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THROWING LIGHT ON NAVAL SCHEME

Debate on Bill Brings Out Speeches from Representatives of Three Provinces—French-Canadian's Opinions

EAST HURON VETERAN HAS NEW PROPOSAL

Would Emulate Captain Bobadil by Building Many Dreadnoughts for \$6,000,000—Yukon Member Also Speaks

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—Quebec, Ontario and the far away Yukon were heard from today in the debate on the naval bill, and there is as yet no sign of the torrential eloquence which this measure has unleashed since the voice from Quebec province was that of Mr. Beauparlant, of St. Hyacinthe. A message from Ontario was delivered by Dr. Chisholm, of East Huron, who evoked a naval policy of his own, while Mr. Congdon, of Dawson City, who was speaking when the House adjourned, gently chided the British people for getting into a panic over the naval development of Germany.

PROCEDURE PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

Bill Relating to House of Lords and Budget to Go Through Together—Joseph Chamberlain Appears in Commons

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Nationalists have been summoned to a meeting in Westminster, when John Redmond will explain the situation and the result of his negotiations with the government. The outlook is now regarded as more promising for the government. It is understood that the course of procedure in Parliament will be a formal first reading of the House of Lords bill, immediately after the budget will be re-introduced and the two measures carried along side by side, a plan which was abandoned in the requirements of the Redmonds.

HOPE ABANDONED

U. S. Navy Tug Nina and Her Crew of Thirty-Two Men Thought to Be at Bottom of Ocean.

RAILWAY WORK IN ALBERTA

CALGARY, Feb. 16.—Some idea of the development that will take place in Alberta this year may be gained from a report issued from Hardisty. The report is to the effect that the Canadian Pacific, having selected that town for a junction point on the Wetaskiwin branch, will upon the opening of spring, grade from the mile of track for the purpose of providing yardage facilities. There is a new station to be erected together with a twelve-stall roundhouse. This work will mean employment for between four and five hundred men, and it is expected that the wage list will be approximately \$75,000 monthly.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—

Fatally wounded by two bullets fired by Adolph Casca, a manager of the Empire theatre orchestra, tonight overpowered his assailant, wrenched the revolver from his hand and fired three bullets through Casca's head, killing him instantly. The shooting occurred just before the curtain rose for the night performance, and the audience was kept in ignorance of the tragedy until the show was over. Casca's attack upon Ostendorf is said to be the result of a quarrel last night with the manager.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 16.—

Writes were today issued against Reeve Found and all the members of the South Van council to request them for alleged technical irregularities in the recent election.

MUCH DISTURBED BY SOCIALISM

Boycott Declared Against Liquor Materially Reduces Revenue Derived by Imperial Government From Tax

SERIOUS RIOTING OVER ELECTION LAW

Many Demonstrators Wounded by Sabres and Bayonets—Several of Police Suffer From Stone-Throwing

ONARIO ROAD-BUILDING

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—The annual report of the minister of Public Works, which has been presented to the legislature, shows that during the year there were 260 miles of new railway opened for traffic, of which 143 miles were for the national transcontinental railway. The Algoma Central has 100 miles under construction, all of which has been started since the re-organization of the Lake Superior Corporation. During the year 146 miles of colonization roads were opened in Northern Ontario.

SABRES AND BAYONETS

KIEL, Feb. 16.—Further disturbances occurred last night at Neumunster, Schleswig-Holstein, where indignation meetings were held to protest against the action of the police in interfering with Sunday's demonstrations against the proposed Prussian franchise law. After the meetings had adjourned a crowd gathered at the town hall and stoned the police. The latter attacked with drawn sabres, but being unable to disperse the mob, requisitioned a company of infantry, which, with fixed bayonets, cleared the square. Several of the demonstrators were wounded. A policeman cut off a man's arm with his sabre as his hand was raised to throw a stone at the police.

PROTEST AGAINST GERMAN TRADE RELATIONS

CASSEL, Germany, Feb. 16.—Following a largely attended meeting of protest against the proposed election measures last night a crowd gathered in the public square and made a demonstration in favor of universal suffrage. The police were received with stones. It was several hours before the demonstrators were dispersed. There were no casualties but a number of arrests were made.

ST. JOHN SKATER DEFEATS ROBSON

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 16.—Nearly 3,000 people saw Fred Logan, St. John, defeat Fred Robson, of Toronto, in both the 220 and 440 yard events in Victoria rink tonight. Logan equaled the world's record of 19.2-5 seconds in 220 yards, and skated 440 yards in 59 seconds. Logan, however, brought the time down to 21 seconds only, so the race went to Logan. Robson's friends claim Logan had advantage of him in knowing the rink well.

ANOTHER ALBANY INQUIRY

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Governor Hughes today ordered a thorough investigation into the affairs of the state forest, fish and game commission and the purchase of land made by the state within the forest reserve, and appointed R. P. Clark and H. L. Austin as his commissioners to conduct the inquiry.

