

TOLSTOI ALIVE BUT IN CRITICAL STATE

It Was Reported Many Times
That Author Had Died.

[Associated Press.]
Tula, Russia, Nov. 17.—Count Leo Tolstoy was still alive and even said to be slightly improved today. His condition, however, continues critical, and for many hours the symptoms have been such as to give rise to frequent reports that the end has come. Such a report emanated from Moscow last night, and it was some time before its falsity could be established.

Very Restless.
The aged author passed a restless night at the home of the station master at Astapovo, to which he was removed when illness seized him, during his attempted pilgrimage from Shamardino to the Caucasus, where he had hoped to end his days in solitude. His temperature, which was 101 last night, had fallen to 100.42. The inflammation of the lungs was less menacing. On the other hand, the pulse was alarmingly high and intermittent.

The weakness of the heart action was the cause of great anxiety, and the physicians were prepared to resort to the use of hydrogen. The case was aggravated by the condition of the kidneys, which were greatly swollen and inflamed.

Wife Not Admitted.
Countess Tolstoy has not been admitted to the sick chamber, and even the fact of her arrival has been concealed from her knowledge. The latter was not pleased when the presence of his son Sergius was made known to him.

When Sergius entered the room and was recognized by his father, Tolstoy was plainly angry, and showed his annoyance by asking:

"Why have you come? How did you know I was here?"

The younger Tolstoy pretended that he had learned his father's whereabouts from a railroad conductor, but the count was not satisfied with the explanation, and left no doubt of his feelings.

SUES FOR FUEL BILL

County of Essex Against Town of Leamington.

Leamington, Nov. 16.—Judge McHugh has completed the hearing of testimony in the suit of the county of Essex against the town of Leamington, and has reserved judgment. The action is to recover \$500, the cost of fuel consumed in the House of Refuge here, which, the county council declares, should have been provided by the town from charges according to an agreement. It was contended that the county and the town drafted an agreement several years ago whereby the town was to furnish the place with natural gas from the Leamington gas fields. About a year ago the gas supply gave out, and the town then discontinued supplying the state.

Queries Answered.

A person is hired and paid by the week. Should the employer deduct one day's pay for a public holiday?
ANS.—Not unless it has been agreed that he could do so.

SERIOUS CHARGE

Mrs. Schenck Alleged to Have Attempted to Poison Husband.

[Associated Press.]
Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 17.—There will be no preliminary hearing in the case of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck, charged with attempting to poison her husband, J. O. Schenck, and the famous case will have its first trial before the grand jury today. The preliminary hearing was set for yesterday, but the state's attorneys stated they were unable to secure attendance of all their witnesses in time.

MORE APPLICATIONS FOR FIXED ASSESSMENT

Wortman & Ward Ask for \$10,000 for Fifteen Years.

Three further applications for fixed assessment will be considered by the council on Monday night. The latest is from Wortman & Ward, who today asked that their assessment be fixed at \$10,000 for fifteen years. There will also be applications from the London Foundry Company and E. Leonard & Sons.

It is certain that all will be submitted to the people in January.

MR. FIELDING STARTS.

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Hon. W. S. Fielding left today for Montreal. From there he will proceed to New York, and thence south. Mr. Fielding has not decided just how he will spend six weeks' holiday he has decided on taking, but he will probably travel around a bit. Point Comfort, Virginia, may be his first objective point after New York.

LABOR OFFICIAL KILLED.

Boston, Nov. 17.—Robert Boon, a prominent labor man, and a former president of the Scottish Clans of Boston, is dead at a hospital here, as the result, the police say, of an assault committed upon him at a meeting of the Lathers' Union. Room fell over backwards upon his head, his skull being fractured on striking the floor. No arrests have been made. Room was formerly president and secretary of the Lathers' Union. He was 52 years old.

FAMOUS SCOUT DEAD.

