

PECK, OF ALBERT, LIVENED UP THE LEGISLATURE

With Some Very Pertinent Comments on the Bond Transactions as

CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT

Through Lack of Their Business Ability Province is Out Thousands of Dollars.

Fredericton, N. B., April 1.—Mr. Peck, of Alberta, was not to be deterred by the bald statements of the Provincial Secretary, who questioned his assertions that someone had made \$200,000 on the recent bond issue of the Government.

He (Mr. Peck) says he purchased one of the bonds at \$8, sold it at par in American dollars, and deposited the American dollars at a premium of 14 per cent. This he thought fully substantiated his claim. Had the Government done as well as he had done, said the gentleman from Alberta, they would have been winners.

The speaker was at a loss to know what the Minister of Public Works was doing with all the monies he was handling. Certainly it was not being expended on the rural roads section, where it was very much needed. The farmers were being ignored by the Public Works Department, and nothing was being done in his county to render them any aid on the highways. In one section of Albert County the roads were so miserable the farmers were selling their farms and moving out on the line of the automobile roads. They found it impossible to do business properly and with any degree of comfort in that district.

Turning his attention to the current accounts, he found the liability sheet showed \$1,700,000, and he was surprised to see among the listed assets the deficit of \$300,000. He was at a loss to figure out this kind of bookkeeping, but supposed it was because of that tangled system of keeping books which no one seemed to understand, or else it was a Venetian bubble.

The speaker believed it the duty of all members to work for the public good, and the Water Power Bill was worthy of special consideration. He hoped, he said, the Government could find some money to make a test of the foundations for a dam across the Petticoat, something very much needed.

The nationalization of the St. John harbor was another project that the Provincial Government should show some interest in, and endeavor to hasten its consummation.

He handed some good advice to the Premier, and said that if he wanted to be successful and useful he should get good men about him and rid himself of barnacles such as the Provincial Secretary, who is better adapted to finding out "how much a goose knows about geometry" than he is for the work of Provincial Secretary.

Mr. Peck's remarks were interspersed with witticisms that provoked much good humor and greatly aided in driving home his telling points. (Continued on page 2.)

SAVAGE ASSAULT BY COLORED MAN On Young Woman and Those Who Came to Her Assistance—Now Arrested.

Truro, N. S., April 1.—Harry Tynes (colored) entered the home of Miss Millicent Archibald, Queen street, about four o'clock this morning and attempted to assault her in her room.

Miss Archibald struggled and fought off the man, who was striking her with his fists and choking her. Her cries for help brought to her rescue Principal Davis, of the Colchester Academy, and Mr. B. Angus, of the Academy staff, who were lodged in the house. The colored man struck Mr. Angus on the head with a club, rendering him unconscious. Principal Davis grappled with the man, and after a hard and desperate fight struck him with a chair. The blow knocked the man out. Mr. Davis then telephoned for the police and Policeman Johnson quickly was on the scene and handcuffed the colored man who was still lying on the floor.

Mr. Angus had recovered by this time from his knockout and was left to guard the prisoner while Mr. Davis and the police officer searched the house for more intruders. While they were upstairs Tynes recovered from his unconscious state and evading his guard, escaped through an open window and made his way to his home at Smith Island where he was afterwards arrested by Chief of Police Fraser, who was also called to the scene of the trouble.

Tynes was up before Stipendiary Clerk for preliminary examination and was remanded until Sunday.

FARMERS KICK AT FRANCHISE BILL Declare That Certain Sections Are Aimed at Them Only.

Winnipeg, Man., April 1.—Denunciation of the section in the Franchise Bill before the Federal House which makes it illegal for any association to collect money for political purposes, was made at the conference of the United Farmers' Board of Political Workers held Wednesday.

The opinion expressed, according to W. H. Wood, secretary, that the clause was aimed at the farmers movement. Many felt, he said, that if the government actually proceeded to enact this legislation, popular indignation would be so aroused that no party opposing the government would need large campaign funds.

MEMBERS OFF ON SHORT HOLIDAY

Parliamentary Precincts Virtually Deserted UNTIL TUESDAY

When Railway Estimates Will Come up Again for Discussion.

