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IMPORTANT MEASURES BROUGHT BEFORE HOUSE

In Calm, After Naval Debate, Much Business Was Done

PARCEL POST BILL WAS INTRODUCED

Minister of Justice Outlined Proposed Amendments to Criminal Code—Lengthy Discussion Yesterday on Provisions of Bank Act.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 16.—The house spent today in the consideration of important government bills. Early in the day the bill establishing a parcel post system and the bill of the Minister of Justice to amend the criminal code were introduced. The latter measure provides the law for the punishment of white slaves and regulates the sale of firearms and other deadly weapons. The leader of the opposition on the orders of the day took occasion of his six months' holiday to introduce the naval bill, Mr. Gullbault's bill, a so-called Nationalist bill. The fact is that Mr. Gullbault had said "I second the motion of the leader of the opposition," but the speaker in putting the amendment had taken the usual course of naming the deskmate of the mover. Sir Wilfrid Laurier today that Mr. Gullbault was the mover.

The rest of the day was spent in committee on the bank act, the amendments being held over for later consideration. The talk was chiefly in regard to the provision for loaning money to farmers on the security of their cattle. Mr. Carvell of Carleton Place, Ont., moved that the bill be referred to a committee of all farmers. Before the orders of the day at the opening of the house Sir Wilfrid Laurier rose to deny that his amendment for the six months' holiday of the Naval Bill had been seconded by Mr. Gullbault of Joliette. The seconded was his deskmate, Hon. G. P. Graham. Having made this denial the opposition leader questioned the premier as to the accuracy of a statement in the United Empire magazine that the Admiralty would suggest the establishment of dockyards and auxiliary naval bases in the Dominion in connection with the base of the Gibraltar squadron.

The prime minister replied that, outside of Mr. Churchill's speech, there had been no official communication on the subject. The Liberal leader next asked for a statement of further government legislation. He was informed that it was the intention of the government to proceed with the bills now on the order paper and, then, to bring down the railway subsidies.

To Amend Criminal Code.

Hon. C. J. Doherty introduced a bill to amend the criminal code decreasing the penalty imposed on white slaves and facilitating their prosecution. The bill provides for evidence on reasonable suspicion of vice, prohibits the leasing of houses for immoral purposes, and provides a penalty in cases of seduction of employees under 21 years of age. In regard to white slaves the bill is provided. The bill deals also with the sale of firearms, requiring the purchaser of a revolver or other deadly weapon to have a certificate from the Chief of Police, and prohibiting the sale of such weapons to persons under 16.

The Parcel Post Bill.

Postmaster General Pelletier introduced his parcel post bill. The measure contains few details of the proposed system beyond declaring the establishment of a parcel post for the conveyance of parcels of all kinds, including farm and factory products other than those which may be excluded by regulation. Parcels are restricted to 11 pounds weight and a length of 72 inches. The system will be under two inspectors or supervisors. Rates will be fixed by the Postmaster General under the authority of the government and must be prepaid.

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BODY OF AGED LADY FOUND IN A LAKE

Mrs. G. W. Springer, of Upper Jemseg, Strays from Daughter's Home—Only Two Feet of Water in Lake.

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Upper Jemseg, May 16.—A gloom was cast over this community today when it was discovered that Mrs. G. W. Springer, the widow of the Rev. G. W. Springer, was missing from the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Purdy.

Mrs. Springer was in her sixtieth year, and as she had recently been suffering from a nervous breakdown, it was feared that something tragic had happened and a search was instituted, and the body was found in a little lake not far from the house. Just how the old lady came to her death is unknown as there was only about two feet of water where the body was found, but it is supposed the accident was a result of her insanity.

Sincere sympathy is felt for her two daughters, Mrs. C. J. Purdy and Mrs. Calvin Purdy, in their sad bereavement. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM THUNDERBOLT

Woman of 107 Years Unharm'd When Bolt Wrecked the Chimney and Demolished the Furniture.

Lake Megantic, Que., May 16.—During a thunderstorm here yesterday Mrs. Neil Buchanan, 107 years old, had a narrow escape from death, when a thunderbolt crashed through the room in which she was lying.