Champaign, Ill., Nov. 16.—Lieut. Col. Edmund Gustav Peck, U. S. A., retired, died today from heart failure. He was a famous Indian fighter and was in charge of troops which in 1890 killed Sitting Bull, the famous Sioux chief, who was resisting arrest.

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ALDERMEN ENGAGE IN WORDY BATTLE

Warm Exchange During Discussion Over Account of Fire Department.

The board of works no longer enjoys the distinction of being the wordy battles between aldermen. No. 3 committee last night was the scene of a warm exchange between Ald. Rose and Ald. Ashplant.

The trouble arose over the buying of horses for the fire department. Some time ago the committee passed a resolution favoring the calling of tenders for the purchase of three animals, and authorizing the chief to dispose of two that were unfit for service.

Nothing further was heard of the matter until last night, when accounts for \$430 were presented. The money was for two horses.

"When were these horses bought?" asked Ald. Rose. "Who had the authority to purchase them? It should have been sent back to the committee, as we should call for tenders. I am getting tired of this kind of business. This committee must be consulted on matters of this nature, and I am going to register a kick on the way business is being done here."

It was pointed out that the committee was not consulted, and that the money was not to be used for the purchase of horses, but for the purchase of a horse for the fire department.

"If you would attend more strictly to business, and know more about what is going on," retorted Ald. Ashplant. "When you do come here you do not remain long enough. I think this business deserves more attention, and you have not given it. It is your own fault if you do not know what is going on."

"This committee is a joke," shot back Ald. Rose. "I never saw such incompetence in my life. You wasted hours of our time with motor engines, and you knew that the underwriters would not accept that sort of an engine. How far is this thing going? I am getting sick of it."

The other members of the committee poured oil on the troubled waters, and the debate ended. It is understood the matter will again come up at the council on Monday night.

DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

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In the House of Lords, where it passed its first reading.

Adds to the Gravity.

The extreme liberal papers hint that King George has taken sides with the House of Lords. The Daily News says that the resignation of the cabinet would mean that a monarchial revolution had been added to the revolution of the peers.

The Earl of Crewe, secretary of state for India and Government leader in the House of Lords, announced to the Government would introduce the bill.

At the meeting with Premier Asquith and with the privy councillors, the King suggested that the veto be sent in due course to the Upper Chamber for consideration. This probably coincided with Mr. Asquith's personal wishes.

The Earl of Crewe did not place any specific limit as to the length of the debate, but he said that the Government later would consider when the second reading of the measure should be taken.

Lord Lansdowne, Opposition leader, scored the first point in the political game and disorganized the Government's original plans for the immediate dissolution of Parliament, though there is nothing tangible to show how long the day may be deferred.

Lord Lansdowne, on moving the introduction of the Government to produce a bill for consideration by Parliament, said that the Upper House was ready with its contribution toward a solution of the question at issue.

Lord Lansdowne was commended for the view that in a reformed House of Lords there should be a reduction of membership, abolition of the hereditary principle, and adequate representation of the best elements of the existing house reinforced from the outside either by nomination or some kind of an election. They also were ready to bring about a revision of the existing constitution by some means of settling the differences between the two Houses.

The Government, he declared, had no right to assume, because the eight front benches failed to bring about an agreement, that Parliament could not settle these tremendous problems.

The Earl of Crewe declared he did not agree with the belief expressed by Lord Lansdowne yesterday that future conferences might be more successful than the one just opened up, saying: "That conference will be a failure. It is impossible to settle this question by an agreement."

Check and Checkmate.

London, Nov. 16.—Yesterday Lord Lansdowne "checked" the Government. Today the Government, under the difficulty, and replied with "checkmate." In the House of Lords, Lord Lansdowne, in his speech, declared emphatically for the reform of the upper House. He said it should be reduced in numbers, and no peer should sit purely by hereditary right. The House should be reinforced from outside by nomination or election. The House of Commons should be reasonably supreme in finance.