Ottawa, April 1.—(Canadian Press)—The halls of parliament are virtually deserted today. Practically all the members who are within reaching distance of Ottawa have gone to their homes until next Tuesday, and those who live too far away to go home are for the most part wishing they were there.

The members during their absence will have the railway budget for discussion, and on their return, it is said the railway estimates will be among the first of the government business taken up. When the House resumes on Tuesday night, it is expected to be only a matter of a few days until there is an announcement from the government in regard to the sittings of the special committees on Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and Pensions. It is also estimated that there will likely be an announcement before either of these committees are called upon to begin work, to the effect that the government has not changed its attitude towards cash gratuities, but is as firmly opposed to them as ever.

This, it is understood, was intimated to a delegation of returned soldiers, which met the soldier members of the House earlier in the present week. Several of the returned soldier members of Parliament have already declared themselves as opposed to the idea of cash gratuities, and these say that they have not altered their opinions. They are, in some cases, in favor of the opinion that there should be an increase of pensions in certain directions, and also some provision for students and professional men who are having a hard time to get back to civilian life after their service overseas.

There is talk of the budget speech being delayed until the Prime Minister is back in the House, in which case, there is a prospect of three weeks or a month in duration, there will be no prorogation before almost the end of May. However, the members are talking of getting home about May 2, unless anything unforeseen happens.

BOLD ROBBERY OTTAWA BANK

Bandits Held up Officials and Got Away With \$1,000. All There Was on Hand.

Ottawa, April 1.—Three heavily armed men entered the Rideau and Chapel Street branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia here at 2:15 today, covered the teller with a revolver, drove the teller to the rear of the building, and a motion to quash the indictments which were returned by the Grand Jury under the new state law, against criminal syndicalism.

ROWELL AWAY TO WASHINGTON

Ottawa, April 1.—Hon. N. W. Rowell left yesterday for Washington, where he will remain until after Easter. He is acting minister of internal affairs and it is understood that he has gone to discuss a number of matters with the British Embassy affecting Canada. During the present session a bill will be presented to define the status and functions of the proposed Canadian representative at Washington, and it is believed that this is the principal matter which Mr. Rowell will take up with the British Ambassador and with the United States government.

MAROONED IN THE ICE FIELDS

London, April 1.—A wireless dispatch from Moscow says a dramatic message of distress has been received there from the Arctic ice-fields. The message sent by wireless asked help for eighty men, women and children, perishing of cold and hunger aboard the steamer Sokoloff, which became ice-bound in the river at Chigra in January and finally drifted into the Kara sea.

COAL FOR FRANCE

Paris, April 1.—France is to receive 100,000 tons of coal monthly by a contract signed with the Belgian Government, in return pledging favorable treatment for certain Belgian products, according to "Le Soir."

WHY SHOULD AMERICA WANT SO LARGE NAVY

It Surely Cannot be That She Contemplates War With Britain.

USELESS FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE

There is Need for An Energetic Educational Campaign to Awaken People to the Dangers of the Situation.

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London, March 31.—There is growing uneasiness here that America's reported project of a mammoth naval building programme is a direct threat against the British Empire. Mischief makers whose ill-considered sneers are printed on both sides of the Atlantic are making matters worse.

The latest is the publication in the London Herald, a Coalition newspaper of a full page article by Robert Blatchford, a prominent publicist headed "America's Big Navy—Is she preparing to fight us?" Blatchford's article printed in the Daily Mail several years before the war is still quoted by the Northcliffe press to show what he did to warn the British nation.

In the article, Blatchford states that the United States is determined to have a navy stronger than the British Navy before 1924, and asks "Why—unless there is a visible danger of an Anglo-American war. Building this great armada would simply be waste of money for there is no other naval power against which such force be required. And American big navy men don't pretend there is. America has decided to build a gigantic navy in rivalry with ours."

Blatchford asks whether the American people would ever be used against them; or that the British people would consent to a crime as forcing war upon the British people. He says: "The situation between America and Britain is not at all the same as the pre-war situation between England and Germany. It is a matter of life and death to the British people and the American people would ever be guilty of such a crime, provided the nature of the crime should be brought home to them and they understand."

Blatchford concludes by asking for \$5,000,000 "one quarter of the cost of our Dreadnought fleet" to be devoted to the purpose of awakening people all over the world to the peril in which they stand."

