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SHARP REMARKS OF LONDON PRESS

Absence of King Edward at
Time of Cabinet Crisis
Discussed

SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENT

John Morley for House of Peers
—Lord Curzon and Tariff
Reform

London, April 10 (Friday).—The King's absence during the cabinet crisis has provoked so much comment and criticism, as well as suspicion that there may be some underlying reason connected with his Majesty's health, that a semi-official explanation was issued last night to the effect that his visit to Biarritz was undertaken as a holiday, in conformity with the strong opinion of His Majesty's medical advisers, owing to recent attacks of influenza, to which the King has been subject during the spring for a number of years past.

Mr. Asquith, the new premier, spent the night in Paris, and has kept secret the composition of his cabinet. For the time being, speculation on the cabinet has practically ceased. The Daily News makes the highly interesting statement that John Morley, while retaining the office of secretary for India, will accept a peerage, his reason being declining health and a threat of affliction that makes the strain of work in the House of Commons too great. He was faced with the alternative of retaining office in the less exacting atmosphere of the House of Lords.

The Unionist leaders are making an active platform stump of the country with a view to influencing the by-elections which will result from the cabinet reconstruction. The Unionist morning papers are rejoicing over the pronouncement of Lord Curzon in favor of fiscal reform. Lord Curzon has been considered to have free trade sympathies, but in an address last night at Basingstoke he said that he saw no reason why the tariff should not be employed to strengthen the imperial tie, and he believed that Mr. Balfour's fiscal platform was one on which all sections of the Unionist party could unite.

Pointed Criticism
Montreal, April 9.—A London special cable says: "Quite a stir has been caused in higher political and social circles by the half-vile attack on the King in the Times today, which follows the comments made last Saturday. Not since Queen Victoria's reign has such an outspoken attitude towards the Sovereign been adopted by the responsible press. One direct result of this feeling is the King's decision to curtail his holiday leave."

The King will leave Biarritz next Wednesday in order to hold a private council meeting in London on Thursday. The Times says in substance: "It may be a picturesque tribute to the Anglo-French entente that the King and Prime Minister are so much at home in France as to be able to transact their most important constitutional business there, but the precedent is not one to be followed. Nothing of the kind should happen again. Only the King is in a position, which happily he is not, would excuse a repetition. As matters stand a week has been unnecessarily lost at a critical period of the session. Moreover, further international conventions between the Prime Minister and the Sovereign during this most critical period are impossible."

The Times adds that the whole ministerial programme of the session has been upset.

Knox Church, Hamilton
Hamilton, Ont., April 9.—Knox church, the largest Presbyterian church in the city, has extended a call to Rev. A. B. Mitchell, of Ottawa.

Charged With Murder
St. Catharines, Ont., April 9.—Geo. Vance is on trial here on the charge of murdering Jas. Patterson, as the result of a fight on the street last fall.

Children Start Fire
Montreal, April 9.—Children playing in a shed in the rear of a residence in Verdun, a suburb of Montreal, yesterday afternoon started a blaze that made nine families homeless and did damage to the extent of \$3,000.

Oil in Northumberland
Brighton, Ont., April 9.—Oil has been discovered on the farm of Simpson Bros., on the lake shore, and property to the extent of 16,000 acres has been leased to a Virginia syndicate to develop.

Old Man's Suicide
London, Ont., April 9.—Arthur Waters, 60 years old, committed suicide by shooting himself in a hay-loft. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that Waters was temporarily insane when he committed the act.

Alberta's Telephone
Toronto, April 9.—Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works for Alberta, was in the city yesterday consulting several local financiers in connection with the proposed issue of bonds to provide for payment of the purchase price of the Bell telephone system, recently acquired by the province.

London Firm in Trouble
London, April 9.—One of the largest grain firms in the city is in serious difficulties. The liabilities, it is declared, exceed the assets by nearly \$300,000. Attempts are being made to arrange for an extension of credit, failing which the creditors of the firm will hold a meeting to elect a liquidator. The trouble is attributed to over speculation.

Street Railway Trouble Settled
Winnipeg, April 9.—All difficulties between the street railway company and its employees have been straightened out, and everything is to be smooth sailing for another year. The conferences with men have been of the most amicable character throughout, said Mr. Phillips, the manager of the company today. The working conditions are practically the same as last year, and the few changes that have been made are of a minor character. They will be posted in the course of a few days.