Lord Crewe wished an early date for the second reading of the Parliament bill. Lord Lansdowne replied that no suggestions for the improvement of the bill would be accepted, perhaps no great advantage would accrue from its discussion. He would confer with friends on the point.

Eventually he will read a first bill, and he will be asked to discuss Lord Rosebery's reform resolutions tomorrow.

The date now fixed for dissolution is the 25th. Mr. Asquith's statement on Friday is awaited with intense interest.

FORMAL OPENING

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Rod announced to his excellency the obvious fact that the Commons had loyally responded to his summons, and were in attendance, waiting for his official message.

Formal Opening.

Earl Grey read his message from the throne, and then the session was declared open.

The speech having been delivered the Commons retired to their chamber, and the setting of the picture in the senate chamber dissolved into a mingling of pretty and handsomely-gowned women with senators, and a few lingering members of the Commons who had been unable to tear themselves away. After ten minutes the last of the strangers had disappeared from the floor of the senate chamber and a bare quorum of senators were called to order and the sitting declared open.

Mr. Cartwright went through the formality of introducing the traditional bill relating to railroads which is always done before the consideration of the address is undertaken to assert the right of the lawmakers to take up the business of the people before that of the King.

Then the sitting was declared adjourned and the senators who had stuck to the point left to join the throng in Mr. Speaker's quarters where there was refreshment for all.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

In the Commons, Sir Wilfrid Laurier appeared in civilian garb, shortly after the return of the members from the senate chamber, and was cheered to the echo by his followers as he took his seat. He introduced a formal bill to reserve "outlets" for the maintenance of the Commons to maintain their own business before that of anyone else, and after some further formalities the sitting adjourned.

Mr. Speaker and Madame Marcell held a reception for the Commons on their side of the building.

Formal Opening.

Earl Grey and his speech in both French and English. The message from the throne was as follows:

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons: 'When I introduced Parliament in the month of May last, I was about completing the term usually allotted to the office of governor-general, but I have pleased his majesty, King George V., to prolong his representation in Canada, and therefore it is my pleasure again to greet you at the opening of this new session.'

"I meet you under the shadow of the calamity which has befallen this country and the whole British Empire, in the death of our beloved and dearly loved King Edward VII. His death is mourned, not only by his subjects the world over, but also by all civilized nations who have learned to appreciate the many gifts and qualities which had earned for him the name of 'our grandfather' by which he was known in history. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on the progress of the government of this country in all directions with rapid strides. The total volume of imports and exports exceeds all previous records, and the growth of our industries and international trade keeps pace with the development of our external commerce."

Western Outlook.

"Whilst in certain of the western provinces the crops did not realize the sanguine expectations which had been formed in the current year, the yield was reasonably satisfactory, and the eastern provinces in this regard have been even more successful. The condition now existing over the whole country conclusively demonstrates that even with lesser than our present crops, the vastness and variety of our resources ensure at all times a high degree of prosperity."

"Negotiations for the acquisition of the admiralty of the two cruisers, Niobe and Rainbow, have been completed, and his majesty's Government, and the two ships have now arrived and are stationed in Canada in pursuance of the policy adopted last session for the creation of a naval service."

"The Hague Tribunal, to which was referred the controversy between Great Britain and the United States with reference to fisheries in Canadian and Newfoundland waters, has given a decision which has been hailed with satisfaction by all parties interested as a fair and equitable adjustment of this long-pending dispute. The result is gratifying inasmuch as it will tend not only to promote the friendship between us and our neighbors, but also to further the settlement of international questions by means of arbitration."

"Marked progress is being made in the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, and a large quantity of the grain is being found an outlet from the west to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. It is hoped that ere long a satisfactory arrangement can be made for the operation of the line, and portions of the road from Montreal to Winnipeg."

Hudson Bay Line.

