

AMERICAN MOVEMENT FOR PEACE

Meeting Held in New York Yesterday To Incept Nation Wide Campaign in Favor of British Treaty.

New York, March 31.—A meeting which its sponsors hope will result in the inauguration of a nation wide movement to arouse public sentiment in favor of the ratification of the proposed arbitration treaty between this country and Great Britain, was held today at the New York Press Club.

It was attended by representatives of peace societies and of commercial, financial, religious and other interests. Resolutions were adopted endorsing President Taft's peace plan, and providing for the appointment of a committee of 260 to further the movement.

Col. John J. McCook, long identified with the peace movement, presided over the meeting, and addressed in support of the idea embodied in the resolutions were made by John Temple Graves, Dr. William C. McDowell, president of the League of Peace, Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore, secretary of the society for the judicial settlement of international differences, A. B. Leonard secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, Hamilton Holt and others.

John Devoy, representing various Irish societies, voiced the only objection to the passage of the resolutions. He held that the ratification of such an arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States as was proposed, would make for war and not for peace. It would be interpreted, he contended, as a treaty of alliance at which other nations, notably Germany, would take offense.

The resolutions as adopted provide for a request to the mayor of every city, and the sheriff of every county in the country to call public meetings for the purpose of resolutions supporting the arbitration plan. These resolutions are to be forwarded to United States Senators and Congressmen.

It is intended to fix a date for the public meetings, to be held in every city, and to be held in London, so that the meetings in advocacy of the Anglo-American treaty here and in Great Britain shall be held simultaneously.

Sympathy with the movement was expressed in letters received from prominent men who were unable to attend today's meeting. Among these were Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president Emeritus of Harvard university; Samuel B. Capen, president of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions; John Barrett and Francis Lynde Stetson.

TORONTO WILL BE THE MEETING PLACE OF I.O.F.

All Supreme Court And Executive Council Meetings Of The Order Will In Future Be Held There.

Toronto, March 31.—Supreme Secretary-treasurer Matheson of the Independent Order of Foresters, announced today that in future all the meetings of the supreme court and executive council will be held in Toronto instead of being taken all over the continent. This will mean a saving of many thousands of dollars to the order, and will be a great convenience to delegates, as all the records and documents of the order are here. The next meeting will be held May 2nd, when the matter will be taken up and this phase of it approved.

FAMOUS PAINTING LOST TO BRITAIN

Rembrandt Purchased By American — British People Would Not Subscribe Enough Money To Keep It.

London, March 31.—The time limit of the nation's option on Rembrandt's painting "The Mill" expired tonight. Only a small fund had been raised to purchase the picture, and it therefore will go to an American. The painting is owned by Lord Lansdowne. He was offered \$200,000 for it by an American whose identity is unknown, but offered to let it stay in this country if the people would raise \$475,000 for its purchase. This they have failed to do.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE DISCUSS SITUATION

Friends of Commission Met Last Evening and Heard Reports from Different Wards—Much Dissatisfaction Expressed Over Present Conditions, but no Great Enthusiasm for New Plan.

About fifty members of the Citizens' Committee met in the Board of Trade rooms last evening, heard reports from the various wards, endorsed the action of the committee which had charge of the plebiscite bill at Fredericton, and took no action on a suggestion to run candidates in opposition to certain aldermen not named. Some of those present seemed to think that it was rather unfair that a ballot of a voter who ignored the plebiscite should count for the present system, but the chairman, W. H. Barnaby, Miles E. Agar, J. A. Belyea, and others deprecated any appearance of trying to secure a petty advantage, stating that they would not feel like asking for a commission unless it represented a substantial majority of interested voters.

After the meeting had been called to order, Mr. Barnaby called for reports from the wards.

Frank Flewelling of Lorne ward, said they met on Tuesday and Friday, but had made much progress, owing to the lack of lists. The great majority of voters canvassed were in favor of commission.