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Death of Brantford Official.
Brantford, Ont., April 9.—Stephen Tomlinson, superintendent of water works, is dead, aged 67. He leaves a widow and grown family.

Cut to Pieces
Quebec, April 9.—Edward Volaine, 75 years old, was cut to pieces by a train at Trois Pistoles while walking on the railway track on his way to mass.

Juvenile Offenders.
Montreal, April 9.—At the trial of juvenile offenders, the public should be excluded. The sight of a crowded courtroom makes a child think himself a hero. When a juvenile offender is committed there should be a place of detention for him apart from a jail. A jail is not the place for a child. So declared Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in an address at a meeting last night of the recently organized Children's Aid society.

Dismissal of Editor Nicholas
Ottawa, April 9.—The report allowed to be issued that Frank Nicholas, editor of the geological survey publications, was suspended because he criticized one of the government reports adversely in the Mining and Scientific Press of San Francisco is untrue. The report in question was so full of inaccuracies that the editor would not sanction the printing of it unless it were initiated by the minister. This stand for accuracy is said to be the cause of his dismissal, for Mr. Nicholas is a learned geologist. The author of the criticism of which he is accused is J. A. Rickard.

Customs Officers Disagree
Winnipeg, April 9.—Herbert Wright and his father, the Mayor of Emerson, Manitoba, appeared before Commissioner Browning at Thief River Falls, Minn., in connection with the charge laid against the former of smuggling an undesirable alien over the border, and he was released on depositing \$500 bail. The ill-feeling between the Canadian and United States customs officers has been acute, and a spirit of retaliation prevails as a result of the incident last month, when a United States officer arrested and charged with kidnapping a wheat smuggler at Emerson on the Canadian boundary. The United States officers have always connected Wright unfavorably with that matter. The case has been continued until Saturday morning.

Alberta Wants Game and Fish
Calgary, April 9.—At a meeting of the Alberta Fish and Game Protection Association held here last night, it was decided to introduce a bill into the provincial legislature to secure arrangements for their care. A motion was also passed instructing the secretary to communicate with the Dominion government in regard to having a fish hatchery established at Banff. This would mean that half a million trout would be liberated every year, and Alberta would become a fisherman's paradise.

Cunard Company Prosperous.
Liverpool, April 9.—The Cunard Steamship company, according to a report issued today, has had a fairly prosperous year. After providing for capital depreciation, and allowing \$5,000 toward writing off the cost of new ships, the directors recommend a dividend of 5 per cent. Beyond this, the company carries over \$545,000, as against \$870,000 last year.

Standard Oil Disclaimer.
New York, April 9.—At the offices of the Standard Oil company it was denied today that the Standard Oil interests had obtained control of the Pacific Gas and Electric company. Referring to reports from San Francisco that such a deal had been made, John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil company, said: "The Standard Oil company has no interest whatever in the deal named, if such a deal is really taken place, nor has any individual connected with the Standard Oil."

DOUKHOBORS HEAD FOR THIS PROVINCE

Leader Peter Verigin Seeking
Milder Climate For His
Flock

Nelson, B. C., April 9.—Peter Verigin, leader of the Doukhobors in Canada, who is in the city, stated tonight that the climate of the Territories was too cold for his countrymen, and that he proposed to bring all the Doukhobors in Canada into British Columbia, settling them in the Kootenays, probably in the neighborhood of Nelson, if land could be got hereabouts. If there was not room for all his people here he would take the balance to the coast and settle them near Vancouver. He leaves for Vancouver on Saturday morning to look over the situation. The Doukhobors number 7,000 persons, comprising 1,200 families. The board of trade tonight passed a resolution endorsing the resolution of the Vancouver board, advocating a grant of \$25,000 on rough lumber and 30 cents on shingles.

C. P. R. Superintendents
Winnipeg, April 9.—Thos. R. Flett, trainmaster at Moose Jaw, has been appointed district superintendent of the Canadian Pacific at Brandon. C. B. Meharg, the present superintendent at Brandon, will assume the duties of superintendent of the new district at Saskatoon.

Another Druce Perjury Case
London, April 9.—Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, who was one of the principal witnesses to the alleged identity of the Duke of Portland with T. R. Druce, and who was arrested on March 7 charged with wilful perjury and conspiracy, was found guilty at the Old Bailey today. Sentence will be handed down tomorrow.

