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SMETILVY ON THE HUNT

Signalled Kustenji That She Sought Kniaz Potemkine.

Mutineers on the Kniaz Potemkine, Officially Declared Pirates, Have Declared War on All Russian Vessels—They Send a Note to the Powers to That Effect—Reported Attack on An Italian Ship.

Bucharest, Roumania, July 5.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Smetilvy appeared off Kustenji yesterday and signalled that she was seeking the Kniaz Potemkine.

It is stated that the Kniaz Potemkine has attacked an Italian vessel carrying coal. There is much uneasiness among Russian war vessels at Roumania ports.

PIRATES DECLARE WAR.

Kniaz Potemkine's Crew Hands Declaration to Kustenji's Prefect.

Bucharest, July 5.—Before the Kniaz Potemkine sailed from Kustenji, a delegation from the crew handed the prefect a proclamation addressed to the representatives of the powers in Roumania, formally declaring war on all Russian vessels which refuse to join the mutineers.

The proclamation says the Kniaz Potemkine will respect neutral territory and foreign shipping.

The delegation requested that the proclamation be forwarded to the powers.

Threaten a Village.

Berlin, July 5.—A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Odessa says the Kniaz Potemkine threatened to attack a village of German colonists on the coast near Odessa, and requisitioned and took on board some cattle.

Reviving a Mutiny.

Odessa, July 5.—An attempt to revive the mutiny on the battleship Georgiy Pobedonosetz was discovered yesterday. It was frustrated by loyal sailors, who deflected six of the torpedoes to the authorities. The torpedo boats which remained here have gone to sea.

It is reported persistently in army and navy circles that the Kniaz Potemkine is being stalked and pursued by several torpedo boats, who intend to sink her. The crews of these boats consist of officers and stokers, who volunteered.

Sighted Off Odessa.

London, July 5.—A despatch to the Evening Standard from Odessa says the Kniaz Potemkine has been sighted 26 miles off that port.

St. Petersburg, July 5.—It is stated that the transport Vecha, the crew of which joined the mutineers in the harbor of Odessa, surrendered yesterday in Russian waters.

Mutinees Repented.

St. Petersburg, July 5.—The Minister of Marine has received the following telegram from Admiral Kruger:

"The crew of the transport Prout mutinied when leaving Boudrovo Bay, arresting the captain and other officers. Second Lieut. Nestertzoff and Boikawain Kozlitzke were killed."

"The Prout has arrived at Sebastopol and the crew is now repentant. The officers have been released, the crew begging them to resume their posts."

A Bomb Thrown.

Bielostok, Russia, July 5.—There was sporadic firing in several streets yesterday and a bomb was thrown in Lipovsk street, in the centre of the town. It is reported that several persons were killed.

Strikes Spread.

Tiflis, July 5.—The strikes, which are becoming general here, are spreading.

Japanese Victories.

Tokio, July 5.—The following official announcement was made yesterday from the headquarters of the Japanese army in Korea:

"At dawn on July 2 four hundred of the enemy's cavalry with artillery approached Neromok. Our force repulsed them northward, inflicting heavy loss. Our detachment made a detour northward to cut off the enemy's infantry. Our detachment also scattered the enemy's cavalry retreating from Neromok."

"Another despatch, yesterday says: 'At 8 o'clock on July 1 six hundred of the enemy's cavalry advanced toward the Pinnu River. We repulsed them. One hundred and fifty of the enemy's cavalry and mounted infantry, with 18 guns, simultaneously attacked Shihiku, eight miles north of Pinnu River. The engagement lasted until dawn July 2, when the enemy was repulsed. The enemy's casualties were over four hundred. Ours were ninety.'"

Jap Battalion Destroyed.

St. Petersburg, July 5.—Gen. Linovitch, telegraphing to Emperor Nicholas under date of July 3, reports the annihilation of a Japanese battalion. He says:

"On July 1 our force assumed the offensive, occupying a position near Sauvalts, sixteen miles south of Liaochupen. At 7 in the evening, after the artillery had prepared the way, the enemy's fortified positions were stormed, and we pursued him for three miles. One Japanese infantry battalion was destroyed."

New War Minister.

St. Petersburg, July 5.—Lieut. Gen. Ridiger, chief of the chancellery of the War Office, has been appointed Minister of War, in succession to Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff, who recently resigned.

Japs Launch Big Battleship.

