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GRANT FOR DREADNOUGHTS NOT DEATH-BLOW TO CANADIAN NAVY ISSUE ONE FOR NEXT ELECTION

When Government Makes Appeal in Natural Course of Events People Can Decide Whether They Wish Warships as Nucleus of Local Fleet, Official Statement Points Out.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Can. Press.)—The following statement, in reply to that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was given out by the government this evening:

"It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the clause which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers have been obstructing during the past two weeks is the first clause of the resolution which Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposed by way of amendment on Dec. 12 last. Every member of the opposition, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself, voted for that clause on Feb. 12 last as part of his amendment.

"There has been no display of brute force in the debate except on the part of those who first voted for this clause and then obstructed its passage.

"The clause in question which thus forms part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution proposed on Dec. 12 last is as follows:

"From and out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding \$5,000,000 for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the empire."

Question Narrows Down. "If Sir Wilfrid desires to recede from this declaration set forth in his resolution, then at most the question between the parties is whether this sum shall be devoted to the provision of three battleships for immediate and effective aid to the naval forces of the empire, or whether it shall be employed in establishing a Canadian naval service. If the contracts are let with the utmost despatch for the construction of three battleships, they would not be ready to be placed in commission before the next general election.

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Two Famous Stars. Richard Carle and Hattie Williams, now appearing together at the Princess Theatre, have both been separate stars for many years. It was a master stroke when Manager Frohman engaged and made them joint stars.

Dineen's Silk Hats. Silk hats from five to eight dollars. Dineen's are agents for the "Heath" English and "Dunlop" American hats for men. W. & D. Dineen Company, Limited, 140 Yonge street, corner of Temperance.

COMPROMISE IS HINTED AT BY PREMIER

Dreadnoughts Will Not Be Completed Until After General Election, and if People Then Express Desire, They May Become Nucleus of Canadian Navy

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special.)—Mr. Borden's manifesto, in reply to Sir Wilfrid's, is significant in this, that it seems to point the way to a possible compromise. The prime minister figures that the three dreadnoughts will not be completed till after the next general election, therefore they may become the nucleus of a Canadian naval service instead of passing under the immediate control and direction of the admiralty. Should they be recalled to Canadian waters for use in the Canadian navy, it follows that they must be manned and maintained by the Canadian Government.

Mr. Borden's proposal, in a word, is that the three dreadnoughts shall be held, as it were, in solution to be precipitated on British or Canadian waters as the case may be thru the reaction of a general election. Viewed from this standpoint, the government may claim with reason that passing the naval bill will not commit Canada even to an emergency contribution.

What of Canadian Navy? But, round and round again, we come to the crucial question: Does the government intend, when the time for an election comes, to favor the establishment of a Canadian navy? If we are to have three dreadnoughts we must have three fleet units, yet Mr. Borden condemns two fleet units as involving an extravagant outlay of \$150,000,000.

The manifesto habit in which the party leaders seem to have fallen indicates to many that they are feeling their way cautiously, and that some reasonable compromise is still within the range of possibility. Of course, much will depend upon the word brought back tomorrow by the members who have had a brief opportunity during the Easter recess to learn the views and sentiments of their constituents.

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FLOOD SITUATION IS SERIOUS IN GUELPH

River Speed, Swollen by Heavy Rains, Overflows Banks and Many Houses Are Completely Surrounded by Water—Great Damage to Factories.

GUELPH, March 24.—(Special.)—The River Speed is on another rampage and threatens to outdo the flood of last week, in fact, the water is much higher tonight than it was last week, and is just about equal to what it was a year ago on Easter Sunday. The water in the river began to rise about 10 o'clock this morning, and since then has been rising steadily. It rose a couple of feet in as many hours.

The flood is the effect of the incessant rains of the past few days, augmented by that of last night's down-pour. Residents in the north part of the county declared they never saw the rain fall so heavily as it did last night.

All along the river from Goldie's mill down the banks are overflowed and immense damage is being done to property and many men thrown out of employment. At the Taylor-Forbes works the men went out this morning when the water first started to come in, and an hour later it was a foot deep. The water is pouring in in a stream thru the carpet mills and is overflowing into the Canada Textile Co.'s building. Many residences are completely surrounded by water, and men who went to work this morning are returning to their homes tonight in boats or by means of horses and buggies. It is estimated that the damage to property will be more than last year.

