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U.S. REDS WOULD MARK MAY DAY BY MURDER OF OFFICIALS

"Short-Circuiting" Gets Death Blow | Drury Government's Pressure Forcing W. F. O'Connor to Quit?

GOVERNMENT BACKED ON FRANCHISE BILL BY CROSS-BENCHERS

Fielding's Amendment is Rejected by Majority of Thirty-Two Votes.

LIGHTS OUT IN HOUSE

Ottawa, April 29.—For a moment or two, the house tonight sat in the dark. All day the franchise bill had been discussed. As comment ebbed and flowed, half the lights went dark. There were outcries, but the house continued its work. Then, without a flicker, the remaining lights went out. Vague forms of policemen were silhouetted against the doorways. Quebec members chanted the old French chanson—
Au clair de la lune,
Ma chandelle est morte.
And, not to be outdone, members of English-speaking communities joined in "In the Evening by the Moonlight."

There was a hurrying around of officials till the lights again flashed on, then singing ceased and the house discussed the franchise bill once more.

Franchise Bill Debate.

During a large part of the day, the debate turned on the clause in the franchise bill relating to the appointment of returning officers. It is the clause which previously aroused discussion which Hon. W. S. Fielding sought to amend with a stipulation that returning officers shall be selected from certain specified provincial and municipal officials. In committee today, Mr. Fielding's amendment was defeated by 31 to 49, a government majority of 32. The cross-benchers voted with the government, among them being Angus McDonald, recently elected member for Timiskaming. It was Mr. McDonald's first vote for the government in the house. (Continued on Page 4, Column 4).

The Drury Government and Hydro Radicals.

The World believes that the net result of the interviews between the municipalities and the Drury government, like that of yesterday, for instance, the agitation in the press and in the local centres concerned, and the various conferences between Premier Drury and Chairman Beck of the Hydro, will result in a declaration of policy by the government in support of at least three of the Hydro radial projects, including the Toronto and Eastern, Port Credit and St. Catharines lines.

Mr. Drury says he is for Hydro power and the earliest possible prosecution of the construction of the Chippawa canal and power plant. But he does not want to see the Hydro radicals run as rivals of the steam roads, especially the National Railways. As a matter of fact they are not rivals they are different propositions. The proof is that roads like the New York Central see the difference and cater to both. The Canadian Pacific is bringing on plans for a similar policy in Ontario; they are laying out electric radials from Hespeler to Port Dover thru Preston, Galt, Paris, Port Dover more or less alongside of its own steam roads.

And the Toronto and Eastern as a Hydro will in the main take the place of a proposition that was part of the Canadian Northern and now the National Railways. They are hardly rivals, but give an altogether different service. The radial is faster, more frequent, intensely local, and is an essential part of industrial development by means of public power and near and frequent transportation. Cheap power and quick and near transportation are put together, steam railways are not in the energy business. The Hydro Commission are in both.

And if the Toronto and Eastern takes over tracks already built so will the line west of Port Credit take in a Hamilton radial (Oakville to Burlington), and likely also take in the Hamilton and Beausville radial. But these two projects mean power to quick transportation along and between the industrial centres of Bowmanville, Oshawa, Toronto, Port Credit, Oakville, Hamilton, Beausville, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and will help the steam railways as railways, not hurt them.

As to the necessity of economy and of not spending too much when labor and material are high we agree in part with the premier. But necessary works must go on nevertheless. Mr. Drury would press on the Dominion government to check up a lot of flotations now going and let the money go into radials and power districts. Cut out some of the amusement proposals and put the money in cars, rails, and more power distribution.

Full discussion and frequent conferences will work out a proper solution. But the Hydro radials must go on.

Ontario Complains to Ottawa O'Connor Asked to Resign

Board of Commerce Chairman Said to Have Been Asked to Leave Because of His Attitude During Recent Wholesale Grocery Investigation.

