

Leader Rowell Says: "Curb the Corporations"

LIBERALS MAY SPLIT ON NAVY

Some May Keep Eye on Constituencies and Support a Money Contribution to Imperial Fleet.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A majority of the Liberal members from Ontario and Quebec are away over Sunday and there has not been a great deal of talk about the parliament buildings today respecting the attitude of the opposition on the navy question.

The impression grows, however, that the Liberals will make a fight. Undoubtedly some Liberal members will suffer greatly in their constituencies by voting against the gift or rather the belated payment of our long overdue debt to the mother country.

On the other hand, it is claimed in some quarters that some Conservative members, especially those who were swept in by the great tidal wave of 1911 in Liberal constituencies, may be embarrassed by their support of the government. However this may be, there will be no break in the Conservative ranks so far as known.

It is not impossible that some Liberal members may help themselves in their own districts, some by favoring and others by opposing the bill, but for the present the party will put up a united front while various amendments are proposed to the government measure.

The second reading of the bill, together with the resolution upon which it is founded and of which Mr. Borden has given notice, can only come up on Tuesday or Friday of next week, as upon other days of the coming week government business does not have precedence.

CAN'T QUITE SQUARE HIMSELF.

Jeff: Is that ye, John, an' is that ye, Master Fleming?

Bob: Yes, Senator.

Jeff: That wee body Hooken is talkin' till every yin that ye an' me are deprivin' the strapholders an' taxpayers of the right to vote on street cars an' amusements an' to drink an' eat.

Bob: Well, ain't you?

Jeff: Yes, I am, an' I'm a poor man's friend.

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Hon. W. T. White's G. T. P. Bond Purchase

WOMEN SILENCE JOHN REDMOND

Succession of Rough and Tumultuous Scenes as Suffragettes Are Evicted Bodily From Meeting.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Suffragettes put John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalist party, to the torment this afternoon at a home rule demonstration at Dalston, in the northeast of London.

For half an hour the Irish leader watched the forcible eviction from the hall of his disturbers, whose interruptions and desperate resistance to the ushers caused a rapid succession of rough and tumble scenes of the most gory description.

Men as well as women were thrown bodily out of the hall. Among the men were some clergymen, who had protested against the rough handling of the women.

During the half hour Mr. Redmond was able to utter only a single sentence, which was to the effect that it seemed to him almost tragic that the women's cause, which in the minds and hearts of so many was so great, should be turned into a comic interlude.

Suffragettes rose in all parts of the house and shouted down the speaker, who obviously was pained by the shrieks emitted by the women as they bounded out thru the nearest door. Free fights were frequent and it was fully three-quarters of an hour before the Irish leader was able to get in his appeal to the audience to recognize that Irish claims for a separate nationality were consistent with claims of imperial loyalty which, consequently, would bury fathoms deep all trace of diabolical and bitter memories in the hearts of Irishmen.

Buying G. T. P. Bonds Saving to Country Mr. White Commended

Government Will Receive Three Per Cent. After Seven Years "Implement" Clause Loses Us Ten Millions.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The announcement of Finance Minister White of his intention of going to the market as a purchaser of the Grand Trunk Pacific three per cent. bonds guaranteed by the government of Canada is generally commended.

Just what difference it will mean to the Dominion Government, if \$25,000,000 of these bonds are purchased by the government, can be easily computed by recalling the position in which the country stands so far as the company's former issue of \$25,000,000 already disposed of to private parties is concerned. The bonds sold at 90 cents on the dollar netted the company but \$20,000,000, and it promptly collected \$5,000,000 in cash for the government, under the "implement" clause of the Grand Trunk Pacific Act as interpreted by the imperial privy council.

But this was not all. The government under the contract is to pay the interest upon these bonds for the first seven years. In a word, the government paid \$5,000,000 and must pay an additional \$5,250,000 (the seven years' interest), or \$10,250,000 without any return whatever.

By buying the forthcoming bonds at par the government is merely out the seven years' interest (\$5,250,000). In other words, the government, instead of expending \$10,250,000 without any return whatever, expends \$25,000,000 upon which it gets a three per cent. return forever after a forbearance of seven years.

