocities have been marked by a more exact appreciation of the facts of the situation than some of the more lurid descriptions published in other London papers, reverts to the subject in the course of an article in this morning's Times. He writes:

"Very few, if any, of my colleagues had the same opportunity of judging of the effect which the Arab rising had upon the Italian troops as I had. Many of them during the period of panic and attacks were away upon an abortive cruise to Bengazi. Others had no horses to carry them quickly to the fighting line.

"On the morning of the twenty-third I found myself in the village where the Arabs first rose in arms against the Italians. They were ensconsed in a labyrinth of walled gardens, fig groves, and cactus-lined alleyways. They shot all and sundry in uniform or on horseback that came in sight. Before my very eyes they destroyed a fatigue party of Bersaglieri who were bringing rations to the outpost line.

Savage Warfare.

"As everyone now knows these same Arabs, perhaps in hundreds, exterminated two companies of the Eleventh Bersaglieri, shooting them at close range in the back while the men were facing a persistent enemy on their front. A gallant little colleague of mine, who spent a whole day with another company of Bersaglieri, has remarkable photographs showing this company manning its trenches in the front and rear at the same moment.

"Then there was the panic in the town, which I have already described fully in the Times. Some of us participated in the frightful moment. The Italian army, from its general down to the musicians, realized that there was a possibility of 10,000 rising in fanatical rage upon their rear, and we can perhaps better appreciate the mental strain and fearful anxiety which developed into the blood lust I have already described, than those who were absent from the cruel scene of the Arab uprising, and certainly better than those who were not in Tripoli at all."

The correspondent suggests that the Italian repression would not have attained the dimensions it did if an adequate number of officers had been employed. He says:

"So far as I could judge, the license which carried the Italian soldiers away was due to the enactment of a house to house search for arms. I found small detachments operating without commissioned officers. This was where the danger crept in. The Sicilians and hot-blooded southerners who had just seen their dead butchered, as they thought in circumstances of black treachery, were dangerous material to let loose in a suburb when the orders were that suspicion of carrying arms was justification for a summary death sentence.

"All armies require a full complement of officers to cope with all the exigencies of war."

FLOUR MERGER

Eight Mills Propose to Form Big New $2,000,000 Combination.

[Canadian Press.]

Kansas City, Nov. 8.—Owners of eight flouring mills in as many towns of Kansas will meet here Friday for the purpose of completing a merger of the mills into one company with a capital of $2,000,000.

The merger, if one consummated, is to be made in compliance with the latest decisions of the supreme court of the United States as to what constitutes a merger in restraint of trade. The millers say their purpose is not to control prices or curtail output, but to reduce the cost of operation and the cost of marketing their product