A CONSPIRACY AGAINST GOVT

In Chicago, and Those Concerned Must Stand Trial.

Chicago, April 1.—William Bruce Lloyd, millionaire seigneur at arms of the Communist Labor Party, and thirty-seven other defendants must stand trial on indictments charging them with conspiracy to overthrow the government by force. Judge Hebert, in criminal court, today dismissed a motion to quash the indictments which were returned by the Grand Jury under the new state law, against criminal syndicalism.

TURK LEADER SAYS WAR WITH BRITAIN

Reported That All Turkey Except Constantinople is Against Allies.

Montreal, April 1.—A London cable to the Montreal "Star" says: Mustafa Kemal, leader of the Turkish Nationalist rebels, has declared war on Great Britain, a dispatch from the Constantinople correspondent of the Morning Post said today. Buda Pest despatches yesterday quoted the newspaper "Pest" as saying that all of Turkey except Constantinople was in rebellion against the Allies.

DEATH OF YOUNG WOODSTOCK MAN

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., April 1.—Frank McKee, one of the most popular of our young business men, died this afternoon from kidney trouble, at the residence of Judge Carleton, aged 35 years. He had not been well for a year or more, and has been under treatment at a Montreal hospital. He was an extensive dealer in pulpwood, railway ties, sleepers, etc. He is survived by two brothers, Leo, of Houlton Road, and Eugene of Woodstock, and two sisters, Mrs. Carleton, of Woodstock, and Mrs. L. A. Wade, of Tapley Mills.

OLDEST TEACHER DEAD.

Providence, R. I., April 1.—Henry W. Clark, who taught school for 52 years, is dead. He is said to have been the oldest public school teacher in point of service in New England.

RAILWAY STRIKE.

Port Wayne, Ind., April 1.—To enforce demands for the closed shop, 2,500 employees of the Pennsylvania Railway shops here went on strike today.

NO EQUAL FRANCHISE HERE.

Dover, Del., April 1.—Ratification of Equal Suffrage amendment was defeated in the Lower House of the legislature today. The vote was 23 to 1.

SUGAR \$2.00 ADVANCE.

Hull, April 1.—The price of sugar was advanced two dollars per one hundred pounds here today.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT ON HOME RULE BILL

London, April 1.—The comment of the London newspapers this morning on the vote yesterday in the House of Commons on the Home Rule Bill follows the usual party lines.

The "Daily News," which is equally antagonistic to the Premier and the bill, accuses Mr. Lloyd George of "cynical candid admissions" in the speech he delivered and declares that "the debate had only one effect, namely to express the hopeless impracticability of the measure." The news paper admits that if the bill "is to be forced through it can be made in committee a little less bad than it is" by converting the council and the two parliaments into a parliament and two councils. In this form says the "Daily News" the whole attitude of the Government's critics would be changed.

The "Daily Mail" which strongly supports the bill says the debate produced a marked change on the opinion of the members of the House and the bill will enter the committee stage with great Parliamentary goodwill and an earnest wish to make it sound and practicable measure.

The "Daily Telegraph" which opposes Home Rule in any form blames "the sedulous Irish in Ireland and their supporters in America for this discontent in Ireland and the vindictive refusal to accept any settlement except stark concession."

"If they reject this measure," the newspaper adds "they must stand by the Home Rule Bill in any form." "Even if Dublin sulks and refuses to carry out Home Rule because it cannot have an independent republic," says the "Daily Chronicle," "most faces the proffered autonomy is successfully working in Belfast would make it impossible for Dublin to persist in its attitude of wilful secession."

None of the newspapers comment on the parallel drawn by the Premier between the Home Rule Bill and the "Eve of Dublin" sulks and refuses to carry out Home Rule because it cannot have an independent republic," says the "Daily Chronicle," "most faces the proffered autonomy is successfully working in Belfast would make it impossible for Dublin to persist in its attitude of wilful secession."

The Freeman's Journal says: "The bill can have no other effect than to make confusion more confounded." The Irish Independent says: "The bill was framed on the assumption that the Irish people are idiots and any amount of system of government is good enough for them."