As yet there is nothing to indicate that the Grand Trunk Pacific intends to apply for another loan to parliament. The Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific, however, are both seeking extensive powers in the way of issuing bonds and debentures, and there is reason to believe that the branch line from Melville, Sask., via Yorkton and Canora to Hudson Bay, will be rapidly pushed to completion.

Archbishop Coming

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 7.—Archbishop McNeill has announced that according to present plans he will leave for Toronto on the evening of December 15.

Navy Workers in Civil Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—More than 20,000 skilled workers in the navy yards throughout the United States were today placed under the protection of civil service by executive orders of President Taft. The president's order was issued with the approval of the civil service commission and in accordance with an opinion by Attorney General Wickereham.

Corner Stone of High School Laid

The corner stone of the North Toronto High School was laid on Saturday afternoon. The school is being erected on a block of land between Broadway and Roshampton avenues, and will be a five-roomed structure.

North Toronto Ceremony Carried Out Saturday—Five-Roomed Building on Broadway Avenue.

The ceremony of laying the stone was performed by James W. Brownlow, chairman of the high school board, who was the recipient of the silver trowel, suitably engraved.

The laying of the corner stone was followed by addresses by Mayor Brown, Councilors Ball and Reid, High School Inspector J. A. Houston, High School Inspector J. H. Armstrong and High School Principal George H. Reed.

CAN YOU HELP THESE BOYS?



It is boys like these that The Sunday World Good Fellows are going to reach on Christmas Day. Read about this big movement for practical Christian charity elsewhere in this paper.

HYDRO IS FREED FROM TAXATION

Judge Winchester Decides System Is City's Property and Therefore Not Assessable.

APPEALS ARE ALLOWED

Court of Revision's Findings on Downtown Assessments Changed on Several Properties.

The city's property cannot be assessed for taxation is the order laid down by Judge Winchester at his chambers on Saturday, when he sat on the appeals against the decisions of the court of revision.

The civic hydro-electric system claims exemption on the grounds that it is the city's property, but Assessor Commissioner Lyon claims that it is a competitor for business, and therefore should be subject to taxation. He brought the appeal forward, chiefly to obtain an opinion of the county judge.

"The act was never intended to be applied to the city's property and I am afraid you will have to have the act amended before your appeal can meet with any success," declared his honor.

The assessment department's appeal was dismissed.

Some misunderstanding was evinced by Dr. Wm. Oldwright of 154 Carlton street in his opposition to the cutting of his assessment for 1912 by the court of revision.

Judge Winchester stated that his jurisdiction did not take vacancies within its scope.

Dr. Oldwright claimed exemption from taxation on account of his leaving his practice, but the judge pointed out that he would have to stand by the assessment and then claim a rebate on his taxes for the time he was not practising.

Engineers Must Pay.

Railway engineers must pay income tax, because the Assessment Act says so.

Two Canadian Pacific Railway engineers appealed against this assessment on the ground that they had to work every day in the year and many nights also. They were prepared to pay income or what is earned in 315 days a year.

"You are assessed on what you earn," said the judge, "and I am sorry I cannot decide otherwise."

Judge Winchester had occasion to call Charles Pearson, real estate agent, to his bench for argument.

BETTER THAN EVER.

Mrs. Cathrina Mulock was down town Saturday and attending to business. Notwithstanding an operation for appendicitis, she says she feels better than ever, and certainly looks none the worse.

TEDDY WILL BE THERE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—President Roosevelt at the head of two hundred Big Moosers leaves tomorrow for Chicago to attend the conference of the leaders of the Progressive party.

Accept Borden Policy as Partial Payment of Debt We Owe Britain

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Montreal Herald, although unwilling to see a case for emergency, says:

"Canada wants something done in this matter of participation in the defence of her own and of the empire's coasts. And she wants it done promptly and effectively.

"If Mr. Borden's policy accomplishes these two things, without sacrificing any principle essential to our nationhood, why should it be made a cause of political warfare?"

"Would it not be better to consider it as a partial payment of a debt we owe to the empire, and set ourselves to see to it that the permanent policy of the country is laid on broader and safer lines?"

