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## BORDEN PLEDGED TO REIMBURSE DEPOSITORS

Fact That Farmers' Bank Certificate Was Procured Fraudulently Makes Case an Exceptional One, Says Premier—Legislation to Give Relief Next Session.

OTTAWA, June 6.—(Special).—The prime minister this afternoon made an announcement of interest to the depositors of the Farmers' Bank, saying in substance that they would be reimbursed at the next session of parliament.

A question upon the order paper furnished the text for the announcement. The question was: "Is it the intention of the government to reimburse the depositors of the Farmers' Bank? If so, does the government propose to act in like manner with the depositors of the Bank St. Jean and the Bank Ville Marie?"

Borden Defines Position. Mr. Borden replied as follows: "It appears from the report of the commission appointed to investigate the matter of the failure of the Farmers' Bank (a) that the issue of the certificate of the treasury board authorizing the bank to commence business was procured by false and fraudulent representations on the part of the promoter and subsequent manager of the bank, W. R. Travers. (b) That in the commissioner's opinion it was incumbent upon the treasury board, before issuing its certificate, to have investigated certain charges made to the department of finance, that the amount required by the Bank Act to be paid up in respect of subscriptions had not been so paid, and that if the true facts had been disclosed the certificate of the treasury board would not have been given, and thus, the bank under the management of Travers would not have been authorized to commence business.

Case Exceptional. "The case is of exceptional and indeed unique character, both with regard to the fraudulent means by which the certificate was procured, and in respect of the results which followed, involving the ultimate loss of all monies placed in the bank by the unfortunate depositors. The man who fraudulently procured the certificate in the name of the bank was enabled to attract those deposits by the unwarranted assumption of powers in violation of plain statutory conditions. While the direct subsequent cause of the loss was the fraud and dishonesty of the bank's manager in the administration of its affairs, there is nevertheless a certain connection between the loss and the power and status with which he became vested upon the granting of the certificate. Having regard to these considerations the government considers that the depositors are entitled to a reasonable measure of relief, which will be provided by legislation to be introduced at the next session of parliament.

"The case of the other banks mentioned is likewise similar, and the action which the government proposes to take in the case of the Farmers' Bank will afford no warrant or precedent for reimbursing their depositors."

TREATMENT BY REVOLVIN' DOOR:  
John: Is that ye, John? Come under my umbrella an' sit yer top hat a chance. Yell he'll be it boned when ye gang hame. If there's anything Sir Weirfild likes it's to be under the John's umbrella. It's a gown' honor I'm showin' ye.

John: Don't get raw, Pop. Sir Weirfild got to face a popular rival in his indignation at his master's plan to defeat Borden's naval bill. The people's got to rule in Canada, just like the 'Tory' rule in Toronto. Just like the 'Tory' rule in Toronto, just like the 'Tory' rule in Toronto.

John: Get a revolver door in the parlor an' start yer peepin' hole out on the table.

John: Ye mean rollin' up yer trousers, John. It's raining bath here an' in London.

## CANADA TO PAY FOR WARSHIPS BRITAIN HAS DECIDED TO BUILD IF BORDEN RETURNS TO POWER

Premier, in Vigorous Condemnation of Senate, Declares Will of the People Will Prevail and Canada Not Be Allowed to Remain in Humiliating Position—House Duly Prorogued.

OTTAWA, June 6.—(Special).—The house sat in committee of supply until nearly five o'clock this morning, passing all the supplementary estimates and making provision possible at four o'clock this afternoon. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, as administrator for the government, gave the royal assent to a number of bills this afternoon and complimented the members of parliament upon their assiduous attention during the session to the business of the country.

Today's session of the house evoked a declaration of policy by the government on the question of the Farmers' Bank, some discussion of the white slave traffic in respect to newly arrived immigrants and a desultory post-mortem debate on the naval bill.

BORDEN SEES SOLUTION. "In view of the fact that our proposals were made on the basis of information supplied us by the British Admiralty," declared the prime minister, "it may yet be possible to make right that which has been made wrong. Press despatches state that the three ships which Canada was to have constructed will be built by the British taxpayers. It is impossible for us to make any advances to that end, because technically the bill has been defeated by parliament, the really only by a few partisans who do not represent the real desires of the Canadian people.