ELECTION ACT AMENDED AS TO VOTERS' LISTS

So That Women Who Failed to Register Because They Did Not Want to MAY STILL BE DRIVEN TO POLLS

When the Referendum on Prohibition is Taken a Few Months Hence.

Assembly Chamber, April 1st, 1920.—The House met at 8 o'clock. Mr. Burdell presented the report of the committee on standing rules.

Mr. LeBlanc presented the report of the committee on Municipalities. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill relating to street paving and sidewalks in the City of St. John.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale introduced a bill to provide lime stone to the farms of New Brunswick. He explained that the object of the measure was to authorize the borrowing of \$10,000 under the Provincial Loans Act to pay for a large lime deposit in the Parish of Simonds, St. John County. The bill was carried.

Mr. Messervy, for Mr. Smith, (Sunbury) introduced a bill to enable the authorities of St. John's Church, Orancton, to borrow money. He said that on behalf of the people interested he wished to tender his thanks to Dr. Campbell for his services in preparing the bill which he had given free of charge.

Mr. Campbell introduced a bill to amend the Act incorporating the Church of English Inhabitants of St. John.

Hon. Mr. Byrne introduced a bill to amend the New Brunswick Election Act. He explained that the object of the bill was to provide machinery for adding names to voters' lists which had been omitted by revisors. After the lists have been prepared and forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer any man or woman qualified to vote could have his or her name added by making affidavit, setting forth the facts and forwarding the same to the Chairman of the Board of Revisors. In cases omitted from the revisors' lists after the same had passed to the sheriff, provision was made for the issuing of certificates by the Secretary-Treasurer which on presentation to the Deputy Returning Officer would give the right to vote.

Hon. Mr. Byrne introduced a bill to amend the Municipalities Act. He said that the bill provided that areas consisting of 1,000 acres and having a population of 250 could be incorporated as villages. A petition signed by forty ratepayers, after due notice had been given, would be forwarded to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer who, on taking a census could declare the village incorporated and grant it a name. The council of such village would consist of three members to be elected annually, and they would be given powers with respect to administration of affairs of the village, similar to those contained in the Municipalities and Towns Incorporation Act. The officials to be appointed would be a Treasurer and an Assessor, and both offices could be filled by the same person. He said that he had prepared the bill in response to a demand which came to him from different sections of the province and he trusted it would have the careful consideration of hon. members.

Mr. Michaud introduced a bill to authorize the Town of Edmundston to borrow \$25,000 for street and sidewalk improvement.

Hon. Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to amend the School Act relating to the City of Moncton, also to enable the School Board of that City to severance and marsh lands in the Parish of Moncton.

AFLOAT 16 HOURS IN A SEAPLANE

British Officer and Lady Picked up at Sea.

Baltimore, Md., April 1.—After having been adrift in a seaplane for sixteen hours without food or water, Major Sidney E. Parker, of the British Army and Miss Blanche Fraser, were rescued here today on the steamship Hilton, by which they were picked up on Sunday last.

INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE SOON

To Take Into Consideration Change in B. N. A. Act.

A MATTER OF COURTESY For the Imperial Parliament Can Amend the Act Without Consulting Provinces at All.

Ottawa, April 1.—An interprovincial conference will be held this summer on the question of seeking legislation which would confer on the Dominion Parliament, the right of amending the constitution under the B. N. A. Act. The exchange of views on the subject so far is informal and unofficial. For the most part the proposition is viewed with favor, though Premier Martin of Saskatchewan is out against it.

If such an amendment is secured, the idea at Ottawa is that to give effect to it the concurrence of all the provinces should be necessary. As matters stand at present, and differing from a view that is widely prevalent, the Imperial Parliament, on its own initiative or at the instance of the Dominion Parliament, may without consulting any province.

RAILWAY MAN WAS DISCHARGED

Jury Found Him Not Guilty of Participation in Thefts.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 1.—After being out only a few minutes, the jury with the case of James Dorcas, fireman on the C. N. R., returned a verdict this morning of not guilty on the charge of receiving liquor knowing it to be stolen from the railway. The accused was the only one of a dozen railway men charged in theft of liquor at Napusquam who had pleaded not guilty. P. J. Hughes appeared for the defence and upon his motion Dorcas was discharged from custody.