Mrs. Buchanan, who resides at the home of Mrs. W. H. McDonald, at Springfield, near here, was lying in her bed when the house was struck by lightning. The bolt struck the brick chimney and wrecked it, passed down the stove pipe into Mrs. Buchanan's room and demolished the stove, then tore a hole through the floor, finally passing into the cellar.

Mrs. Buchanan escaped without even the slightest shock.

DEMOCRATS SCORED FIRST ON THE TARIFF

Underwood Tariff Will Go to Finance Committee Without Public Hearing—Expect Report by June.

Washington, May 16.—Democratic leaders in the Senate were endorsed today in their determination to refer the Underwood tariff bill to the finance committee for consideration without public hearings. The Penrose-Lafollette amendment directing that public hearings be held was defeated by a vote of 41 to 36 and the motion of Senator Simmons to refer the bill was then passed without a roll call.

The finance committee will meet Monday and Chairman Simmons hopes to report the bill to the Senate by the first of June. Already quite a number of minor changes have been suggested by the sub-committees. These will be considered in the party caucus to be called before the bill is reported.

FOUR NEW YORK POLICE CAPTAINS GOING TO PRISON



Here are pictured the four New York police captains found guilty of conspiracy and graft in the recent sensational trial just ended, going about to Blackwell's Island, where all criminals are sent before being sentenced. The personnel of the picture is—(1) Hussey, (2) Thompson, (3) Sweeney and (4) Murtha.

HALIFAX IN THROES OF STREET RAILWAY STRIKE

Rioting, Yesterday, and Some Damage Was Done.

A MOB ATTACKED STRIKE-BREAKERS

Cars Taken off Route Late Yesterday Afternoon—Strike-breakers Refuse Duty Because of Inefficient Protection.

Halifax, N. S., May 16.—This city was in the hands of a mob this afternoon so far as the electric tramway lines were concerned and the company by five o'clock found it impossible to run their cars and gave up the attempt. The trouble was brewing all day. Not one of the company's employees turned up for duty in the morning and the first car was run out of the barns on schedule time by strike-breakers brought from the Thiels agency in Montreal. Only a limited number of cars were kept going, not more than a third of the usual number.

There were some demonstrations of hostility during the forenoon but nothing serious and the cars were fairly well patronized by the public. The same conditions continued until the afternoon, except that after the dinner hour Lockman street was strewn with rocks and debris to prevent the cars passing.

The riot broke out at five o'clock when a car coming down Buckingham street ran into a military team driven by two soldiers. The soldiers were slow in getting out of the way and the wagon was caught. No one was hurt but the enraged crowd sprang on the car and threw the motorman off. Things got worse and soon a shouting crowd of thousands was gathered round making it very warm for the strike-breakers. Three other cars came along and some were held by the enraged crowd and the ropes holding the trolley poles were cut.

The police were not equal to the task of preserving order but they managed to arrest five men, two of whom were charged with attacking the tramway people, and three were taken to the station. The cars were at last run into the barn followed by a howling mob of thousands. Two cars were on the street, guarded by the police, the strike-breakers declining to bring them in till better police protection is afforded. The intention is to try and bring the car in during tonight.

All the glass in the car barns was smashed and the head office wrecked.

NAVAL AID BILL TO REACH THE SENATE BY TUESDAY

It Will Probably be Taken Up on Thursday and May be Passed Despite Threats of Liberal Blockade Brigade in the House of Commons.

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Ottawa, May 16.—The Naval Aid Bill had not reached the Upper House today when the Senate adjourned till Tuesday. When the Senate resumes on Tuesday the bill is pretty sure to be there. The expectation is that it will come up for discussion on Thursday and that inside of a week from that date its fate will be determined.

Senator Longhead, as government leader, will introduce the bill in a speech of some length and the Liberal reply will come from Sir George Ross, probably on the day following.

The Senate itself does not know yet what will become of the bill. "You cannot tell what will happen," said a prominent Liberal Senator tonight.

"There is not likely to be a very long discussion as the measure has been so thoroughly discussed in the House of Commons and in the country. There is nothing to add and the Senate is likely to have a rush of other work on its hands."