GALT INDUSTRIES CRIPPLED. GALT, March 24.—(Can. Press.)—For the third time this season the Grand River has overflowed its banks. Following the rain of last night, the water rose steadily until this afternoon it encroached on adjoining lands, flowing over retaining walls and flooding the basements of industrial plants and residences along the banks. Several plants were forced to shut down owing to the water having crippled their mechanical equipment. Never before have riverside manufacturers suffered so much loss from high water as this year, and it is possible that further damage will be done before the river, finally subsides.

BERLIN IN FLOOD ZONE. BERLIN, Ont., March 24.—(Special.)—The Grand River overflowed its banks today. The water was about two feet above normal and at 8 o'clock was still rising.

Mackenzie and Mann Acquire Railway

MONTREAL, March 24.—(Special.)—It is now an assured fact that Sir Rodolphe Forget's road, the Quebec and Saguenay, has been sold to Mackenzie and Mann, with a federal government bond guarantee, but it is also stated on first-rate authority that the Canadian Northern people will extend the system first to Tadoussac and finally to Belle Isle.

MORGAN REGAINS HIS HEALTH SLOWLY

He is Still Suffering From Nervous Prostration, But the Malady Has Run Its Course, His Interest in Life is Returning and He Sleeps Twelve Hours Daily.

Rome, March 24.—(Copyright.)—A rumor having gained currency here that J. Pierpont Morgan had completely broken down mentally as well as physically, The World correspondent sought authentic information from members of the family who are with him here at the Grand Hotel, and who accompanied him back from Egypt.

Herbert L. Satterlee, the husband of Mr. Morgan's eldest daughter, who came on from New York and went to Cairo to meet his father-in-law, spoke with great frankness, saying: "Once and for all, the rumor is absolutely without foundation. Mr. Morgan has been and still is suffering from the effects of severe nervous prostration, but the malady is following its normal course, and today his condition is far better in every sense than it was when he was in Egypt. For three weeks at Cairo Mr. Morgan scarcely slept at all. He was greatly depressed and would sit listlessly, taking interest in nothing."

Acute Phase Passed. "The acute phase of the malady has now passed. At the present rate of improvement he should be completely restored to health within a month. All his vital organs have been carefully examined and their functions watched. Everything is sound and action normal.

"He intends to remain in Rome a little longer. Then Mr. Morgan will carry out the same program he has followed for the past 25 years, going to Aix les Bains about the middle of April, and afterwards to Paris, returning to New York well before autumn."

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TERRE HAUTE IS DEVASTATED BY STORM

Eighteen Known Dead, Hundreds Hurt, and Property Damage is Nearly a Million Dollars—Army of Homeless Persons Cared for by Charitable Institutions.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 24.—(Can. Press.)—Eighteen persons known to have been killed, 250 more or less seriously injured, 275 homes destroyed and other property damaged, estimated at nearly a million dollars, was the toll of the tornado that devastated Terre Haute and vicinity last night. Tonight the officials in charge of the rescue work say the list of dead will be increased as the searchers clear away the debris of wrecked buildings.

Hundreds of homeless tonight are being cared for by charitable institutions and citizens, while the wrecked district is being patrolled by company E, first regiment Indiana National Guard and the local police force. The militia was ordered out early today by Governor Baileston, who directed the relief measures from Indianapolis.

Downpour of Rain. Relief work today showed that hundreds lost everything they owned, and their suffering was made more acute by the rain. The downpour, while adding to the discomfort, was probably the greatest boon the stricken district could have asked, for it extinguished immemorial fires which broke out immediately after the tornado had passed.

The rescue work was carried on fast and tonight it appears that all the homeless are being cared for by charitable institutions and citizens.

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HUNDREDS DEAD AND INJURED THOUSANDS WITHOUT HOMES TOLL OF TORNADO APPALLING

One Hundred Lives Lost in Omaha City Alone, While Thruout Nebraska and Iowa There Are Many More Victims—Hospitals Are Overtaxed, and Rescuers Are Actively Engaged—Graphic Tales of Survivors.

Special to The Toronto World.

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—Several hundred people were killed by Sunday's cyclone in Omaha, and 250 injured, 350 houses demolished, 1250 buildings damaged, 11 churches wrecked, 8 schoolhouses wrecked, and tremendous property loss otherwise. About fifty people were killed outside of Omaha and big property loss.