There is a persistent rumor going the rounds regarding the resignation of W. F. O'Connor from the board of commerce. It is to the effect that such action on the part of the gentlemen would not meet with a great deal of opposition from the Dominion government. In fact, it would be almost desirable in view of the attitude of the local government towards him.

It is understood that after the Hamilton wholesale grocers probe the attorney-general communicated with the acting premier, Sir George Foster, and it is said that the upshot of the whole affair was a direct intimation to Mr. O'Connor that his resignation would be accepted.

When seen by The World yesterday, Hon. W. E. Roney said that he had no comments to make on the matter.

From other sources, however, it was definitely learned that Mr. Roney, on behalf of the Ontario government, had written to Ottawa with the result indicated.

SANDY BILL IS FORCED THRU LEGISLATURE BY GOVERNMENT

Measure to Prevent "Short Circuiting" in Liquor Passes House After Sharp Passa-ge-at-Arms—Premier and Attorney-General Pilot It Thru.

The political leaders in the legislature yesterday had a field day on the now famous Sandy bill prohibiting "short circuiting" of liquor in Ontario. It was marked by some warm passages at arms and the usual divergence of opinions. The measure was given a second reading.

The unusual spectacle was presented of a bill being fathered by a private member and championed in the main by the government, headed by the attorney-general.

From the Liberal point of view the principal complaint, as raised by Hartley Dewar, was that the government was not sufficiently frank and outspoken. On the other hand, Premier Drury spoke, and he observed during his speech that he was impressed with the view that if at present the province could not prohibit the importation of liquor it could at least prevent exportation and manufacture within the province.

Conditions Have Changed. Mr. Sandy, in explaining his measure, said: "There are men who have for years used intoxicating beverages to abuse the privileges of the law. The argument is they should not be coerced. But conditions call for a change in this province."

Charles McCrea (Conservative, Sudbury): If this bill is passed and section nine of it left out no liquor can be delivered to any cellar. Have we in Ontario that power? Hon. Mr. Roney: We have decided to ask for a referendum on the question of importation of liquor. Would the member, outside of that, be in favor of this house passing a law prohibiting importation?

Continuing, Mr. McCrea said if section nine were eliminated he would support the measure. In three months' time a vote would be taken in the province. He thought some dry legislation was much ahead of public opinion. Sam Clarke (Liberal, Northumberland): If the referendum does carry no liquor orders can be ordered from Montreal?

Pass Bill First. The attorney-general: "That is so. But the referendum vote will be futile unless we have this bill in force preventing short-circuiting." The former government, the attorney-general said, had considered this question. He added that all legal (Continued on Page 7, Column 2).

Edmonton, Alta., April 29.—The portfolios of minister of municipal affairs and public health, rendered vacant by the death of the late Hon. A. K. Mackay, were filled today by the appointment of Hon. Chas. R. Mitchell.



W. F. O'CONNOR, K.C., whose resignation from board of commerce is reported impending, because of pressure by the Ontario government.

DRURY FAVORS SPEED IN CHIPPAWA PLAN, BUT COUNSELS CARE

No Economy Can Result From Delay in Hydro Project.

SEE OTTAWA FIRST

A large deputation representing the municipalities east and west of Toronto waited on the government yesterday afternoon, asking whether the province intended to guarantee bonds for certain radial projects, including the Toronto & Eastern.

Premier Drury said that he was not going to give an answer just yet, but as soon as they were convinced that there would be no unnecessary duplication of effort, he would be glad to do so.

Public Ownership Advocate. Premier Drury said: "I am by nature and conviction a believer in the ownership, development and use of the natural resources of the province and that the financial situation here has no connection with the corporate interests who want to exploit the natural resources of the province." (Continued on Page 7, Column 3).

NO JAPANESE MANDATE IN EASTERN SIBERIA

London, April 29.—Cecil Harmsworth, under secretary for foreign affairs, replying to questions in the house of commons today, said it was announced that the British government had declared war on the Russian soviet government in Eastern Siberia.

