

RAPID PROGRESS ON RECIPROCITY BILL

TORIES HOPE U. S. SENATE WILL BLOCK MEASURE

Washington Passes Pact Opposition at Ottawa Will Cease

Ottawa, April 17.—A favorable report on the reciprocity agreement with the United States is looked for by members of the Dominion government not long after parliament reassembles Wednesday. The rapid progress being made at Washington, and the prediction that the agreement will be before the senate by next Thursday have been noted with satisfaction. Settlement of the reciprocity issue in Canada, they believe, depends primarily upon the action at Washington. Any assurance that congress will ratify the agreement may be coupled, they say, with the assurance that the Canadian parliament will do its part. The government backed by a majority of over forty in the House, is pledged and anxious to ratify the agreement through, so that the conservative opposition permits a vote.

Modification then by the senate would be a matter of form, since the government's supporters in that body outnumber the Conservatives three to one. Until the agreement is ratified by both American branches, the fight is continued along lines of the last six weeks, in the hope that the situation may be saved from the Conservative point of view, by a failure of the senate at Washington to pass the American part of the pact. Interest aroused by annexation talk has practically disappeared, but in large centres like Montreal and Toronto, where the nationalist element is stronger, the fight against the agreement is being continued by the Conservative press and speakers. The situation elsewhere is different.

Addressing his constituents in Montreal, Manitoba, Thursday, W. H. Sharpe, a leading Conservative, said he knew all he had to do to make himself safe in his constituency, was to vote for reciprocity. Other western Conservatives are in practically the same position.

There is no method by which the government can force closure of debate. The prevailing opinion, however, appears to be that if Washington passes favorably upon the matter, the opposition will not try to delay its ratification until the middle of May, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier plans to call for London to attend the colonial conference and the colonial secretary, the premier hopes to leave for London May 12.

ABANDONED BABY IN PARK

Vancouver, April 17.—Some overburdened mother left her three months old offspring in Stanley Park yesterday afternoon. The child, which was in a baby carriage, called attention to herself by crying. She was robed in duplicate sets of clothing, two coats, two skirts, etc. She will be adopted by the Children's Aid Society, which will probably christen her Esther Stanley, the first suggested by Easter Sunday, the day on which she was found, and the second by Stanley Park.

OFFICIAL CHANGES

Winnipeg, April 17.—John Aldrich, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Winnipeg, goes to Toronto May 1 to become assistant general manager and a general shift of higher officials of that bank. C. W. Peasley, manager at Calgary, will become manager at Winnipeg, or Vancouver; C. G. K. Nourse, manager at Lethbridge, will succeed Rowley; E. A. Ramsey, assistant to Mr. Peasley, may get the management here, but Rowley is his senior in the service and has had experience in Winnipeg.

JAPANESE FIGHT OVER A WOMAN

One Man Probably Fatally Wounded—Assailant Is in Custody

Prince Rupert, April 17.—Following a drinking spell, two Japanese at Naas Harbor fought in motion, carried onward by the restive force of the current and the weight of the mass behind. These blocks, some of them as large as a small sized house, crashed one against the other, and piled themselves up one on top of another to the height of many feet. At Moffat's Island the crush appeared to be the greatest, but with the fall of the water which occurred almost as rapidly as it rose, the tension was relaxed and the moving mass of ice came to rest.

P. M. GRAHAM DEAD

Brookville, Ont., April 17.—P. M. Graham, aged 25, youngest son of Hon. G. P. Graham, died at an early hour this morning in the general hospital, following a short illness which did not assume a serious aspect until Saturday, when brain fever developed.

CHURCHES AND PEACE MOVEMENT

URGED TO SUPPORT BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Leaders Will Be Asked to Assist in Securing Anglo-American Treaty

London, April 17.—W. T. Stead, at a universal peace meeting here yesterday, pleaded strongly of the apathy of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Church toward the peace movement. The meeting resolved to send an appeal to the leaders of the Church to assist in forwarding the Lord Mayor's project to form a committee representing all the religious denominations in support of the Anglo-American treaty to secure the Anglo-American treaty.