ALBERTA WINTER WHEAT

CALGARY, Feb. 16.—Already very early in the season reports are being received regarding the condition of winter wheat, and plants which have been brought to Calgary from various sections of Bow valley have an exceptionally healthy appearance, being of a deep green color and having strong roots. Those who have been associated with winter wheat culture for the past several years predict that the 1910 crop of winter wheat will be one of the heaviest in the history of the province, some going so far as to predict yields of from 45 to 50 bushels to the acre. Those who estimate their yields at these figures are parties who last fall irrigated their crops.

Local Option Wants

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—The legislature of Ontario is to be asked by the Royal Templars of Temperance to permit local option cities to have the right to make it possible to vote on local option by electoral ridings rather than by municipalities. The Templars will also memorialize the Dominion parliament to abolish race track gambling.

Tying Up Butte Mines

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 16.—Most of the mining engineers in the Butte district are on strike today. This was caused by the mine owners' refusal to grant certain concessions in the jurisdictional disputes. The union officers declared a shutdown of all mining operations in the district and threatened a walkout.

Printers' Strike Averted

QUEBEC, Feb. 16.—The threatened strike of the typists and printers has been averted. The printers have decided to accept the offer of the master printers. The agreement was accepted by the men on a division of 91 against 20. The terms are for a period of one week for two years, after which time they will receive an additional \$1.50 per week.

Franco's Military Airships

PARIS, Feb. 16.—Lazare Weuller has presented to the senate a bill for the machine with which Wilbur Wright made his notable flights at Le Mans. The bill provides for the purchase of 3,000 cubic metres capacity and four biplanes equipped to carry two passengers and ballast, as well as one of the Wright type, for the use of the war department out of a popular subscription of \$50,000 raised by a Paris newspaper. The cost of this aerial fleet is \$150,000, but the companies have made special prices.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

Hon. Mr. Fielding Answers Various Questions Relative to Removal of Surtax—Small Concession Given to Canada

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—Mr. Fielding was pressed in the house today for more particulars regarding the removal of the German surtax. Joseph Armstrong, of Lambton, who has been a persistent advocate of better trade relations with Germany, was the inquisitor, and he succeeded in drawing the minister's attention to the schedules brought down contained all the articles that are to be admitted into Germany at the reduced tariff rates, and that are likely to be exported to that country. Mr. Fielding said the schedules covered the articles which were of the most importance, and that the removal of the surtax would be a matter of opinion.

FATE OF INTERCOLONIAL

Senators Express Variety of Opinions on Debate on Bill Relating to Branch Lines.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—The second reading of the common bill authorizing the government to acquire branch lines connecting with the Intercolonial was put through the senate today by Sir Richard Cartwright. It provoked considerable discussion. Sir Mackenzie Bowden declared that the Drummond County railway to Montreal and the Canadian Eastern across New Brunswick, extensions of the M.C.R. had added to the losses of the road. The I.C.R. he claimed, should either be disposed of or the management changed.

ALBERTA CABINET WILL BE RECKED

Peculiar Haste in Guaranteeing Bonds of Alberta & Great Waterways Railway Looked Upon With Suspicion

HON. W. H. CUSHING RETIRES FROM OFFICE

Railway Affair Furnishes Climax to General Movement of Southern Members Against Rutherford Government

YOUNG CURLERS' GREAT RECORD

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 16.—The famous Cassidy rink of curlers composed of young men of 22 years of age and under, have made a great record for themselves this season by winning the Curling Club championship. The best previous record was made by Dunbar's rink with 32 straight. Cassidy is now in every event in the province, and the curlers pick him as winners of the grand challenge and most of other events.

MISSING HEIRESS

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—Whoever Mrs. Alva Fay is, she is entitled to a property of \$100,000 left by Mrs. Maggie Fay, daughter of The Harrison, formerly a resident of Toronto. Inspector of detectives Walter Duncan received a letter from a detective agency this afternoon asking him to help locate the heiress. After leaving Toronto she went on the variety stage and has not been heard of for some years.

Grand Trunk Collision

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—G.T.R. express No. 12 collided with a light engine at York station shortly after leaving the Union station this afternoon. Both engines were badly smashed, but none of the 13 coaches left the track. The passengers received a severe shaking up, but only three suffered more than trivial injuries. J. Y. Bonnas, a traveler for the Commercial Realty Co., Toronto, sustained a broken arm and leg. Mr. Cushing, a Toronto traveler, had his back sprained and P. Bury, also of Toronto, received a bad scalp wound. None of the train hands were injured. The cause of the collision has not been ascertained as yet.