W. G. Gage of Stanley ward made a similar report.

A. M. Rowan of Lansdowne said they had been unable to have a good meeting. He was satisfied commission would carry by a large majority.

W. D. Baskin, Guys ward, said they didn't expect much enthusiasm until the two weeks preceding the election. They had the hardest district to manage, but did not find much opposition.

D. Fred Fisher of Dukes ward said his ward had made more progress than the others reported. He had some figures, but did not know whether it would be wise to give them to the press. He thought there was a great deal of dissatisfaction with the Commission Council.

Timothy Donovan, of Brooks, said the meetings were not well attended. He thought Carleton would be a hard battleground, and that they ought to have a public meeting before elections on the West Side.

W. Deek, chairman of Prince, was not present, but David Magee said he had only met one man opposed to the commission.

W. J. McGraw, of Wellington, reported dissatisfaction with present conditions.

Dr. Wetmore of Kings was not present, but it was said there was a good organization there.

W. A. Stolper, Dufferin ward, read the account given by the Globe of the organization meeting which had been reproduced in The Standard.

David Magee remarked that The Standard should confine itself to its own report.

At the suggestion of the chairman, the file of The Standard was turned up, but the report had been cut out. E. F. Greary gave a favorable report of affairs in Queens.

Other wards were reported to be in process of organization.

Wanted Reporters Excluded. L. P. D. Tilley came in and said he did not think it was good policy to have the press present.

The chairman said they had nothing to conceal and personally he did not care if all the proceedings were published broadcast.

TO REGULATE THE SPEED OF AUTOMOBILES

Amusing Discussion Over Bill In Local House—First Division Expected Tuesday Evening—Declaration Day.

Fredericton, March 31.—The House adjourned this afternoon until Monday, and there will then be a rush to get through with the business before Easter.

The budget debate is still being carried along from day to day on the order paper with Hon. John Morrissey as the next speaker.

The House will get into supply on Tuesday evening when the first division of the session is expected to take place.

Declaration proceedings in the York county bye election will take place tomorrow morning, and Dr. O. E. H. Foster, who was introduced in the legislature on Monday or Tuesday.

There was not much doing in the House during the afternoon, the new bill to regulate the running of automobiles was under consideration, and brought forth a rather amusing situation. Mr. Legere, Westmorland, seemed to regard auto laws about the same as the Scott Act prohibitory laws are very often regarded.

He wanted the maximum placed at 15 miles per hour, but he said they will be able to go as fast as they like.

Fredericton, March 31.—The House met at three o'clock.

Mr. Munro submitted the report of the municipalities committee.

Hon. Mr. Hazen presented the petition of residents of the Parish of Shediac, protesting against the present use of motor vehicles on the streets and highways, and asking legislation to restrict their use to four days in the week or less.

Hon. Mr. Hazen presented the petition of the New Brunswick Dental Society in favor of their bill to amend the Acts relating to registration and qualification of dentists in the province.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to vest in the Grand Falls Co. Ltd., the property, rights, privileges and franchises of the Grand Falls Power Co. Ltd., and of the Grand Falls Water Power and Boom Company.

Hon. Mr. McLoud presented the petition of John E. Stewart in favor of the bill to incorporate the St. John River Electric Power Company.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of the mayor and town council of the town of Sussex in favor of their bill to amend the Acts relating to water and sewerage purposes.

Hon. Mr. Maxwell presented the petition of Ellen M. Gray, Nellie Askere and others, in favor of legislation for the care of neglected children.

The House went into committee of the whole, Mr. Prescott in the chair. Bill to authorize the municipality of the city and county of St. John to create sinking funds was agreed to with amendments.

The Alms House farm at St. Andrews and to enable the city of St. John to exempt the cotton mills of the Cornwall and York Cotton Company Ltd. from taxation for a further term of years, was agreed to.

A bill to authorize the town of Woodville to borrow money for the improvement of streets was considered, and progress reported.

After these bills were reported the House went into committee of the whole, Mr. Pinder in the chair.