Sir Joseph Ward's Views. New York, April 17.—The relations between Great Britain and the United States of America constitute the real key to the situation in preserving the peace of the world, said Sir Joseph Ward, premier of New Zealand, who is making a brief stay in New York on his way to London to attend the Imperial conference and the coronation, to-day.

STRIKE HIGH GRADE ORE

Nelson, B. C., April 17.—A new discovery of high grade ore has been made at the Nugget mine of Sneyce Creek. The new chute is on the fourth level of the main vein and is between five and six feet wide. The ore is high grade to full width. The water mill of the Nugget is running night and day grading 120 tons weekly.

ANARCHY REIGNS AT DELAGOA BAY

British Cruiser Sent to Scene of Trouble in Portuguese East Africa

London, April 17.—A Capetown dispatch says the British protected cruiser Forte has been ordered to Delagoa Bay, where anarchy reigns at Delagoa Bay because many officers and residents of the Portuguese East African territory remain loyal to the deposed monarchy. The revolutionists demand the deposition of the governor of Mozambique and the expulsion of these loyalists.

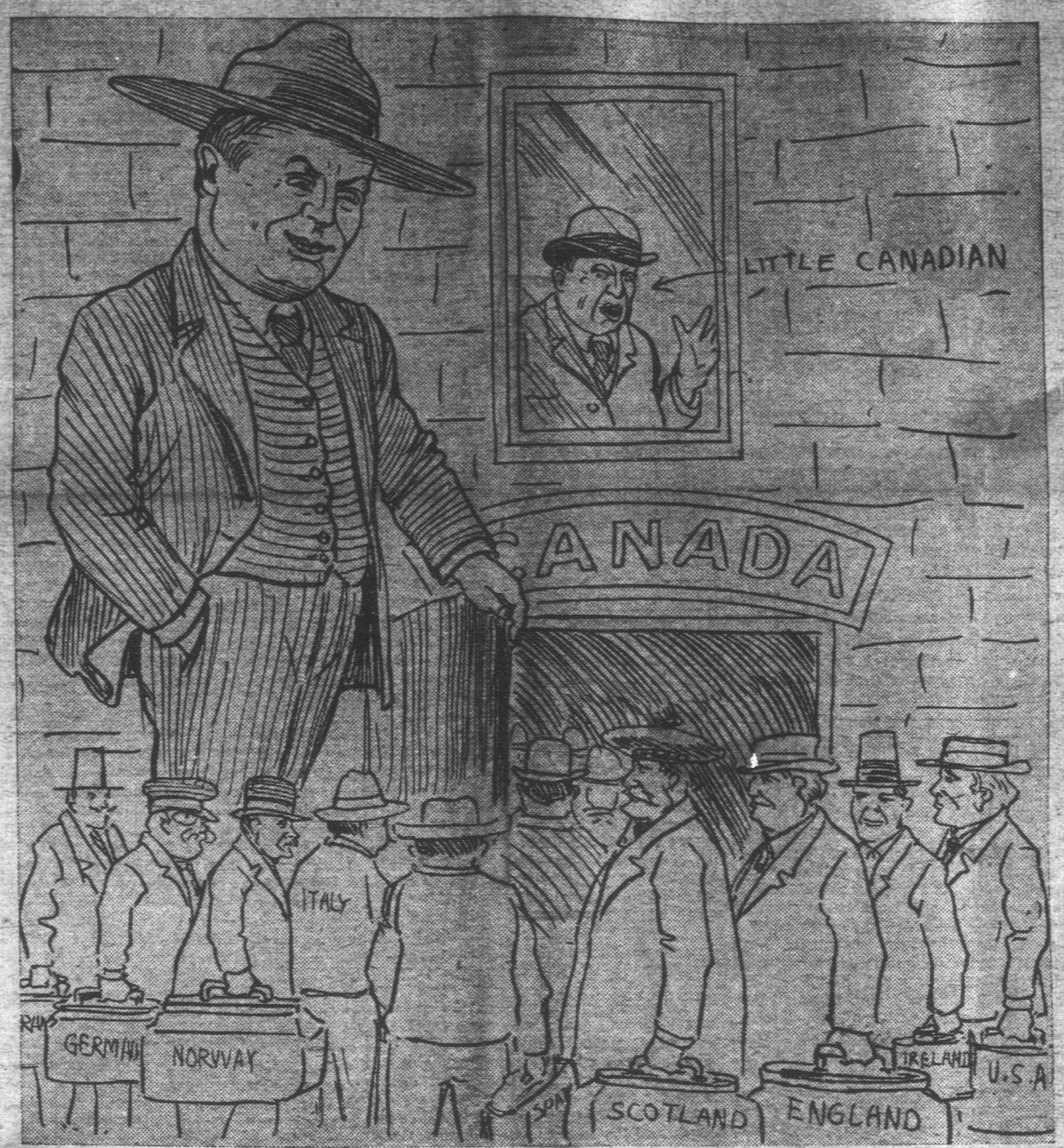
ICE MOVING DOWN THE ST. LAWRENCE

Huge Blocks Carried Along by Current—Water Falls Rapidly

Montreal, April 17.—The first real ice shove of the season occurred on Saturday and attracted a large crowd of sight-seers to the river front. Soon after noon there was a sudden and very rapid rise in the water, the gauge at the harbor commissioner's office showing that in a quarter of an hour the water rose 18 inches. This was immediately followed by a movement of ice from up stream, and for a couple of hours the spectacle presented was a striking one. From a little above Victoria bridge down as far as the lower end of St. Helen's Island, the whole width of the stream was a mass of huge ice blocks in motion, carried onward by the restive force of the current and the weight of the mass behind. These blocks, some of them as large as a small sized house, crashed one against the other, and piled themselves up one on top of another to the height of many feet. At Moffat's Island the crush appeared to be the greatest, but with the fall of the water which occurred almost as rapidly as it rose, the tension was relaxed and the moving mass of ice came to rest.