Leigh Leslie, Resident Correspondent.

OMAHA, March 24.—(Can. Press.)—More than 200 persons were killed and 400 were injured in a wind storm that demolished 450 homes, damaged hundreds of other buildings and caused a monetary loss of \$5,000,000, according to reports available up to a late hour tonight from the main path of the tornado in and near Omaha.

Most of the casualties were in Omaha, which was stricken as never before.

Nearby towns in Nebraska and across the Missouri River in Iowa also suffered severely. Wires were snapped off in all directions, and it took many hours to gather and circulate news of the disaster.

Fire broke out in the debris of many wrecked buildings in Nebraska's metropolis, and these were menaces for some time, as the fire companies were hindered by fallen walls and blocked streets. A heavy rain followed the wind, however, and drenched the hundreds of homeless persons, but also put out the flames.

CENTRED IN OMAHA CITY. Of the 202 known dead within the area covered by the storm, 152 were residents of Omaha. The remaining dead are scattered over a considerable range of territory.

Perhaps 1500 persons are homeless. Aside from this, 3000 buildings were damaged, many of these being churches and school buildings. Eight of Omaha's public schools were wrecked.

All forms of communication were almost annihilated by the wind, and only two or three wires were in working condition when daylight relieved a night of high tension, which at times almost became panic. Soldiers, state and national troops, poured into the city during the day to aid in bringing order out of what for 24 hours had been chaos. Tonight the guardians of the peace are patrolling the residence districts, aiding the police to maintain order and relieve such cases of suffering as are not beyond hope.

HOSPITALS CROWDED. The hospitals in Omaha tonight are full of injured, many of whom have not yet been identified, apparently because their friends are either dead or among the injured.

Tonight the stricken section of Omaha is patrolled by government troops from Fort Omaha, and the state militia. Gov. Morehead has taken personal charge of the state troops. There has been little or no looting.

The business men are co-operating in every way. The Omaha hotels have thrown open their doors for the injured. Every train into Omaha today brought scores of physicians from nearby towns, who had friends and relatives here, and they made up one continual stream of visitors to the morgues and the hospitals.

COURSE OF DEVASTATION. The storm appeared to have started at Fifty-fourth and Centre streets. From there it traveled north, veering slightly to the east to Leavenworth street. Then it took a northeasterly course to Fortieth and Farnham streets, sweeping its way thru everything. Still traveling a little east of north, it covered a course from Fortieth street east to Thirty-fourth street, a distance of six blocks.

Striking Bemis Park, where the homes of the well-to-do Omahans are located, the storm turned sharply to the east and passed along Parker and Blonde streets to Twenty-fourth street, where its path was six blocks wide. In the latter section the damage is complete.

Finally at Fourteenth and Spencer streets, the storm swept over the Bluffs, high above the Missouri River, demolished the Missouri Pacific roundhouse, leveled the big trestle of the Illinois Central Railroad over Carter Lake, wrecked number of buildings near the Rod and Gun Club, a fashionable outing place, and disappeared to the northeast.

TABLE OF CASUALTIES

CHICAGO, March 24.—(Can. Press.)—Totals of the dead and injured in the track Sunday's storm are as follows, according to reports received to-night:

Table with columns: Place, Dead, Injured. Rows include Omaha and suburbs, Terre Haute, Ind., Chicago, Yutan, Neb., Council Bluffs, Iowa, Westport, Iowa, Glenwood, Iowa, Beebe, Iowa, Neola, Iowa, Malvern, Iowa, Walton, Ill., Sterling, Ill., Travers City, Mich., Perth, Ind., and Total.

Cut Immense Swath. It was late today before all the details of the storm with accompanying wreckage were known, even within the city itself. The pathway of the storm, from five to seven blocks in width, cut a swath 24 blocks long.

The total number of deaths in this part of the city reached almost 50. Within the space of this storm centre, which, if made rectangular, would cover a quarter section of land, 1500 houses were wrecked, 100 bodies have been recovered, and search of the ruins is being made for others. Several are known to be still in the ruins at the end of the storm's path.

Estimates of the value of property demolished by the storm vary between \$5,000,000 and \$12,000,000. Some of the more substantial houses can be partially rebuilt, but this number is small, and where the buildings have not been torn asunder, they have been so twisted that even the material is useless for rebuilding.