"These ships which are to be built by the admiralty are to be of the same type as we proposed to build. They are also to be used for the same purpose.

PAYMENT ONLY DEFERRED. "This being so, I say, Mr. Speaker, that it is our intention if we remain in power, as we undoubtedly will, to bring down at a later date a proposal for the acquiring or construction of three battleships as was proposed by the naval aid bill of 1912. We hope that long before these vessels are completed we may be able to do what a partisan majority has not prevented us from doing. We shall take over and pay for these ships for the use of His Majesty and the common defence of the empire."

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## PRINCE ALBERT AT THE FALLS

The Royal Cadet had a fine time at Niagara Falls yesterday. He is here shown on one of the observation cars, with other cadets, on his way to the Falls.

## QUESTION OF PANAMA TOLLS MAY CAUSE TREATY TO FAIL

United States Senate Adopts Clause Exempting American Coastwise Vessels From Payment of Tolls, and Chances For Proposed Treaty Being Accepted Are Remote.

Special to The Toronto World. WASHINGTON, June 6.—The renewal of the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, which expired yesterday, was taken up in the senate this afternoon and pressed for action.

Unless an amendment is incorporated exempting the question of Panama Canal tolls from those that may be submitted to arbitration, or a declaratory resolution to that effect is adopted and made part of the ratification, the treaty must fail.

The sentiment against renewing the treaty seemed even more pronounced than did the feeling in favor of the exemption of American coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls when passing thru the canal. The clause granting such exemptions was adopted at the time by the overwhelming vote of 44 to 11. As the pending treaty must be approved by a two-thirds vote, its chances for being accepted are regarded as remote.

General Sentiment. It became evident during this feature of the discussion that the prevailing sentiment in favor of amending the treaty was general. Moderation was urged by Senator Lewis. He did not advocate renewal of the treaty, but said much detraction had been occasioned by hasty action of ill-considered amendments. He believed the matter should be carefully considered in all its aspects.

Without a conclusion regarding any phase of the controversy, the discussion terminated. The treaty cannot come up for further debate before next Tuesday afternoon.

The principle of compulsory arbitration, written into the code that has bound the United States with twenty-four great and lesser nations of the world for the last few years, is in serious danger, and unless there is a decided change in sentiment in the senate the renewal of twenty-three of the treaties, which have concrete evidence of this nation's belief in such a policy, may be impossible.

## DR. VOGT APPOINTED MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Succeeds Late Dr. Fisher as Head of Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Dr. A. S. Vogt was appointed musical director of the Toronto Conservatory of Music on a motion of Sir John Gibson at a meeting of the board of governors yesterday afternoon. He succeeds the late Dr. Edward Fisher. For many years Dr. Vogt has been a member of the teaching staff of the conservatory. He is probably most familiarly known in Canada, the United States and Europe as conductor of the Mendelssohn Choir, one of the greatest musical organizations in the world.

When the position of head of the conservatory was made vacant by the recent death of Dr. Edward Fisher, the name of Dr. Vogt at once suggested itself. He will enter on his duties immediately.

## CARPENTERS GO BACK TO WORK

Strike Ends Today With Men Getting Forty-Five Cents and Eight-Hour Day.

The carpenters' strike is at an end. After being at loggerheads with their employers for a week, over 2000 carpenters decided at a disorderly meeting in Association Hall last night to return to work on Monday for 45 cents an hour, and an eight hour day.

After a great deal of disorder and heated discussion by speakers, who were dissatisfied as to some minor details and who still wanted the men to stay out, a vote was taken and the following resolution was moved and carried by a large majority:

"Resolved that this mass meeting is of the opinion that enough bosses have signed the agreement to establish a prevailing rate, and that we do hereby declare the strike off tomorrow at noon, and that all men demand 45c per hour."

Over 200 firms, practically all those outside the Builders' Exchange, have signed the wage agreement submitted by the strikers, and commencing Monday morning upwards of 2000 carpenters will take up their tools and work, on two conditions—that they receive the demanded wage, and that non-union labor be kept off the jobs. They claim that shortly Toronto will be made a closed city and that a carpenter in order to make his living will require a union card.