The construction of a line of railway to Hudson Bay, which has long been the ambition of the people for many years, has assumed practical shape. Already a contract has been awarded for the construction of a bridge forming the link across the Saskatchewan river at Pelly, and the work is now in progress. During the winter session a measure will be laid before you for the completion of this work with possible speed."

"The connection of the great west with the eastern portions of Canada, and also with the overseas markets by this new road and ocean route, will open up a new section of Canada, and will greatly assist in the development of trade, and thus benefit both producers and consumers."

"The construction of the bridge across the St. Lawrence river, the largest work of its kind ever undertaken, has been receiving the careful attention of my Government, and the utmost care is being observed so that success may be assured. The substructure is now complete, and the superstructure has been erected from four responsible companies, and are now being completed by means of the contract."

"It is expected that the contract will shortly be awarded, and the work pushed forward to completion."

"While recognizing the importance of the Canadian home trade, and the great value of the markets for our staples in the United Kingdom, my Government feel that they should avail themselves of every opportunity to promote friendly commercial relations with the British colonies and foreign countries, so that our surplus may be admitted into the markets of those countries in the most favorable terms."

"In pursuance of this policy, commercial arrangements involving reciprocal customs duties have been made with the Dominion of Iceland, and a reduced schedule of duties has been granted to the Netherlands."

"The desirability of more equitable tariff arrangements between the United States and Canada has long been felt on policy of the republic has not been favored imports from Canada. We have bought largely from the United States, but they have bought from us very little in return. It is gratifying to find that a more liberal policy is now favored by the neighboring country, and that the Government at Washington express a desire to establish better trade relations with the Dominion. Following the negotiations which took place some months ago between the President of the United States and myself, a similar sentence."

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"Bills will also be introduced respecting banks and banking, and with regard to the investigation and betterment of industrial and labor conditions and other subjects."

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons: 'The advocates of the last year will be laid before you.'

"The estimates for the coming fiscal year will be submitted for your approval at an early date."

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MULATTO WOMAN SENT TO MERCER

Will Serve a Year for Robbing Man and Then Be Deported.

Magistrate Love this morning sentenced Mrs. Minnie Smith (colored), of Buffalo, to one year in Mercer Reformatory for robbing a man of a chance acquaintance in the downtown street. On the testimony of the man she victimized, Mrs. Smith enticed him into an alley, and after throwing her arms about his neck, she forced him to substitute a wad of paper, in sentencing the prisoner, Magistrate Love declared her severely for her previous record of crime, and her conduct in the case of the robbery.

"The latter having come all the way from Buffalo to beg for leniency, she was sentenced to the reformatory, the young woman's husband, has already been deported, and Mrs. Smith will follow when her term in the Mercer is completed."

Personal Mention

Miss Jones, Kensington street, leaves today to spend the winter in England.

Mrs. King and granddaughter, of Marshall street, leave today for England, where they will spend the greater part of the year.

Mr. Frederick Villiers, the noted war correspondent, was the guest of the London Press Club at lunch last evening at the Griggs House. Dr. C. L. Campbell, president of the Griggs House, presided.

Mr. Harold Garner, assistant C. P. R. downtown ticket agent, is laid up at his home, 436 Oxford street, with a slight attack of pneumonia. It is expected that he will be around again in a few days.

Mrs. Will Elliott, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Ranahan, of this city, left on Tuesday for her home at Lacombe, Alberta.

Mr. Waterloo, returned home last evening from New Hamburg, where he was engaged as judge at a very successful poultry show. He also visited Guelph, and reports progress for the great Ontario Winter Show well advanced with prospects for the largest and best display in its history.

AUSTRALIA GROWING

Population of Island is Now Nearly Five Millions.

[By Associated Press.]
Washington, Nov. 17.—Advance estimates of the population of the Commonwealth of Australia made by the federal statisticians place the total number of people in the six states at 4,474,000, according to casual reports received here. The taking of the decennial census will begin on April 1, 1911, and allowing for a normal increase before that date, the population is expected to reach 4,500,000. This would represent an increase during the past decade of about 725,000.