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COUNTING THE COST OF CANADA'S PRIVATE CARS

Operation of Sir Wilfrid's Private Car, Last Year, Cost the Country \$1741, and that of Hon. Mr. Graham \$1266—Interesting Discussion in Dominion Parliament.

Special To The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., March 31.—The budget speech probably will be delivered on Tuesday next.

That announcement was made by the minister of finance at the opening of the sitting this afternoon.

"This is about the first time in the history of Canada," remarked Hon. G. E. Foster, "that a finance minister has allowed fifteen months to go by without a financial statement."

An interim supply bill for \$47,500,000 was passed. It covers April and May for all departments and the whole year for some departments.

It is very improbable that the Bank Act will be raised this year. This was indicated by the minister of finance in reply to Haughton Lennox, who urged the importance of proceeding with it early.

"When I made a previous statement," said the minister, "I had hoped that the bill would go through. I would still have hope of doing that, but I would have a reservation now. It will depend on the progress we make with the business of the House."

I think it would not be a very serious thing if we had to bring in a special bill to extend the charter till next year.

The House then again went into the discussion of the estimates of the minister of railways.

There was a discussion of "private" and "official" cars in general. It came out that there are now four government cars—N. T. R. commission, one; board of railway commissioners, two; I. C. R., three. The operation of the premier's car last year cost \$1741 and that of the minister of railways \$1266.

Haughton Lennox added up the list of "official" cars and made it 12, including His Excellency's.

A little later the minister of marine matched the minister of railways by announcing an increase in pay for the light-house keepers. The increase, he said, would be from 15 to 25 per cent. The total involved is \$50,000.

Mr. Brodeur soon found himself involved in a long debate over the building of the icebreaker Earl Grey.

Dr. Reid declared that whenever the minister desired to buy a ship, he got Lewis, of Lewis Bros., in Montreal the manager of the Liberal campaign fund in Quebec "to get it for him."

"No, no," objected Mr. Brodeur. "I know," retorted Dr. Reid, "the minister will say that Lewis is agent for Vickers Sons and Maxim."

Dr. Reid also stated that the naval architect of the department, Mr. Duquoy, was formerly in the employ of Vickers Sons and Maxim and then went on to condemn the minister for not giving the contract to a Canadian company.

Mr. Brodeur in reply asserted that the Earl Grey was built by public tender. He denied that any improper influence had been used to obtain the contract for Vickers Sons and Maxim.

Albany, N. Y., Mar. 3.—Supreme Court Justice James A. O'Gorman, of New York, a Democrat, was elected United States senator by the legislature tonight on the 64th joint ballot after a deadlock lasting since Jan. 17.

Justice O'Gorman received 112 votes out of 192 cast, Chauncey M. Depew, his Republican opponent, received 80. Total vote cast, 192. Necessary to choice, 97. A few minutes before his election Justice O'Gorman filed his resignation as a justice of the supreme court at the office of Secretary of State Lazinsky. Following the election the legislature adopted a concurrent resolution adjourning until April 17.

Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany Hall boss, came here early today to marshal his forces to secure the election of Justice O'Gorman, Senators Saxton and White, went into the Democratic caucus with several insurgent assemblymen and O'Gorman got 63 votes on the first ballot. Then the nomination was made unanimous.

JAPANESE SCHOONER IN PERIL

Terrible Voyage Of The Chofu Maru — Sailors Forced To Drink Salt Water Fell Victims To Scurvy.

Seattle, Wash., March 31.—The Japanese schooner Chofu Maru, sent from Yokohama to the South Sea Islands, had a terrible voyage during which five men died of scurvy. Twenty others were greatly emaciated when the schooner put into Yokohama just before sailing of the Awa Maru for Seattle, according to reports brought by that steamship, which has just arrived.

After a call in Caroline, the schooner left Parao Island on January 9 for Japan and soon encountered a hurricane, she drifted aimlessly about the Southern seas for a month, the crew of 25 being short of rations, but one cup of water a day, for each man.