London, July 5.—The Prince and Princess Arisugawa of Japan attended the launching of the battleship Katori yesterday. The Katori is one of the most powerful battleships ever launched in this country.

PARTIZANSHIP OR MALICE

Strong Editorial From the Pen of J. P. Downey, M. P. P. on the Pleasence Case

The Conservative Member for South Wellington Speaks Out—Board Ignored Advice of Provincial Secretary

Joseph P. Downey, M. P. P., the earnest and eloquent Liberal-Conservative representative for South Wellington, is in touch with the Provincial Secretary. No man outside the Cabinet is closer to the aims and policy of the Whitney Government than Mr. Downey, who is also the able editor of the Guelph Herald.

Mr. Downey has not hesitated to express his views on the injustice of the cutting off of the license of John Pleasence, of the Hotel Rankin, in a fearless and outspoken editorial in yesterday's issue of his paper, which intimates, moreover, the strong position the Provincial Secretary himself takes in reference thereto.

The full text of Mr. Downey's editorial will be of great interest to the people of West Kent and is herewith reproduced:—

LICENSE ADMINISTRATION.

"Throughout the Province general satisfaction is expressed at the administration of the license law under the Whitney Government. Invariably the selection of License Commissioners has been well made, and the new Boards have discharged their duties in thorough harmony with the policy of the Conservative party. That policy, it is scarcely necessary to remind ourselves, is a strict and non-partisan administration of the license law. No one can question the fact that there has been an improvement in the observance of the law under the new Government. The hotel keepers have been made to understand that, while the days of farcical but expensive plebiscites and referendums is gone, they must keep hotel and abstain from illegal selling."

"In one or two instances, we regret to say, the new Commissioners' conduct bears strong suspicion of partizanship, or, worse still, of personal malice. The department has exerted its influence in these cases to stay the hands of the Commissioners, but sometimes without avail: the local Board ignored the advice of the Provincial Secretary and refused to grant a license to the hotel man whom it had placed under its ban. The law does not adequately meet such a contingency. The department cannot overrule the decision of the Board and grant a license that has been refused or revoke a license that has been granted. Thus, while the Government is held responsible, and rightly so, for the proper administration of the law, it is in any particular case at the mercy of the prejudices or prejudices of a Board of Commissioners. The extreme expediency of dismissing the Commissioners at variance with the policy of the Government, is not always practicable or satisfactory. That course was taken in West Kent, but the new Board, we understand, have confirmed the objectionable action of their predecessors. Some change in the regulations is necessary. In the Provincial Secretary should be vested a veto power. He should have the authority to continue a license where improper motives, operating through the local Commissioners, have abolished it, or revoke a license granted under similar circumstances."

"The Government has too much at stake to allow Boards of Commissioners to ignore the policy to which it is committed in the administration of the license law. Happily there is small ground for complaint. All over the Province hearty sympathy with the Government's policy has marked the course of the Commissioners. But the exceptions point to the necessity of the authority of revision being vested in the Government, which bearing the responsibility for the administration of the law, should in every detail have the power to direct that administration along sane and proper lines."

READ A SECOND TIME.

Some Surprises in Putting Through the Saskatchewan Bill.

When the vote was taken on Mr. Borden's amendment to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's motion for the second reading of the Saskatchewan bill, Jean Baptiste Morin, Conservative member for Dorchester, solemnly rose in his place and voted with his leader. There was a hum of excitement from the Liberal benches, and Messrs. Bergeron and Monk who, of course, voted against the amendment, turned and looked frankly at their colleague from the Province of Quebec. Whatever was passing through the mind of Jean Baptiste Morin at the time may never be known. The fact remains that he voted against the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to impose a coercive educational policy on Saskatchewan.

Majority is 53. The vote stood 37 for the amendment and 50 against. Walsh, of Huntlyden, again voted with Mr. Borden. McIntyre of South Perth again tried to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds by voting against the amendment and the main motion. His effort was frustrated by the second reading being declared carried on a second night. Hats of Middlesex, an Independent Liberal, voted with Mr. Borden. Tom Greenway, who managed to dodge the main division in the Alberta bill, was on hand and voted with his party. The division was quickly over, and the House settled down to discuss the distribution of consignments.

Salaries For the Governors.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved a resolution that to-day the House consider in committee of the whole the following resolution: "Resolved that section 2

4TH DEATH IN SESSION

Premier and Mr. Borden Pay Tributes to Dr. Johnston.