The Agricultural Bill has squeezed through the Upper House, but the Highways Bill is still at the second reading stage and there are rocks ahead. The Senate may, after all, pass the Naval Bill and content itself with throwing out the Highways Bill and the measure to increase the number of Senators from the western provinces.

DID MILITANT SUFFRAGETTES ENGAGE MEN TO WRECK TRAIN

Startling Sequel to Melodramatic Warning Sent to Officials of Midland Railway—Two Men Arrested and Held Pending Investigation.

London, May 16.—There was a startling sequel today to the warning received by the officials of the Midland Railway on May 13th in the form of an anonymous letter which said: "It is my duty to inform you that a desperate act will be attempted in a few days to wreck a main line express."

Today two men giving the names of John Wilson and James Lucas, were arrested before daybreak on a high viaduct near Welley, in Lancashire, which carries the midland tracks, connecting Manchester and Liverpool with Scotland. Crowbars, sledge hammers and boring tools, etc., were found in the vicinity. The prisoners were taken to Clitheroe and charged at the police court. The magistrate remanded them for a week in custody. The incident has created a profound sensation throughout Lancashire, where it is firmly believed the men were about to attempt to wreck a main line express train as part of the militant suffragette campaign.

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SENATE WILL APPROVE BILL FOR GOOD ROADS

SYDNEY LOST AN APPEAL TO HIGH COURT

Verdict Against Nova Scotia City in Damage Action Heard Before Supreme Court—A Railway Case.

Ottawa, May 16.—In the Supreme Court today, the appeal of the City of Sydney vs. McDonald, from the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, was argued. The respondent in this case claimed damages for the death of her husband, who she alleged by negligence of the appellants. The city officials in connecting a house on Sherif Avenue with the water service, dug a trench from the middle of the sidewalk to the middle of the street, twenty-eight feet long and from three to four feet deep. The deceased had returned to his house at nine o'clock on Saturday night and left it again to go down for some purchases he had forgotten. His body was found on Sunday morning in the trench with his neck broken. The sides of the trench were only protected by the earth and clay thrown up in excavating. The body was a foot or two from the sidewalk end, which was protected by planks, and the planks were not disturbed. There were ashes on the body and blood on the face.

The defence in the action was that the evidence pointed to murder and the defence relied also on contributory negligence, the deceased knowing of the existence of the trench. The trial judge held that defendants were guilty of negligence. His judgment was affirmed by the full court. The appeal was dismissed. Mr. Finlay MacDonald appeared for appellants, Gorman, K. C., for the respondent.

Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. vs. St. John's, an appeal from the court of appeal for Ontario, was next argued. The action was tried twice, plaintiff respondent recovering two thousand dollars on the first and two thousand two hundred dollars on the second trial. Respondent lives in West Bay and on returning home from Vancouver he approached a crossing of the railway, heard the whistle of a train coming, saw the headlight, but thought he had time to cross.

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At the trial the jury found the company negligent in having insufficient space between the rail and the planks, thus allowing the foot to be caught. The appellants contended that according to the medical evidence, the accident could not have happened as plaintiff stated, and there was no other evidence of negligence. Judgment reserved. Helmhuth, K. C., for the appellants; J. A. MacIntosh, for respondent.

On motion for third reading of the bill amending the Dominion Police Act, Senator Watson offered an amendment providing a penalty for impersonating a Dominion police officer as he said had been done by one Marshall Jackson in an election.

Hon. Mr. Longhead said that the matter would be dealt with in the criminal code. The government was surprised to learn that there was no such law on the statute books already. The government was most anxious to have the law made more strict against police impersonating.

Senator Watson said that in one of the Manitoba elections he knew of a distinguished King's Council who had handed out to all sorts of characters police badges to enable them to impersonate regular constables. They were instructed to arrest all Liberal workers.

When they hesitated to act without proper authority the eminent King's Council assured them they would be protected by the Attorney General of Manitoba.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, declared that impersonation of police was a most serious offence and should be punished by imprisonment. He thought that the government could be trusted in this case.

On the assurance of Hon. Mr. Longhead, that the point would be covered by amendment to the criminal code, Senator Watson did not press his amendment and the bill was given third reading.

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