RUSSIAN PAINTER'S SUICIDE

St. Petersburg, April 17.—M. Kreizhelsky, the landscape painter and member of the Russian Academy, committed suicide to-day by hanging.



CANADA'S GROWING TIME

PESSIMISTIC PARTY AT WINDOW—If this inundation continues our institutions will surely be submerged and the future of the country imperilled. I must call upon the government to take measures to stop it.

ANTI-MORMON CRUSADE IN ENGLAND

TWO PERSONS INJURED IN RIOTING AT BIRKENHEAD

Birkenhead, England, April 17.—The anti-Mormon campaign led to serious disorders here to-day. An organized demonstration against Mormonism was carried out and an ultimatum was issued regarding the Mormon missionaries to quit the town within eight days.

PAINTERS STRIKE

Port Arthur, April 17.—Union painters of the twin cities went on strike to-day, demanding a raise of from 25 to 40 cents an hour. About 30 men are out and holding organization meetings this afternoon. The employers claim to have hired many new men, and that on the average have about half the regular number at work.

WOUNDED MAN LEFT ALONE IN CABIN

Alleged Assailant and Three Companions Flee After Fatal Shot Was Fired

Iditarod, Alaska, April 17, via Kaktag, April 17.—Joseph E. Plant, said to be the son of a Canadian bank president according to word received here to-day, on March 17 last was shot and killed by George Tisdale in a cabin 80 miles south of Georgetown. Beyond the fact that five men were in the cabin when the fatal shot was fired, no details of the murder is obtainable.

EARL GREY COMPETITION

Ottawa, April 17.—Their Excellencies Earl and Countess Grey, with Lady Sybil and Lady Evelyn Grey, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Malcolm and Lady Percy and Captain Bingham, A. D. C., leave Ottawa for Winnipeg on Thursday night to attend the Earl Grey amateur musical and dramatic competition, and remain there two weeks.

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CELTIC WINS THE SCOTTISH CUP

Glasgow, April 17.—The Celtic won the Scottish cup on Saturday when they beat the Hamilton Academicals by a score of two goals to nil, after drawing on April 8.