House Rose From 5 o'clock Till 8 to Show Respect to Memory of Late Member for West Lambton—Mr. Foster and the "Scrip"—Lives of Members Endangered by Bad Ventilation—Will Look Into It.

Ottawa, July 5.—The funeral of Dr. Johnston, M. P., will take place at Sarnia on Thursday at 4 p. m. Last night the remains left Ottawa on a special car provided by the Government. Messrs. Clarke, Stewart and Zimmerman, M. P.'s, accompanied the remains west.

A touching tribute was paid to the late Dr. Johnston in the House yesterday. The death of the deceased member was covered with a magnificent wreath, and before the orders of the day were called in the House Sir Wilfrid Laurier arose and said: Mr. Speaker, once again it is my very sad duty to have to inform the House that we have lost by death one of our colleagues. Dr. Johnston, the member for West Lambton, is no more. This is the fourth time during the present session that death has visited the members of this House. Nobody could have believed that when we met here five months ago that our late friend, who then appeared to be the very incarnation of rugged health, would be one of the first victims. But such is the uncertain tenure of life that as upon many other occasions, the hand of fate has been laid upon him who looked to be the strongest. I need not say to the House that Dr. Johnston was one of the most popular members amongst us. He had no enemies. All his acquaintances were his friends. He was beloved on this side, and I know he was equally respected by hon. gentlemen opposite."

Mr. Borden said: "On behalf of those who sit to your left, Mr. Speaker, I join with what has been said by the Prime Minister. Our friend, Dr. Johnston, who has passed away, was a very kindly and genial disposition, and I cordially endorse what the right hon. gentleman opposite has said as to the respect and esteem in which he was held by those who sit on this side of the House."

Out of respect to the deceased, the House rose at 5 o'clock until 8 and a large number of the members of both sides, as well as the Parliamentary press gallery, attended a short funeral service at the deceased member's residence and accompanied the body to the station.

The remains will reach Sarnia at 12.30 on Wednesday.

More Scrip Scandal.

Mr. Foster turned to his old friend the "scrip," and the commission that was to look into the matter. He said that agencies were already at work trying to get some of the halfpence scrip out of the way of giving evidence before the commission.

Sir Wilfrid took refuge in his old reply of "an answer tomorrow."

M. P.'s Lives Endangered.

Chief Conservative Whip, Taylor called attention of the Prime Minister to the utter lack of ventilation in the corridors and especially the chamber of the House. Mr. Taylor waxed eloquent over the medieval system of ventilation that existed, and pointed out that the mercury stood several degrees higher inside the chamber than outside in the open air. Undoubtedly the chamber there were large furnaces going at full blast, merely to heat water.

Mr. Foster declared that a member took his life into his hands when he spent a greater part of the session in such a death trap.

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or the revised statutes entitled, an act respecting the salaries of certain public functionaries and other annual charges of the consolidated revenue, be amended by adding at the end thereof the following words and figures: "The Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan \$2,000, the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta \$2,000."

The House then went into committee of the whole, and the second reading of the Saskatchewan bill was proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Borden moved the amendment that he moved in regard to the Alberta, dealing with Provincial rights and leaving all matters of education in the hands of the Provinces.

Monk's Amendment.

The clauses all went through without any discussion, although Mr. Monk, to be quite in order, moved the same amendment regarding the dual language in Saskatchewan as he had moved in the Alberta bill. The amendment was declared lost on the same division as that of the Alberta one.

The Budget Debate.

Mr. Fielding announced in the House last night that if the third reading of the Alberta and Saskatchewan bills was put through to-day the budget would be taken up on Thursday.

Supplementary estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, were brought down in the House last night, totaling \$13,414,973. This, added to the main estimates of \$68,664,397, totals up \$82,079,370, voted or to be voted this session for the current fiscal year. The estimates voted last session, for 1904-5, were \$74,970,045, supplementaries voted this session, \$6,379,342, further supplementaries (tabled last evening), \$68,430, making a total appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1905, of \$81,517,821. The estimates for the current year, so far before Parliament show, therefore, an increase of but \$561,549 over the appropriation for the current fiscal year, but if the supplementaries next session are up to the average, the gross appropriation for this year will exceed that of 1904-5 by some six or seven million dollars. A feature of the supplementaries tabled is an appropriation of \$10,000 "to provide for the expenses of an enquiry into the operation of the tariff."