## TORIES HOPE TO WIN NORTH GREY

Colin Cameron, Barrister, of Owen Sound, Gets Nomination After Much Balloting.

OWEN SOUND, June 6.—(Special).—The Conservative convention held here today, to choose a candidate to contest the north riding of Grey at the impending by-election, was largely attended, there being about three hundred delegates present. Colin S. Cameron, barrister, of Owen Sound, was the final choice after a tedious afternoon's balloting.

On the first ballot the following received votes: Colin S. Cameron, Owen Sound; W. T. Moore, Meaford; Chas. Gordon, Owen Sound; J. M. Davis, Owen Sound; Mr. Duncan, Owen Sound; D. R. Duncan, Owen Sound; S. Lloyd, Owen Sound; Wm. Breece, Chatsworth; G. M. Boyd, Owen Sound.

On the final ballot Cameron was the choice of the convention over Moore by 153 to 126.

## DINEEN'S HAT SHOP

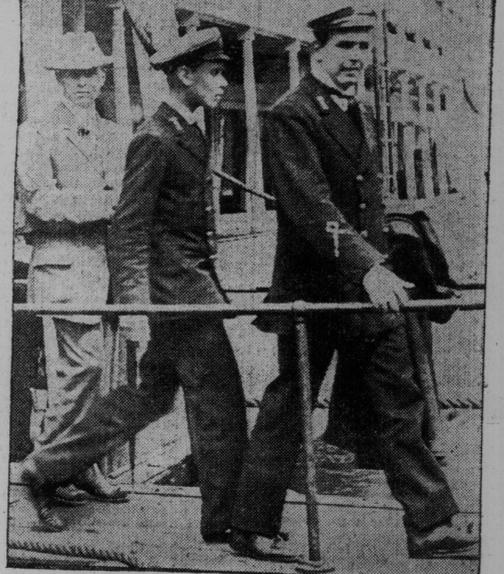
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## WARM WELCOME TO AMBASSADOR

Walter Hines Page Banquet in London By Most Distinguished Men of the Nation.

Special Cable to The World. Copyrighted by The Toronto World and N. Y. World. LONDON, June 6.—The "Pilgrims" banquet to welcome United States Ambassador Walter Hines Page, given tonight at the Savoy, was one of the largest, most distinguished and representative ever held under the auspices of that association.

Among others at the banquet were the Earl of Devonport, the Earl of Dartmouth, Earl Percy, Lord Strathcona, Sir Richard Solomon, Lord Cowdray, Lord Westmore, Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Forster, Sir Edward Poynter, Sir William Richmond, Arthur L. Sifton, Premier of Alberta, and John A. Griffiths, United States Consul-General in London.

Price Collier, who, after Mr. Page was the principal speaker of the evening, said the two greatest peacemakers of Europe were Earl Roberts, who had made peace from Khuber Pass to Cape Town, and Sir Edward Grey, who "took in hand the hornets' nest of the Balkans in this year of grace." His reference to Emperor William as "that great and strong man who is the true fillet of England," was received with tremendous applause.

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## STATE PRISONER GIVEN LIBERTY

Miller Evaded Camera Men and Was Whisked Away Quietly to Montreal.

OTTAWA, June 6.—(Can. Press).—Richard C. Miller of Montreal, prisoner of the Canadian Parliament since Feb. 21 last, was released from the common jail of Carleton County at 5:45 p.m. today. Technically he was free at 4 o'clock, immediately on the prorogation of the parliament, but on being notified to remain in jail until the sun had gone down, so as to enable him to escape the battery of camera men which had been gathered in the vicinity for several hours previous to the hour set for concluding the business of parliament.

At 5:45 p.m. Miller came out of a side door of the jail. He would speak to no one and, entering a carriage, was driven away rapidly down a side street.

His counsel, R. Pringle, ex-M.P., states that Miller left on the evening train for his home in Montreal.