On February 11 the water was exhausted and the unfortunates used salt water. One after another five of the crew succumbed to scurvy, the captain and one other dying within sight of home. The survivors were literally skin and bone and doctors sent on board had to carry them from the vessel.

SHELDON'S CASE TO BE HEARD TODAY

Dynamite Explosion In Dover, New Jersey, House, Had Fatal Results—Woman Killed And Children Hurt.

Pittsburg, Pa., Mar. 31.—Charles D. Sheldon, alias Washburn, alias Ross, whose real name is Charles D. Robinson, arrested here last Monday as a fugitive from Montreal, where his financial operations are alleged to involve upwards of \$2,000,000, will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow on a charge of embezzling \$1,100, from the Pittsburg woman with whom he boarded. When Sheldon learned that he was not to be taken back to Canada, he immediately engaged a local attorney to represent him. Detective McCaskill, of Montreal, visited Sheldon at the county jail today, where he ascertained that the prisoner had no objections to returning to Montreal. The Canadian officer will make an effort to take Sheldon turned over to him at the hearing.

Clarence A. Schaeffner, an employee in a local broker's office, whose clerical duties Sheldon turned over today made an affidavit in a claim of a \$10,000 reward, alleged to have been offered by a Montreal newspaper.

THREE GENERATIONS ON A LONELY ROCK

Keeper Of Light On Cape Breton Coast Dead — Job Had Been In Family For Many Years.

Halifax, Mar. 31.—Samuel C. Campbell, inspector of life saving stations died this afternoon aged 75 years. Mr. Campbell was at one time somewhat prominent in political matters on the liberal side. In 1896 he contested Victoria county for the Federal parliament, but was defeated by Dr. Beith.

His father was keeper of St. Paul's Island a lonely rock on the Cape Breton coast. He was appointed to the position on the death of his father, and now his son is the keeper. The light has thus been in charge of three generations of the family. The burial will be at Baddeck.

FAMILY HURLED THROUGH A WALL

Montreal Swindler To Be Tried In Pittsburg On Charge Of Embezzlement — Has Engaged Lawyer And Will Fight

Dover, N. J., March 31.—Dynamite stored in a cellar exploded here today, hurling a woman and her two children, a boy of five and a six months old baby, through a wall. The woman, Mrs. Jos. M. Lotick, was instantly killed, and the boy received mortal injuries, but the baby was unharmed. The explosive had been placed in the house by the husband of the dead woman to be used in removing a tree stump from the rear of the yard.

N. S. HOUSE PROLOGUES TAMMANY MAN WON

General Election In Sister Province Expected Before First Of June—Session Has Been Busy One.

Halifax, Mar. 31.—The provincial legislature was prorogued this afternoon. It was the 5th session and the general elections are expected to be brought on before the first of June. During the session 230 bills were introduced, of which 160 passed. Among the more important measures mentioned in the closing speech from the throne were amendments to the coal mines regulation act; the act codifying the law of partnership; the act authorizing the granting of aid to electric railways; the act to prevent the introduction and spread of insects, pests and plant diseases destructive to vegetation; the amendment to the act respecting public utilities; the act for the prevention of accidents by fire in hotels; the act relating to the means of egress to theatres, moving picture theatres and other places of amusement and the act respecting neglected and dependent children.

POSTMASTER OF ST. ANDREW'S DEAD

Frederick A. Stevenson Died In St. Stephen Hospital Last Night After Long Illness—Successor Already Slated.

St. Stephen, March 31.—Frederick A. Stevenson, postmaster at St. Andrews, passed away this morning in the Chipman Memorial Hospital after an illness of cancer. Deceased was a native of St. Andrews and a cousin to the Hon. B. R. Stevenson, and would have been 66 years of age next July. At one time he was in business in St. Stephen with the late Thos. J. Smith. Afterwards he went to California, and on his return was appointed postmaster at St. Andrews, about 20 years ago. He was very well known and highly esteemed in all parts of Charlotte county. He leaves a widow, two sons and four sisters. The sisters are Mrs. Maloney and Mrs. Church of St. Andrews; Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Mitchell, Woodstock. The remains were placed in charge of Undertaker Sederquest, to be forwarded to St. Andrews in the morning.