LIVELY MEETING OF GRAND TRUNK

Unsatisfactory Report Is Cause
of Some Sharp Criticism

PRESIDENT'S EXPLANATION

Recent Financial Crisis And
Poor Harvest in
Canada

London, April 9.—The usual cut-and-dried proceedings at meetings of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada were varied at today's semi-annual meeting of the directors of the road by heated charges of mismanagement and the report of the board was only adopted after earnest appeals for unity of interest. The company's credit had been made.

Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, presided at the meeting, and made a speech which lacked the financial optimism, and was mostly taken up in apologizing for the unsatisfactory financial report, which late shareholders characterized as a miserable document. Sir Charles attributed the Grand Trunk's trouble to the recent financial crisis, together with the "exceptionally bad harvest in Canada," a depression which he was sorry to see had prevailed.

He thought that this was merely a temporary check, and hoped that a thousand miles of the company's portion of the Grand Trunk railway in the Pacific will have been completed by the end of the present year.

A. W. Smithers, in seconding the motion for the adoption of the report, added that there were plenty of enemies of the road in Canada who would magnify any differences that might arise.

This statement brought some of the shareholders present to their feet with sharp criticisms of the management of the company, and heated expressions of dissatisfaction with the expenditures were heard. One shareholder urged the appointment of a committee at Montreal to run the railroad, claiming that "no business could be managed effectively at a distance of three thousand miles."

Sir Charles declared the latter proposal to be "insane." Prior to 1882, he said, "they had had a taste of management, or mismanagement, by a board in Canada, and as a result the company had been plunged into terrible financial straits. The announcement that another such board was to be formed would prove a deadly blow to the credit of the company."

Lord Grey's Liberal Contribution.
Ottawa, April 9.—The Governor General has contributed \$1,000 towards the fund for making a national monument of the Quebec battlefields on the Plains of Abraham and Ste. Foye.

Edmonton Bonds
Montreal, April 9.—A special London cable says the Bank of Montreal has offered \$187,400 of Edmonton 5 per cent. bonds at 101. The list closed today, and was oversubscribed.

Vance Acquitted
St. Catharines, Ont., April 9.—George Vance was acquitted this afternoon on a charge of murdering Jas. Patterson last fall by hitting him on the head with a stone as the result of a fight.

Invited to Nanaimo
U. S. Battleship Fleet Wanted at Coal City on Victoria Day—Warm Welcome Assured

Nanaimo, April 9.—Nanaimo has fallen in line with Victoria and Vancouver and has through U. S. Consul General Foster issued a cordial invitation to the U. S. Fleet which is due in Puget Sound about May 22. It is hardly to be presumed that the fleet will accept the invitation, but the people go on the prospect that at least one or two warships will be here on Victoria day. The invitation which was sent today reads as follows: "Mayor and council extend to the U. S. Fleet a cordial invitation to attend the regatta to be held on Nanaimo harbor on Victoria day. Special programs for seamen, try and send at least one or two ships. Big welcome and handsome treatment awaits them from the whole city."

Ontario's Member to Retire.
Picton, Ont., April 9.—Dr. Currie, M. L. A., announces that owing to illness he will not be able to contest Prince Edward county at the coming provincial elections.

Yukon Official Change.
Ottawa, April 9.—J. E. Girouard, registrar of Yukon, has resigned. Napoleon Robbert, Liberal of the justice department succeeds him, and will combine the two offices at a salary of \$4,000.

Sir Henry's Condition.
London, April 9.—The bulletin issued this morning regarding the health of the former premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, says that he passed a fair night and that there were no new developments to report in the patient's general condition.

Great Northern Field
Minneapolis, April 9.—In the federal court today, W. R. Begg, general counsel for the Great Northern railway filed a plea of guilty, in the rebate case against his company, and Judge Page Morris imposed a fine of \$3,000.

Quiet in London
Lisbon, April 9.—Quiet reigns in the city today. The board of trade has passed a resolution thanking the government for the restoration of order, and expressing the hope that the necessary restrictive measures would be continued.

Thefts From Hotel
Ottawa, April 9.—An extensive system of thefts from the Windsor hotel has been disclosed in the arrest of Georgina Dupuis, a chambermaid, and silverware has been found concealed in several houses occupied by friends of the accused.