PRIVATE BILLS BEFORE HOUSE

Premier McBride Again Explains Government's Attitude Regarding Extending Charters to Railway Companies

TRIBUTE TO LATE HON. C. F. CORNWALL

Salvation Army Measure Passes Second Reading—Final Reading of Assessment Act Amendment Bill

C. P. R. DIVIDENDS

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—At a meeting of the board of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, a dividend of two per cent. on the preference stock and three per cent. on the common stock declared for the half year ended December last, was paid on the 14th inst. It was also decided that at the same time a further sum equal to one-half of one per cent. be paid on the common stock out of interest on the proceeds of land sales. After the payment of working expenses, fixed charges and dividends the balance declared was \$10,511,917.

ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT MINISTER

Hon. Mr. Cushing's Resignation Taken Up in House—Information Is Refused

EDMONTON, Feb. 16.—Just before adjournment of the legislature today, Mr. Boyle, of Sturgeon, asked the premier for a statement as to why Mr. Cushing did not occupy his seat with the members of the cabinet. The premier refused to give information, although harassed by Messrs. Bennett and Cartwright, who were a private member's seat, but made no comment.

RETAIL LUMBERMEN

WINNIPEG, Feb. 16.—The nineteenth session of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association opened this morning at a large delegation of western lumbermen were present. H. A. Godfrey is president and A. M. Stewart secretary. The programme in the morning consisted of the reading of the secretary's report and the president's address. This afternoon John Logan of Minneapolis, delivered an address on the association's work. Tomorrow morning the reports of the committees will be read. The session will close on Thursday evening.

EARLY GREY COMPETITION

TORONTO, July 16.—The musical judge in the Earl Grey competitions to be held in Toronto in the week commencing April 4, is Howard Brockway, composer and pianist.

Private Bills

It being private member's day, government legislation of course had secondary prominence on the order in the local house yesterday. Before the House proceeded to the listed business, however, Premier McBride took his place to make feeling and appropriate reference to the passing from the scene of his activities and usefulness of the late Hon. C. F. Cornwall, at one time Lieutenant-governor of British Columbia.

"I desire," said the First Minister, "to express to the sorrowing widow and family of the late Lieutenant-governor Cornwall our appreciation of a very great loss that they have just sustained in his demise. The late Hon. Mr. Cornwall was one of the pioneer residents of British Columbia, having come to this province in the very early days, and soon being found taking an active part in the affairs of this his adopted country. So far as I can ascertain, he was connected with and prominent in the development of British Columbia, and as a member of these parliaments he proved himself a very useful and distinguished member of the legal profession, and a prominent member of the House of Commons in the lands of the interior of this Province. I am quite sure that the country will join with us in expressing our sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Lieutenant-governor Cornwall, and that the sympathy of this legislature be placed upon record in the Journals of this House."

Private Bills

Private bills concerning the special concern of the sitting, the record in this regard may be briefly sketched: The bills of the Pacific & Alaska Railway company, (by which new name the company introduced as the British Columbia & Alaska Railway Company, the Northern Vancouver Island Railway Company, the Cariboo (B.C. Bay), the Cariboo, Barkerville & Willow River Railway Company, and the Howe Sound & Northern Railway Company, were duly reported from the Railway Company as in order. The report of the House committee on the bill of the Manitoba Bay Railway Company, was adopted after "Barnes" had been substituted for "Barnes" in the title of the bill. Mr. Boyle's motion for the House to give notice of a question of privilege at an early stage of the session, he claimed it was an act of discourtesy to the members of the House, and he brought before the bar of the house to apologize or resign.

Mr. Bennett said the question in the morning consisted of the reading of the clerk that he was a civil servant and no political busybody. He told the members he was custodian of such papers, and was open to censure for the action.

Mr. Speaker ruled that notice of motion was necessary before the clerk could be brought to the bar of the house. The speaker then ruled that if that if the cabinet was sincere ministers would be the first to call for an apology. The ruling of the chair was accepted.

Mr. Bennett gave notice that on Tuesday next he would ask a series of questions of the minister in connection with the bill of the Manitoba Bay Railway Company, and the details of the Alberta and Great Waterways railway contract with the government.

Mr. Manson in moving the second reading of the former, said that he was thoroughly in accord with the principles and sentiments enunciated by the Premier, when that honorable gentleman had stated to the House the government's intention to oppose in future such applications for extensions of lapsed charter privileges. Feeling thus, he had with some hesitation accepted the charge of this bill. The promoters of the company, had, however, stated their inability to earlier carry out their intentions, and had explained the necessity of the road to enable them to get their coal out to a shipping base. He had thereupon accepted responsibility for the bill, the second reading of which was moved.

Charter Extensions. The Premier took occasion in connection with these observations of the members of the committee will make especially distinct his attitude on the question of charter extensions, as stated to the House a day or two ago. There was not thought or suggestion on his or the government's part to reflect upon the promoters of this or any railway coming to the House during the present session, in accordance with the not unusual custom of the past, which has now been decided to abandon for the future.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite suggested that the rather derogatory remarks of the member for Skeena in moving the second reading of the bill, invited more than usually careful consideration to the content of the measure. The introducer, he commented, had given no indication of the powers sought, or other matters of explanation, and the

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