He added that as far as the British government was aware, the soviet minister of foreign affairs had not intended to set up a protectorate or accept a mandate for Eastern Siberia. There was no agreement between Japan and the allies regarding Japanese action in these regions, Mr. Harmsworth declared.

SEEDING UNDELAYED BY BELATED SPRING

Manitoba Farmers Off to Good Start, Declares Minister. Winnipeg, April 29.—"Seeding has become general throughout the province, and the farmers are working at top speed," Hon. Valentine Winkler, minister of agriculture, stated today. Mr. Winkler said that the recent good weather had permitted the farmers to get away to a good start, and that they were looking forward to a very good crop. There would be plenty of moisture in the ground this year, he said, because of the fact that the spring thaw had been slow, and most of the water had been absorbed instead of running away.

ASSASSINATIONS AND OUTRAGES PLANNED BY U. S. COMMUNISTS FOR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Over a Score of Federal and State Officials Marked for Death, is Announcement of Attorney-General — Instigators Acting in Unison With Fomentors of Trouble in Europe.

Washington, April 29.—Plots against the lives of more than a score of federal and state officials have been discovered by the department of justice as part of radical May Day demonstrations, Attorney-General Palmer announced tonight.

Assassinations and assaults, Mr. Palmer said, were included in the May Day program organized by the Communist Labor party and other radical elements, and were in addition to strikes and other disturbances intended by the radicals as an effort in behalf of peace with soviet Russia.

State officials marked as victims were General Sir James H. Duff, the attorney-general added, of the federal government, and their co-operation requested in repressing radical demonstrations.

The department has information, according to the attorney-general, that the instigators of the May Day demonstration here have been working "in direct connection and unison" with the leaders of disturbances set for Europe.

In Europe, attempts are being made to incite strikes in all basic industries. All the propaganda advocating May Day disturbances referred to "inhuman treatment" of the soviet government of Russia by the United States and the allied powers, Mr. Palmer continued. In foreign sections of industrial centres, appeals for "peace with Russia" have been employed as the main method in stirring up dissatisfaction with this government.

Tons of inflammatory literature have been circulated in the last month by express and by mail, and secretly distributed by local leaders, according to information obtained by department agents. The Communist Labor group also has sent numerous "personal emissaries" into cities where the field was deemed ripe. These men have been under constant surveillance by federal agents, and it was thru their activities that the government was first able to establish definitely the aims of the group for May Day disturbances. Men and women have been used particularly in the textile manufacturing districts.

CARRANZA TROOPS CLASH WITH REBELS

Fighting Occurs in Pass Between That State and Chihuahua.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, April 29.—Carranza troops and revolutionists had their first clash in the mountains dividing the states of Chihuahua and Sonora today. It was announced at military headquarters here tonight that advance detachments of the two forces clashed near Pulpito Pass. The Sonora troops captured 11 Carranza soldiers, it was said. One man on each side was reported killed.

Pulpito Pass is the opening thru the mountains which it was expected Carranza troops, concentrating on the Chihuahua side, would use in their efforts to enter and subdue Sonora. The pass is about 110 miles south-east of Agua Prieta.

No reports have been received here officially concerning the military situation at Chihuahua City, since it was announced that federal troops there had revolted. It was announced today that the Carranza forces, under the command of the rebel forces in the north-west.

General Calles reiterated his statement that approximately 4000 troops at Chihuahua City, Parral and Liminez, had joined the revolution.

Denial was made of the report from the Mexican consulate at El Paso that troops under General Miguel Samanigo had defeated the rebels in a fight at Nacozari.

Many Desertions Daily. The Sonora troops, said to number 400, were led by General J. M. Pina, in the clash reported tonight. The Carranza were of the 85th infantry regiment, which had been stationed at Casas Grandes, Chihuahua. General Pina reported the prisoners offered to enlist in the Sonora army and told of many desertions occurring daily from the Carranza ranks.

The fight was said to have occurred at four p.m. today. Besides the prisoners a small amount of ammunition and supplies were captured by the Sonorans. They said they also captured thirty-six horses and mules.