Little Boy Killed
Toronto, April 9.—Norman McKeown, five years old, was struck and instantly killed by a Bathurst street electric car while returning from school in company with his seven year old sister at noon today. The little girl got over the tracks all right, but Norman was struck and cut in two.

Plethora of Money in London
London, April 9.—As an illustration of the amount of capital awaiting solid investment in London, it is announced that the first day's application for the council \$1.2 loan of \$15,000,000 was at par, amounted to \$500,000,000. A similar loan a year ago was issued at 97, and then it was covered about twenty fold.

Arrested on Suspicion
Aurora, Ont., April 9.—Three young men were arrested here on suspicion of being implicated in the attempt to rob the branch of the Sterling bank at Aurora, Tuesday night. They are Thomas Power, New York, 22 years old; Thomas Donaldson, Montreal, 22; and William Herbert, Manchester, England, age not known.

Russia Sends Guns.
Tiflis, April 9.—Fifty-six heavy guns destined for the fortress of Kars on the Russo-Turkish frontier, have passed through here by railroad from the interior of Russia. This strengthening of the frontier is due to a memorandum of several officers of the garrison on its weakness in view of a possible attack by the Turks.

New York City for Hughes.
New York, April 9.—A practically solid Hughes delegation to the Chicago convention was chosen in Greater New York tonight. In the 18 congressional districts convention 13 instructed their delegates to vote for Governor Hughes for the presidential nomination until he is nominated or his name is withdrawn. The other two delegates were instructed to work and vote for Hughes. The Hughes men were jubilant tonight and proclaimed that the State convention held in this city would be enthusiastic for the governor.

Columbia Valley's Railway Needs.
Montreal, April 9.—Mr. Brice, a large mine and land owner in British Columbia, waited upon Sir Thomas Shaughnessy today and urged the need of better railway facilities for the Columbia valley, where both the fruit raising and mining industries are rapidly developing. He was assured that the people now developing the Columbia valley would get their railway, but that for the present they must be content with the existing lines. He was being called for all over the year at headquarters it is realized that the fruit business in British Columbia is proving a valuable asset to the Canadian Pacific.

GUNS MAY BE SENT TO FIFTH REGIMENT

Statement From Ottawa Indicates
Effect of Officers' Action

Ottawa, April 9.—No action has yet been taken by the militia department, as far as can be learned, in respect to the resignation of the officers of the Fifth regiment, Victoria, because their guns were obsolete.

New guns were ordered recently in England, but it has been impossible to supply all the artillery units with up-to-date ordnance.

In view of the extreme measures taken by the officers of the Fifth regiment, it is probable that a special effort will be made to supply the guns desired.

VENEZUELA'S TRICKS

British Company Aggrieved by Cancellation of Concession Which it Held

London, April 9.—The action of the government of Venezuela in cancelling the concessions for a salmon monopoly in Venezuela which were owned by a British company has been under consideration by the Foreign Office since the decree of cancellation was issued last January. The Foreign Office, however, has been awaiting the return to London from Caracas of a representative of the company, in order to obtain further details. This man now seems to be in London, and the company is preparing to take the matter up with energy. When the subject was brought to the attention of the Foreign Office in July they thought it was a matter which the Venezuelan courts should deal with, but it has since been pointed out that this would be a useless waste of time.

COMMONS TALKS ABOUT TOBACCO

The Abolition of Discriminating
Stamps Will Help British
Columbia Product

SEVERAL BILLS ADVANCED

Senators Take Opportunity to
Discuss Civil Service
Matters

Ottawa, April 9.—As far as actual results go, today's session of the House of Commons was one of the busiest of the session, many important government bills being forwarded. The discussion centered principally upon the bill to amend the inland revenue act in regard to the duties imposed upon cigars and tobacco, in accordance with the resolution introduced at the time of Mr. Fielding's budget speech. It deals with three classes of tobacco factories now in existence; those making cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos from Canadian leaf, from mixed Canadian and foreign leaf and from foreign leaf only, the product of each in the past having been distinguished by a different colored label. Hereafter they are to be all of the same color and to place them on the same footing the duties on raw tobacco due the excise have been increased, the idea being to favor the use of Canadian leaf. In this connection it is expected that British Columbia will be one of the chief gainers, the testimony of some cigar makers being that British Columbia tobacco is the only tobacco grown in Canada suitable for the manufacture of the better grade of cigars.