Today five public schools were out of business in Omaha. Seven churches are partly or wholly wrecked. Eight private schools for girls is a total wreck, although the students escaped. The rest of the loss is to homes.

No Respector of Persons. The destruction began with the millionaire homes in the exclusive section of West Farnham and Bemis Park, but farther northwest the buildings collapsed more easily, and large numbers of deaths resulted.

Rescue work started as soon as the people were able to hurry to the stricken district, but the night's work was by the light of lanterns, and little work was accomplished. The storm took down all the wires in its path.

Found Mother Dead. "Mother was ill, and confined to a room on the second floor of our home, No. 4224 Dewey avenue," she said. "When the raging winds hit the house it toppled over, as if built of paste-board. Mother and myself were buried in the wreckage. As soon as I could pull myself from the debris, I began a search for her. Board after board I lifted; I tugged and pulled at them until my hands were bleeding. Finally I reached her. I bent down to raise her, but she was dead."

A coincidence among the injured at the child institute was that all were badly cut about the face, while the bodies were comparatively free from wounds. Ugly-looking scalp wounds marked every injury.

Whole Family Wiped Out. Cliff Daniels, his wife and their two

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LADY NEVILLE IS DEAD. Special Cable to The World. LONDON, March 24.—(Copyright.) Lady Dorothy Neville, a noted society leader and the authoress of many poignant books of recollections of English political and social life, died today.

CAN'T MAKE ANY IMPRESSION



BOSS: Sugar maple, nix—it's an ironwood, that's what it is.

VESTRIES HELD IN ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Reports Presented Showed That the Past Year Had Been One of the Most Successful From Every Stand-Point—Increases in Stipends Granted, New Churches Planned.

Judging by the reports presented at the vestry meetings of nearly all the Anglican churches in Toronto and the immediate neighborhood, the past year was one of the best in the history of all churches. Increases in the stipends of rectors were given in many churches, including St. Paul's, where Archdeacon Cody was given an advance from \$600 to \$800. Increases also were voted for the rectors of St. David's, St. Thomas', St. Mary the Virgin, St. Mark's and many others.

St. Stephen's Church is growing so rapidly that a committee was appointed to decide whether a new site will be purchased or a new building will be erected on the present site at the corner of College st. and Bellevue ave. The congregation of St. James decided to install a new floor thruout the church at a cost of \$30,000.

In some of the churches no meetings

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SUFFRAGETTES CHAINED DOORS

Blacksmith Had to Be Called to Release Labor Men From Convention Hall.

Special Cable to The World. LONDON, March 24.—(Copyright.)—When refused admission to the Labor party's conference in Manchester today a party of militant suffragettes speedily held an amusing, if ineffective, revenge, by cluding the police and stewards and slipping a heavy chain thru the handles of the doors and fastening the ends with a patent padlock. All attempts to break the chain or force the padlock failed, and a blacksmith with an ax had to be called to reopen the door. Meanwhile, unaware of the fact that they were imprisoned, the delegates were acclaiming the rights of women to the franchise.

Another attempt by the militants to burn a house was discovered at Beckenham, a suburb of London, fortunately in time to prevent serious damage.

Sylvia Pankhurst, who was released from the Holloway Jail last week, is in a nursing home as the result of the forcible feeding that became necessary when she refused to eat. Blood vessels in her eyes have burst, with bad results.

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MINISTERS WILL GIVE EVIDENCE

Sir Rufus Isaacs and Lloyd George to Appear Before Marconi Committee Today.

Special Cable to The World. LONDON, March 24.—(Copyright.)—The highest interest has been aroused in political circles by the announcement that Attorney-General Sir Rufus Isaacs and Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George are to be called at witnesses before the Marconi committee tomorrow to testify concerning the dealing in shares of the American Marconi Co. This step, it is understood, has been taken on the initiative of the ministers themselves, but the Tories are eagerly looking forward to the proceedings in hope of some facts being elicited compromising to the honor of these prominent members of the government.

The chief examination will be conducted by Lord Robert Cecil, son of the late Unionist prime minister, Lord Salisbury, who besides being a clever politician, is an exceedingly able lawyer. He has been devoting his Easter holiday to getting up the case and, according to the Unionists, has prepared an exceptionally strong brief. The Liberals, however, are confident that both the attorney-general and the chancellor will come triumphantly thru the ordeal.

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