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GRAFT CHARGES ARE LEVELLED AT CABINET

STEVENS ASSERTS CUSTOMS LAWS VIOLATED FOR YEAR WITH MINISTERS' KNOWLEDGE

Vancouver Conservative M. P. Declares \$30,000,000 Stolen From Exchequer by Smuggling and Premier and Ministers of Justice and Marine Knew of It

LAPOINTE DENIES ALLEGATION

House Rises at 4 O'clock This Morning After All Night Session With Motion to Adjourn and Action on Address in Reply to Throne Speech Still Undecided

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative, Vancouver Centre, in the House of Commons this morning, launched charges against the Customs Department.

The motion respecting the adjournment of the House until March 15 has, by an understanding reached in the House last night, precedence over the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

To the motion for adjournment is attached the amendment moved early this morning in the House by Hon. H. H. Stevens, stating that "No such adjournment, as is asked for, should be granted until a special committee of seven members is appointed to investigate thoroughly the Customs Department."

This motion to adjourn the House until after the House today. As the debate did not conclude until after four o'clock this morning, the House rose at 4 o'clock, and the motion to adjourn, when the House rose early this morning, has the right to resume the debate, but it is still uncertain whether or not he will speak this afternoon.

"The government respecting the customs laws has been going on for a year. For a year the Premier, the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Marine knew that this condition existed. The Minister of Justice knew it when he took office," said Mr. Stevens during the debate early this morning.

LAPOINTE DENIES. "I deny that entirely. I throw that back in his teeth," declared Mr. Lapointe.

Continuing Mr. Stevens said that he charged the government with knowledge for almost a year of the perpetration of the greatest breaches of the customs laws.

"Nothing of what my honorable friend has said is to my knowledge," said the Minister of Justice, interrupting again.

"At least their tongues are loosened," said Mr. Stevens, who added that he would be asked where he got his information.

"I will not disclose that because those who are most guilty would be notified within an hour and would be able to cover their tracks, and because innocent men would not be able to walk the streets of Montreal and be cause documents in departments might be destroyed."

CLAIMS PRIVILEGE BREACH. Hon. George Bovin, Minister of Customs, rose at this point to declare that there had been a breach of parliamentary privilege.

The member had no right to say that a minister would destroy documents which might be used as evidence.

"I for one do not propose to stand for it," he said.

Mr. Stevens said that he merely feared that documents might be destroyed. He would rather discuss matters relating to the Prime Minister, later Mr. Stevens, addressing Mr. Lapointe, "not going to escape responsibility in any way. If the Minister of Justice did not prosecute he was subject to a charge of not carrying out his duties."

DIRECT CHARGES INVITED. Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance reminded the House that the speaker asked Mr. Stevens if he wished to make any direct charges against any members of the government.

In view of Mr. Stevens' statement he thought he might be asked if he was prepared to place his seat in jeopardy. Mr. Stevens retorted that if such a suggestion had been made by any member of the House but the Minister of Finance he would regard it as ridiculous.

Since when had it become a rule of Parliament that a member was precluded from saying that a minister had not done his duty.

DARES GOVERNMENT. Mr. Stevens declared that the Minister of Justice and his former colleague, the late Minister of Customs, had had a row because of certain tampering with the police.

Mr. Stevens stated that "the ex-Minister of Customs had left largely because of it."

Mr. Stevens dared the government to arrest Disaillon. "Let them put that man where his liberty will be in jeopardy," he said. "I say they should do it, until they are driven to it by public opinion."

Probe Clears Gorman of Charges Imperilling Amateur Standing

135-Lb. Barber Discovered As New Sandow

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—A former barber from Essen, weighing only 135 pounds, is astonishing Berlin audiences by strong-man feats which recall Sandow and Breitbart in their palmy days. He is Karl Gorris, 21 years old.

SAYS R. C. M. P. BEAT ARCTIC EXPLORERS

Historian Declares Northern Lands Found Efficiently Administered By Mounties

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have beaten explorers into the Canadian Arctic, according to a Canadian historian, the author of the Canadian Arctic expedition of 1925.

ONTARIO FINDS 1,500 SQUARE MILES

Land Survey Shows Province That Much Larger Than Was Thought

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—The Province of Ontario has approximately 1,500 square miles of territory more than anyone thought it had.