EARL GREY RECEIVES THE SHEFFIELD CHOIR

Famous Musical Organization Visitors At Government House Yesterday—Banquetted By Ottawa's Mayor.

Ottawa, March 31.—His Excellency Earl Grey received the Sheffield Choir at Government House this afternoon. They were given a banquet after the Coronation Empire concert by the Mayor and city of Ottawa.

EARL GREY WILL SPEND TWO WEEKS IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Mar. 31.—Earl Grey accompanied by the Countess of Grey and family and vice-regal suite, will spend two weeks in official visit to this city next month. They will reside at Government House. Primary object of visit is to attend the annual competition for Earl Grey's musical and dramatic trophies which take place here in the week of April 24. The visit may also include musical festivals of Empire in which the Sheffield choir will take part.

INSPECTOR DEW WON IN LIBEL SUIT

Gets Verdict For \$200 In Action Brought Against London Chronicle In Connection With Canadian Trip.

London, Mar. 31.—The King's bench division today awarded \$200 damages to former Inspector Dew, of Scotland Yard, for satisfaction of the libel suit which he brought against the Daily Chronicle in connection with the Crippen murder case.

The alleged libel was contained in a cable despatch to the Chronicle from Quebec in which it was asserted that Dew had informed the correspondent that Crippen had confessed and told him the whole story of the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, the actress. Dew testified that while in Canada bringing back Crippen, he made absolutely no communication to the press or public in regard to the case and that he had been made to appear as committing a serious violation of confidence. He admitted that he had 9 similar suits pending.

JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVES AT KING'S CORONATION

Tokio, April 1.—The armored cruiser Kurama and the protected cruiser Tone left here today for England to represent Japan at the Coronation of King George.

THE MOROCCO REBELLION.

Fes, Morocco, Mar. 31.—The rebel Beletir tribesmen have defeated a government force, killing 27 soldiers and wounding 50. This rebel success has resulted in a number of other tribes which hitherto had been neutral joining the revolt.

A GAIN IN CUSTOMS REVENUES

Canadian Returns For Fiscal Year Show Gain Of More Than Twelve And One Quarter Millions.

Ottawa, Mar. 31.—The customs revenue of the Dominion for the fiscal year closed today, shows the unprecedented gain of \$12,280,955.51 over the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1910. For the 12 months ending Mar. 31, 1911, the total revenue was \$72,343,866.07 as compared with \$60,061,926.56, the year just ending being the greatest in the history of the country.

The month of March just closed shows the largest revenue of any one month also in the life time of the Dominion being over a million dollars greater than the previous largest month, which was August, 1910. The figures for March, 1911, are \$7,445,474.52 as compared with \$5,989,989.32 for March, 1910 an increase of \$1,464,485.20.

BRITAIN'S REVENUES GREATEST ON RECORD

Total Shows \$20,000,000 More Than Chancellor Lloyd George Anticipated — A Surplus Of \$28,000,000.

London, Mar. 31.—The revenue returns for the year ending March 31, which were issued tonight, show an enormous total of \$1,019,252,940 or over \$20,000,000 more than David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer estimated in the past budget.

This is the first time that the nation's revenue has exceeded £300,000,000, owing to the delay in the collection of taxes through the House of Lords' rejection of the first Lloyd George budget, the two years will have to be reckoned together. The surplus revenue over expenditure amounts to \$28,023,830.

HOW WINNIPEG IS GROWING

Winnipeg, Mar. 31.—An unofficial estimate of the city's population for 1911 based on returns secured by assessors now being their records, places the total at 151,250. Final official figures of assessment department for last year were 132,729 so that a gain of nearly 20,000 is indicated.