BANKS WILL PAY HUNDRED PER CENT. INCREASED TAXATION

Provincial Treasurer Announces Big Jump to Implement Revenue.

TAX ON RACE TRACKS

If the legislature yesterday Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer, announced a one hundred per cent. increase in the provincial tax on banks. Last year the provincial levy on head offices was \$1500, this year it is to be increased to \$3000. Branch banks, which formerly paid \$50, are this year expected to contribute \$100 to the province's coffers. In addition they will be required to pay one-fifth of one per cent. on their paid-up capital instead of one-tenth of one per cent. as in the past.

Change is also announced in the taxation of insurance companies. Life insurance companies will pay one and one-quarter per cent. and all other insurance companies one per cent. on their gross premiums received on business transacted in Ontario. The maximum of taxation is increased from \$30,000 to \$60,000 but, according to the provincial treasurer, no concern's return would under the terms of the levy exceed that amount.

The doubling of the impost on the banks met with the hearty approval of H. H. Dewar, whose only criticism was that the increase had not been even greater. The banks, he added, had been hiding millions of dollars of profits in real estate. Year after year they had been forced to construct buildings on every corner of the city "not merely to accommodate the people, but simply because they have had to hide the earnings they have made."

The treasurer, in announcing the race track tax as \$7500 on the mile and \$2500 on the half-mile tracks estimated that with the amusement tax of 25 cents per head, the province's revenue from the race tracks would total \$920,000. Asked by Mr. Bracklin (Continued on Page 4, Column 5).

MILLERAND STICKS TO UNIT PRINCIPLE

Says Germany Has Not Reduced Forces in Ruhr to Number Agreed On.

Paris, April 29.—It is understood that Dr. Goepfert, head of the German mission in Paris, who called on Premier Millerand yesterday afternoon, intended to hand the premier a note requesting evacuation of Frankfurt by the French troops, in view of the fact that the German forces in the neutral zone still exceeded the number allowed, and said the French evacuation depended upon verification of German evacuation to the number of units agreed upon. Theophrast Dr. Goepfert decided not to hand the note to M. Millerand.

TO CUT PRICE OF MILK. St. John, N.B., April 29.—Local milk dealers have announced that tomorrow the retail price will be reduced from 17c to 15c per quart.

TORONTO WOMAN DIES OF OVERDOSE OF DRUG

New York, April 29.—The body of a woman known as Mrs. Shirley Van Patter, 29 years old, of Toronto, who died today at a private hospital at 238 Central Park west, has been taken to the morgue, where an autopsy will be performed tomorrow to determine the cause of death.

According to Dr. George Hohmann, deputy medical examiner, who made an investigation into the case tonight, Mrs. Van Patter's death was due to an overdose of a headache preparation which she had bought at a drug store while out for a walk today. It is not known whether she took the preparation before or after she returned to the institution.

Three Big Canadian Companies Agree to \$500,000,000 Merger

Montreal, April 29.—Directors of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and the Dominion Steel Corporation today received and considered the proposals made by the interests behind the \$500,000,000 steel, coal and shipping organization, to be known as the British Empire Steel Corporation, and formally consented to the transfer of securities involved subject to the consent of the shareholders of the three enterprises, which are to form the Canadian nucleus of the big consolidation.

According to the statement issued tonight by Col. W. Grant Morden, the terms will be ready for publication in a day or two and special general meetings of the companies involved will be called in the near future.

Colonel Morden stated that the initial share capital issue of the new corporation will be \$205,000,000, but declined to state into what amounts of first, second and third, preferred and common stocks would be divided. Formal and official announcement of these details would, he said, be given in the near future.

In addition to the three companies mentioned above, the consolidation will embrace the Hallifax Shipyard Company, the Davie Shipbuilding Company of Lewis, the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company, the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company, together with the latter's Kingston subsidiary, the Maritime Nail Company of St. John, N.B., and possibly several other allied industries.

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