"Mr. Borden can, in all probability, carry his proposals through parliament. It appears to us that it would be better for all concerned if he were not forced to fight it thru, but that the action of Canada on so epoch-making an occasion should be marked by unanimity."

HERE'S ONE BANK MERGER LESS

Home Will Not Take Over International—Drastic Reorganization For the Latter.

The negotiations making for the acquisition of the International Bank by the Home Bank of Canada have been called off, according to the statement handed out by Colonel James Mason, general manager of the Home Bank, on Saturday.

No reason is assigned by the bank for the fact that the deal in preparation fell thru after negotiations had reached the point where the experts were going over the accounts for the last time. It is understood, however, that there was a hitch in the arrangements about the middle of the week, and that the two parties could not reach an amicable understanding from that time on.

It was stated in financial circles Saturday evening that the difficulty arose thru certain charges which are said to have been made against an official or officials of the International Bank and which were heard in Montreal in private by Judge East some weeks ago.

The International Bank will, it is understood, either reorganize by cutting down its capitalization and dropping some of the directors, including Sir Rodolph Forget, the president, or endeavor to form an alliance with another bank. The recent difficulties have left it in a position where it can hardly continue in business in its present condition.

TAFT URGES STATE LOANS TO FARMERS

In Speech to Governors Outlines System of Rural Credits at Low Interest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft, in a speech to 23 governors today, urged the adoption of uniform state legislation which would make possible in this country the adoption of a system of rural credits and low interest bearing loans to farmers, similar to that in vogue in many European countries.

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THE DANGERS OF AGGRESSIONS BY CORPORATIONS

N. W. Rowell, K.C., Gives a Number of Definite Suggestions to Be Followed in Ontario.

PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS

Reorganize Railway and Municipal Board—Invites Sir James to Speak In Local Option Contests.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 7.—N. W. Rowell, K.C., opposition leader in the legislature, addressed the annual meeting of the North Oxford Liberal Association this afternoon.

He dealt principally with the abolition of the by-law of the opposition and attacked the government for not paying sufficient attention to the dangers of aggressions by corporations.

Power of Corporations. "We should," he said, "to the full limit of the legislative and administrative power of the government, prevent corporate power from being used to influence elections or to control the course of legislation or the administration of our public affairs. We should prohibit, under the severest penalties, all contributions by corporations for political purposes, and make adequate provisions for the investigation of the public expense of all changes that corporations have contributed for political purposes. We should see that the criminal law against unlawful combinations to restrain trade, to stifle competition and to enhance prices to the consumer, is vigorously enforced. We should see that the capitalization of railways and other public service corporations within our jurisdiction is brought under government regulation and control. We should reorganize our Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, and reconstitute it with personnel and with powers which will make it an adequate instrument for protecting public interests in its dealings with all public service corporations. We should in-

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GREEK SQUADRON IN TURK WATERS

Approaching Entrance to the Straits of Dardanelles, Which Are Thickly Strewed With Mines.

SEDIL-BAHR, Dardanelles, Dec. 7.—A Greek squadron composed of six warships was sighted off the entrance to the straits at half-past three this afternoon.

A number of vessels of the Turkish fleet are concentrated in the Dardanelles ready for action. The intentions of the Greeks are unknown.

The straits are believed to be thickly strewn with mines.

A report was current a few days ago that forty Greek transports were on the way to the Gulf of Saros with Bulgarian and Greek troops on board. Whether the Greek squadron formed the escort to these transports or is acting independently has not been ascertained.

It is believed that the Turks have concentrated two of the divisions of troops with a considerable force of artillery from Asia Minor on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and it is expected that these will resist any attempt to land.

Passenger Steamer Fired On.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—An attack on the Pacific mail steamship San Juan in Mexican waters recently by a party supposed to be revolutionists, is described in a letter received today by W. G. Rom from his son, E. V. Rom, second wireless operator on the San Juan. The letter says the vessel was fired on while at anchor off Acapulco, Mexico, and the engineer was seriously wounded. The San Juan sailed from San Juan, November 13.

SUNDAY WEATHER

Fresh Westerly Winds; Fair; Same Temperature.

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