When the bill was introduced by Mr. Templeman, Mr. Blain endeavored to get the expression in regard to the cigarette evil, but failed, both Mr. Templeman and Mr. Borden declaring the time inappropriate. In this Mr. Wilfrid backed them up, after Mr. Foster had come to the rescue of Mr. Blain. Finally Mr. Templeman announced that he would order a collection of cigarettes to be made and analyzed for the presence of drugs which they were alleged to contain. If they were found, some action would be taken in the matter.

The discussion then drifted on to the objections of the cigar manufacturers to change in the stamps. The present system gives the customer a guarantee that the cigar he is buying is made of imported leaf entire when it bears a certain stamp. Under the new system this disappears and all are stamped alike.

Mr. Monk sided with the government and said he did not think it right that the Canadian government should affix a stamp on cigars made from Canadian tobacco in order to show that they were inferior.

In the evening there was a discussion as to the quality of Canadian tobacco, principally contributed by the Quebec members. The bill finally passed its third reading.

Col. Hughes was absent, and Mr. Oliver's bill amending the immigration act was passed without the amendment which Mr. Hughes desired made to the effect that its provisions should not apply to Hindus who had served in the British army.

Mr. Oliver's bill to amend the land titles act and Mr. Aylesworth's bill to amend the bills of exchange act and the winding up act were also passed their third reading and sent on to the Senate.

The house is to adjourn on the 15th for the Easter holidays and to re-assemble on the 21st.

The Senate yesterday for the first time had an extended talk concerning the report of the civil service commission, waited upon by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy today and urged the need of better statements telegraphed from Ottawa to western newspapers that Messrs. Owen, Fry and Gregory had been suspended for criticizing extravagances of the government. Sir Mackenzie criticized the statement in a speech by Mr. Aylesworth in North York, in which he said Justice Cassels would go through the department and separate the Tory goats from the Liberal sheeps. Sir Mackenzie thought all such criticisms should enter into such a question. In reply Hon. Mr. Scott said Owens was suspended prior to the report of the civil service commission, and his suspension was not the result of that report. Fraser and Gregory were suspended because the minister's orders were not carried out by them. Senator William Ross said there would always be sheep and goats on both sides of politics, and they could be separated until the judgment day.

PRISON FOR DOUKHOBORS

Attempt to Hold Parade "in Puris Naturalibus" Checked at Fort William

Fort William, April 9.—Six months in jail was the sentence handed out by Magistrate Felling this afternoon to nineteen of the Doukhobors who, this morning, attempted to hold another parade, devoid of any wearing apparel, and were stopped by the police before they got up town.

The prisoners were found guilty of committing an indecent action in public. The sentence is to be put in by the Ontario Central Prison, Toronto, and by the women at the Mercer reformatory.

The parade and arrests of the pilgrims this morning was very dramatic, and an immense crowd of curious citizens viewed the spectacle. Of the nineteen arrested, nine were women and ten were men. The prisoners all took their arrests in a calm manner and continued their west gidge throughout the entire proceedings.

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A court of inquiry has been ordered by M. Kato, the Japanese consul-general at Mukden, and a full report will not be submitted to either Washington or Peking pending the report of this court. It is hoped that this investigation will lead to an acceptable explanation and proper reparation.

A detailed account of the incident just received here alleges that M. Kato's conduct was insolent. When the matter was brought to his attention it is said he offered no apology and asked Mr. Straight to prove his own statements as against the verbal declarations of the Japanese thug at the consulate. The Japanese investigation was also questioned, and partial verification was obtained, together with expressions of regret that such a "small matter" should have

slaughter and to conduct an investigation.

Burns to Fight in Paris.
London, April 9.—"Tommy" Burns, the champion heavyweight pugilist, who in the last four months has knocked out Gunner Jim Moir and Jem Roche, has signed articles for a 10-round contest to be held in Paris, April 18, with "Jewry" Smith, a South African boxer.

Rancher's Disappearance.
New Westminster, April 9.—William Francy, a well known rancher of Coquitlam, disappeared from his home on Sunday morning last and has not since been seen. His wife is making a diligent search for him.