On leaving the jail Miller would discuss no phase of the situation, arising out of his incarceration at the command of parliament for refusing to answer the question how he spent \$4,000 of the money of the Diamond Lighting & Heat Co. of Montreal in securing contracts.

The "state" prisoner looked somewhat pale from his long confinement, but his persistency was unshaken, and his attitude to those who were at the jail on his release, was one of unshaken tenacity.

## WOMAN ACCUSED OF POISONING HUSBAND

Mrs. Grace Beemer of Blenheim Township Is Taken to Woodstock Jail to Be Held For Trial—Inquest Showed Beemer Had Swallowed Strychnine.

WOODSTOCK, June 6.—(Special).—Charged with the murder of her husband, Frederick E. Beemer, a highly respected farmer of Blenheim Township, by administering poison, Mrs. Grace Beemer was today placed under arrest by Inspector Return of Toronto and County Constable Markie and lodged in the county jail at Woodstock.

Mrs. Beemer appeared before Magistrate Wall of this city, but as the crown was not ready to proceed a remand for one week was ordered.

The Beemer family is well-known thruout Blenheim Township and the affair has caused a sensation. Eight small children were left alone on the farm when the mother was taken to jail this morning, but they will be looked after by the Children's Aid Society. The farm on which the Beemers resided was very heavily mortgaged, it is said, and the family was not very well to do.

Strychnine Found. In their little home four miles east of the village of Drumbo, Mr. and Mrs. Beemer lived together until March 26, when Beemer, after an illness of three days, passed away under peculiar circumstances. Symptoms pointed to strychnine poisoning, and when the doctor in attendance refused to grant a burial certificate an analysis of the stomach was ordered. This revealed the fact that one grain of strychnine was contained therein.

Admitted Buying Poison. At an inquest which was held following Beemer's death it was stated that during her husband's illness, Mrs. Beemer had administered several doses of salts, and that after each dose Beemer became worse, the pains and convulsions increasing.

Mrs. Beemer admitted having purchased several grains of strychnine to kill rats and crows, but stated that during her husband's illness there had been none of that poison in the house. That Beemer did not commit suicide was indicated by the evidence of the doctors and others that through his illness he expressed a strong desire to recover.

## HE KISSED A MULE BUT "NEVER AGAIN"

The Fine Was Thirty-Three Dollars and He Needs the Money.

Special to The Toronto World. FORT WORTH, Texas, June 6.—Because he kissed a mule, J. H. Kelley, a laborer, was fined \$33 by the city police court today. He was arrested by Patrolman Stanley, who explained to the court that he found Kelley on the street fondly caressing a big brunette mule, kissing it on the nose. The animal refused to reciprocate.

Kelley declared he was intoxicated and said he thought the animal was a young woman. He pleaded leniency, promising that he would never, never kiss a mule again; but the judge sternly imposed the highest fine the law allowed him.

## Impressions of the General Assembly

By DR. QUILL

Parliament had its notable week of "talk." But as we figure it out it was not such a marvel after all. In the first place it was done by relays, then it was no man's conscience to listen and with the tick of Sunday morning the current was shut off. But here we have the full force on duty, the deaf have brought their ear trumpets, and on Sabbath Day it opens with the pressure set a notch higher. We are therefore of the impression that this parliament of Presbyterians has just a little edge on the house of commons.

And the office of speaker, chairman, or moderator, is not altogether a bed of roses. Here again, the general assembly is fortunate. Moderator MacKenzie would be hard to unseat in a scuffle for the chair. Who would not like to see him "hurling the stone" or "loosing the caber"? There are big men in this court, but we take him for first choice. He knows also what is in the book of rules. The debate on church union had not gone half a length when the sharpest mind in the house on procedure challenged his rulings. Hear the dialogue.

Dr. Clark, Montreal: "To build two churches in Westmount would be a scandalous misuse of church funds."

Dr. R. Campbell, Montreal, jumping to his feet, and his shaggy face quivering with excitement: "I challenge that statement."

The moderator: "Brethren must not interrupt. If you want to speak, wait for your turn."

Dr. Campbell: "The rules of this house permit me to challenge a false statement."

The moderator, jumping quickly to

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