MIDDLESEX SUED

Strathroy Physician Blames County for Injuries Received.

Dr. Frank Bateman, of Strathroy, through his solicitor, has issued a writ against the County of Middlesex for unjust demands for injuries received while driving on a county road near his home town some time ago. It seems that a culvert was being constructed on the road, and the contractor placed a telegraph pole across the roadway as a protection. The doctor drove into this in the dark and was thrown out of his rig.

SEVERE SENTENCE.

Prince Albert, Nov. 16.—Ex-Sergeant Mountford, of the Mounted Police, whose arrest on the charge of stealing a horse and a few dollars, was sentenced by Judge Forbes to three years in the penitentiary. Owing to the fact that all the money stolen from the Government, for which Mountford was a veterinary inspector, had been refunded, amounting to over \$5,000, the sentence was much lighter than it would have been. Albert Morgan, a confederate, got a similar sentence.

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INDUCTED CHATHAM

Impressive Service Was Conducted by His Lordship Bishop Williams.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Chatham, Nov. 17.—Bishop Williams, of London, last evening conducted the services in Christ Church, inducting the new rector, Rev. Roger S. W. Howard. The services were very impressive. The new rector has already made many friends among the members of the congregation. After the service a reception and luncheon were held and a fine programme rendered was enjoyed greatly.

NEW POWER LINE

Grand Valley Railway Company to Build From Brantford to Galt.

Paris, Nov. 17.—The Grand Valley Railway Company have written local authorities to inquire if Paris is in the market for power, as the company will shortly construct a transmission line from Brantford to Paris, through Galt. The line will be equipped to carry power up to 60,000 volts. A conference between the officials of the company and the town will take place shortly, when the matter will be fully gone into.

CHARGE OF FRAUD

Huron County Men Are After Snowplow Company.

Toronto, Nov. 16.—Alleging fraud and misrepresentation on the part of the International Snowplow Company, of Oklahoma, in which they purchased stock, Thomas Simpson, farmer, of Huron County, and two other farmers, named Rogers and Hackwell, are appealing to the division court against a decision of Mr. Justice Riddell, which they do not regard as coinciding with their own ideas of justice. The case is a test to ascertain whether the 600 other signers of notes to the company are liable for payment. The notes are held by the Bank of Commerce.

It is said that stock amounting to at least \$54,000 was sold for cash or notes in Ontario. The defendants claim that the company's prospectus predicted big shops in Ontario. They allege that only one plow, a sample, was made, and that no shops were built, as promised.

FEDERENKO'S CASE.

New York, Nov. 17.—The Political Refugees' Defence League of this city will hold a meeting in Cooper Union tonight to take action on the case of Savva Federenko, a Russian peasant, who sought refuge in Winnipeg, Man., and whose extradition is now demanded by the Russian Government. Federenko is accused of crimes similar to those charged against Jan Porecki.

The wedding took place at Galt of Miss Edith Rhodes and Ed. Tremaine, both of that town.

Alverda E. Bisset, a well-known lumberman of Rodney, died in Chatham Hospital.

The annual banquet of the Strathroy Y. M. C. A. will be held on Friday evening.

General Cotton inspected the Oxford Rifles at Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Beal, of St. Thomas, celebrated their china wedding.

George E. Avery, president of the Detroit and Windsor Ferry Company, is dead.

Bishop Williams will confirm a large class at Newbury and Wardsville next month.

Thomas Seed, of Strathroy, has stated that he will be a candidate for deputy reeve at the elections.

Rev. T. Bart Howard was inducted at Forest as rector of Christ Church (Anglican).

Miss Minnie Robson and George A. Taylor, both of London Township, were married on Wednesday.

Branham Baughman's winnings this season amounted to just a few dollars under seven thousand, yet he did not win a heat.

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