KING QUITS PRINCE ALBERT FOR OTTAWA

Premier Winds up Personal Campaign—Urges Progressive-Liberal Co-operation

SHELLBROOK, Que., Feb. 3.—Premier Mackenzie King last night, closed his personal campaign in Prince Albert, which he had spent in the morning he left again for Ottawa, by way of Saskatoon and Regina.

Marloch, Bound Here, Is At Southampton

MONTREAL, Feb. 3.—The Canadian Pacific Steamship Line, Marloch, which was in collision yesterday with the British steamer Whitbread off Flushing, the latter sinking, proceeded to Southampton today, head-quarters of the Canadian Pacific announced here.

MAJORITY OF ONE

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 3.—A motion for adjournment of the debate made by J. L. Stansell, Conservative member for Norfolk-Elgin in the House of Commons, shortly before 4 o'clock this morning, was defeated by a single vote.

REVOLT IN LISBON SOON SUPPRESSED

Rebels Subdued, Leaders Arrested and Martial Law is Proclaimed

LISBON, Feb. 3.—An attempted revolution has been suppressed by the government. The rebels, threatened with bombardment, surrendered.

300 HOMELESS BY HURRICANE

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 3.—One child was killed, 300 persons made homeless and property damage estimated at \$750,000 done by a hurricane which swept Green Acres, two miles west of Lake Worth early today.

TARIFF BOARD OF 5 MEMBERS RECOMMENDED

Would Remove Charge of Partisanship, Says Liberal

THINKS 3 TOO FEW

Suggests 2 Conservatives, 3 Government, All Outstanding Business Men

Special to The Times-Star. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2.—An advisory tariff board composed of five outstanding business men, three Liberals and two Conservatives, was strongly urged yesterday by a prominent member of the Liberal party.

It is argued that the proposed board of three is not large enough, and it is also urged that a board divided between the two parties as above suggested would serve to rob the charge of partisanship, and it would, in fact, be almost equivalent to a committee of Parliament.

PLAN NOW FOR THREE

According to present intimations, the board will consist of three prominent business men and that its chairman will be Charles M. Bowman, former Liberal whip in the Ontario legislature and since his retirement from active politics associated with more than one established business in Ontario.

WIND, RAIN, SNOW THREATEN LIVES AND PROPERTY—SHIPS MENACED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 3.—Wind, rain and snow continued today to harass the entire Pacific coast from Seattle to San Diego.

SHIPS IN DANGER

At sea a dozen or so larger ships were menaced by the storm. Many smaller craft were land lashed in gales which in some places reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour.

WASHINGTON MOVES TO END ANTHRACITE STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A move to force House action on a bill designed to relieve the anthracite situation was begun today in the House by Representative Boylan, Democrat, New York.

COMMISSION NAMED IN MINTO DISPUTE

Teed, Morrison and Stone to Probe Conditions in Coal Mine

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Feb. 3.—Premier Baxter today announced the personnel of the Commission which is to investigate conditions in the mines of the Minto Coal Company at Minto.

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London Body Seeks Control of Pictures

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The London County Council by a large majority last night adopted the recommendation of its theatre and music halls committee that the government be asked to give the council wider powers to control motion picture films exhibited in the county of London.

OPPOSES VIEW THAT FORESTS FACE DEPLETION

Chicago Operator Says Plenty of Good Lumber

MONTREAL, Feb. 3.—Opposing views to the representation that forest depletion is imminent were heard at yesterday's opening sessions of the 18th annual convention of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association here.

CONSUMPTION DROPS

In this connection, Mr. Hines said that the consumption of lumber in the south and southwestern states of the United States, forced the manufacturers to build more mills to meet this, and thus an excess of lumber was thrown on the market.

MATTER OF SUBSTITUTES

Newspaper articles were quoted regarding the depletion of forests, and the advisability of using substitutes for wood in construction lines.

REUSE TO EXCLUDE REDS; LOSE STAND

Three London Labor Party Branches Disaffiliated From National Body

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Three London branches of the Labor Party have been disaffiliated by decree from the organization by the party's national executive because they have refused to approve the resolutions adopted by the party conference at Liverpool last September, excluding Communists from the Labor ranks.

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