TO DEAL WITH KENORA LIQUOR SITUATION

Government May Take Over Bonded Warehouses if Province Willing.

Ottawa, April 1.—The Dominion Government is considering some action in regard to the liquor situation at Kenora, arising out of bonded warehouses for liquor now in operation there. The matter has been discussed in the House of Commons at Kenora, arising out of bonded warehouses for liquor now in operation there. The matter has been discussed in the House of Commons at Kenora, arising out of bonded warehouses for liquor now in operation there.

PROPOSED TERMS HUNGARIAN LEAGUE

Paris, April 1.—The Council of Ambassadors has virtually completed its execution of the objections filed by the Hungarian plenipotentiaries to the proposed Treaty of Peace with Hungary and the general terms of the Allied reply have been decided upon by the Ambassadorial body. The reply will probably be handed to the Hungarian delegation at an early date.

FISHERY RETURNS

Ottawa, April 1.—The total value of sea fish at the point of landing in Canada during the month of February was \$649,108, according to the Naval Department statement issued today. This is an increase of \$61,872 over February, 1919 when the value was \$587,236.

ST. JOHN BILLS IN COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE Yesterday, and as Usual Mea With Considerable Opposition.

CITY DELEGATION WAS ON HAND

Bills from Lancaster Took up Most Time and Will be Further Considered.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 1.—It takes St. John to add pep to Legislative proceedings. It would be dry old session if it was not for St. John bills coming before the committee.

There seems to be a number of members always ready to oppose and block any measure, good, bad or indifferent, proposed in behalf of St. John City or County.

Today was St. John day, when several bills were before the municipal palliates committee, and the old enmity towards anything pertaining to the city again cropped out in fibes and jobs.

An Act to enable the Municipality to secure sites for industrial purposes consumed a great portion of the forenoon session of the committee. The purpose of the bill is to secure authority for appropriation of property for industrial purposes.

Representatives from St. John City were opposed to having the city included in this bill. There were those from the city, however, who believed they should have just such an act in order to help in the greater and better St. John City movement.

There was much discussion on the subject with nothing definite being accomplished. The bill will again be taken up in private session.

A bill to provide for collecting in the Parish of Lancaster during certain seasons when the tramps are numerous and break into summer cottages, was the cause of some talking. A farmer of the parish appeared in opposition to the bill. As it stood the all year residents, mostly farmers, were called upon to pay sixty per cent of the cost of maintaining the police force there. He thought the cottagers were too numerous. In his opinion, was the cause of some talking. A farmer of the parish appeared in opposition to the bill. As it stood the all year residents, mostly farmers, were called upon to pay sixty per cent of the cost of maintaining the police force there. He thought the cottagers were too numerous. In his opinion, was the cause of some talking.

USE OF AIRCRAFT FOR FOREST PATROL

Is Becoming More Common, and Work Will be Greatly Extended This Year.

Ottawa, April 1.—The use of aircraft for forest patrol work and forest mapping is to be extended on a greater scale this season than ever, although the whole question of air patrol in forest ranging is still in its experimental stage.

Last year the Canada Air Board arranged that the St. Maurice forest protective association use two air patrol and much good work was carried out. This season the Laurentide Pulp and Paper Company is going to use the two machines which the St. Maurice Association had last year. It is also learned that Price Brothers, Quebec, have engaged an aviator who is now in England buying a hydroplane to carry out experimental mapping and ranging work this season. In addition the Air Board, in conjunction with provincial authorities, is contemplating further experiments along the lines carried out last year.

While it is not believed that air patrol can displace existing ground organizations, according to Mr. Leavitt, Chief Forester, Commission of Conservation, it should be able to reduce the necessity of further large extensions and to greatly increase the effectiveness of forest fire prevention, provided the cost does not prove prohibitive, as it is believed will not be the case. It is significant, Mr. Leavitt points out, that the United States Air Service is requesting authority for a large programme of air patrol over the forests of the Western States. The possibilities of air patrol in forest mapping appear decidedly encouraging.

JAPANESE EMPEROR ILL

Honolulu, April 1.—Emperor Yoshihito, of Japan, is ill at his winter villa in Hixama, near Yokohama, according to a Tokyo cable to the Nippon Jiji, a Japanese language newspaper here.