TWO STORES AT PORT ESSINGTON DESTROYED

Overheated Stovepipe Cause of Fire—Loss Placed at \$10,000

Prince Rupert, April 17.—Fire at Port Essington on Friday did \$10,000 damage. It started in Walter Noel's grocery store, spreading to Mrs. Frizzle's millinery store. Her loss was \$8,000, and \$2,000 which was stock. She owned the building. The loss is partly covered by insurance. Both stores were gutted. Cause, overheated stove-pipe.

EIGHT SAVED BY LIGHT KEEPER

PARTY ADRIPT IN DISABLED LAUNCH

Vancouver, B. C., April 17.—"But for the heroism of the lighthouse keeper we would surely have been drowned, the whole eight of us. His self-sacrificing conduct is deserving of the greatest praise."

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IMMIGRATION RECORDS BROKEN

BUSY SEASON AT HALIFAX AND ST. JOHN

More Than 100,000 Persons Have Landed at Two Ports Since November

Halifax, N. S., April 17.—All records for immigrants landed at Halifax and St. John, N. B., were broken in the winter season just closing, largely at the expense of United States ports, according to a statement of officials. While many of them have settled in the Canadian northwest, there is said to have been a considerable entry into the lands in the western part of the United States. The shorter sea voyage is given for the favoring of Canadian ports. It is estimated that more than 100,000 persons were landed here and in St. John since last November, compared with 88,000 arriving in the same period last year.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN SASKATCHEWAN

Grand-Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern to Begin the Work on Extensions

Battleford, Sask., April 17.—Word has been received from A. Champagné, M. P., in Ottawa, that the route plans of both the Canadian Northern Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific for their extensions westward from Battleford have been approved and construction will commence this spring. The Grand Trunk Pacific line is from Battleford to Wainwright. The Canadian Northern Railway is from here to a point in Southern Alberta.

VETO POWER OF HOUSE OF LORDS

It Is Now Believed Leaders Will Be Able to Agree on Compromise

London, April 17.—On Thursday, in sunny spring weather, after a long arctic spell John Bull began his Easter holiday, which he will keep up until Wednesday or Thursday of next week. In the meantime he refuses to take the slightest interest in serious affairs.

FIRE AT COLBOURNE

Blaze Which Caused Loss of \$25,000 Believed to Have Been Started by Burglars.

KEMPTON PARK RACES

Kempton Park, England, April 17.—The Rothschild Welter plate of 100 sovereigns, distance 2 miles, was won to-day by August Belmont's Sanda of the Orient. There were four starters.

BATTLE NEAR MEXICAN BORDER

FEDERALS OPEN ATTACK ON AGUA PRIETA

Both Sides Exhibited Desperate Courage—Casualties Likely to Be Heavy

Agua Prieta, April 17.—The first attempt of the Mexican federal troops to retake the Port of Agua Prieta from the rebels resulted to-day in failure, and the repulse of the Nationals. The battle opened at 6.30 o'clock and raged until 10.30, the federals crossing the open country and assaulting the rebel trenches. The federals used machine guns, but these were repeatedly silenced by the fire of the rebel sharpshooters, who directed their aim at the soldiers manning these guns.

OPENING OF BATTLE

Douglas, Ariz., April 17.—The long expected attack of Mexican federal troops on Agua Prieta opened in deadly earnest at 6.30 to-day. The fighting was fast and furious on both sides. The hail of bullets from the federal machine guns fell far within the confines of the city of Douglas.

FIVE AERONAUTS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Occupants of Balloon Thrown From Basket by Explosion of Gas

Dresden, April 17.—A thrilling accident occurred yesterday at the competition of the Saxon Aeronautical Society. The balloon Nordhausen ascended prematurely, carrying off Otto Koern, a Dresden manufacturer, clinging to the outside of the basket. The pilot at once opened the valve, the balloon was driven with great force against the gasometer. Koern fell to the ground, breaking his leg.

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