

Shoe Manufacturers Say They're at Mercy of Trust

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Does Laurier Opposition Really Want Dissolution?

COLLAPSE "SYNCHRONIZES" WITH LAURIER'S ABSENCE PREPARING FOR CAMPAIGN

Ottawa Draws Inferences From Two Facts Which Feature Parliament Hill News—Probably Neither Side Is Anxious For a Campaign—Liberals Embarrassed by Attitude of Their Financial Critic on Bank Act.

BY TOM KING.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—At the close of the week, two facts are outstanding, and from these diverse inferences are being drawn. The facts are that the Liberals have agreed to a vote on the naval resolution next Thursday, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been absent from Parliament Hill nearly the entire week.

Government supporters are claiming that the Liberals were forced to back down by a threat of immediate dissolution. Even this threat it is said, did not impress some of the Liberal braves, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, finding them insubordinate, went home and remained there to mark his displeasure.

At these stories the Liberals are, or affect to be, highly amused. They say that the vote on next Thursday will be upon a preliminary resolution and will still leave the naval bill at the second reading stage. They admit that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not so indisposed as to be unable to attend to his parliamentary duties, but leave the inference to be drawn that the old chief is busily engaged in planning an electoral campaign.

The truth, as usual, lies somewhere between these claims and conjectures. Neither side is anxious for an election, but the Liberals may bring one on, if they can get to the country with two or three live issues. They will not risk everything in the naval question.

They desire a clean-cut issue with the government on the Bank Act, and for this purpose will present to the house a number of amendments upon the third reading of the bill. One of these amendments, if we are to believe Le Canada newspaper, will demand the appointment of a monetary commission. This, no doubt, will be coupled with an amendment extending the bank charters for only two years, instead of ten. The Liberals up to date are embarrassed by the evident cordiality existing between their financial expert, Mr. A. K. McLean, and the minister of finance. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is likely to be upon this, as upon many other questions, extremely conservative, and his truly magnificent talents lend themselves rather to flights of poetry than to mastering the dull details of figures and finance. Still, there is no good reason why Duncan Ross or some other Liberal, should not supplant A. K. as financial critic, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's views upon the Bank Act may easily conform, or be made to conform, to the views of the people.

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MARTIN BURRELL VISITS CHATHAM

Explains Ten Million Dollar Vote for Agriculture and Says Opposition to Navy Vote is Petering Out.

CHATHAM, Feb. 8.—Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture of the Dominion, and H. S. Clements, M.P. of Comox-Adlin, formerly representative for West Kent in parliament, visited Chatham today and addressed two meetings this afternoon and evening. The afternoon meeting was delayed on account of an accident on the C.R.R. at Newbury.

Mr. Burrell, speaking in the afternoon, dwelt specially on the ten million dollars grant proposed to assist the provinces in agricultural education, showing how it would be applied. The meeting thoroughly approved of the scheme, and his remarks were received with much enthusiasm. He also defended the Borden navy policy and showed how the Liberal opposition is petering out as evidenced by the number of Liberals flocking to the support of the premier, notably Col. McLean.

At 7 o'clock the minister received two deputations at the Garner House, one from the newly formed Kent Publicity Association, asking that an experimental farm be established in West Kent, and the other from the Chatham Fruit Growers' Association, asking for assistance in carrying on of cold storage operations in Chatham. The minister promised consideration. In the evening a big mass meeting was held in the I.O.O.F. auditorium, addressed by Mr. Burrell and Mr. Clements.

BACK WAS BROKEN WHILE MOVING BARN

John Scadding is in Serious Condition in Parkdale Hospital and Will Die.

A Jack slipping from a bedroom beneath a barn which he was moving, John Scadding, 11 Garden avenue, was pinned beneath the building and his back broken.

The barn was being moved by the Toronto Hardware Manufacturing Co., opposite their place at 402 Dufferin street, and the accident happened at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Two other men were hurt, but not so seriously and were removed to their homes.

Scadding, who is 32 years of age, and married, has, besides a fracture of the spine, internal injuries. He was removed to the Parkdale Hospital. There is little chance of recovery.

ATTACK ON SCUTARI.

PODGORITZA, Montenegro, Feb. 8.—A general attack by the combined Montenegrin and Serbian armies was opened on Scutari at 10 o'clock this morning.

King Nicholas of Montenegro is personally directing the operations of his own troops from the army headquarters at the Village of Gruymyr, near the Turkish lines.

CHICAGO CLUB WOMEN CUT PRICES IN TWO

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Chicago club women today continued their bargain sale of apples to the public at about half the regular market prices. The apples were furnished by twenty commission dealers, and were on sale at 3000 groceries in different parts of the city. Officers of the Chicago Clean Food Club declared that more apples were sold yesterday, the opening day of the sale, than any other day in the city's history. Fifteen thousand apples were distributed among pupils of ten public schools.

ICE CROP HAS MATERIALIZED



Ice cutting on Grenadier Pond will begin on Monday morning. The markers were out on Saturday and the keen surface was scratched for the saws. The ice is now nine inches in thickness and as a thaw is not yet in sight, there is good prospect of a crop.

The Wilson-Bryan Whirlwind

Today is the ninth of February; on March fourth—three weeks away—Woodrow Wilson becomes president of the United States.

What will happen on March fourth? That is the supreme question in the United States. No one is able to say who are to form the Wilson cabinet, although the signs now point to Bryan as secretary of state and premier of the cabinet.

What then will follow should there be a Bryan ascendancy? But first a word as to Bryan's capacities and powers and backing. He has an immense following of the people in the United States, especially of the Progressives. When you sort out the Progressive platforms of Roosevelt, Wilson, La Follette and even that of Hearst, you find that the man who spoke for them all and first and spoke with the most ardor and with the most success was W. J. Bryan, and that most of these others have been traveling on his ideas. They are all Bryanites, but would not say so. But not only has Bryan his great record as a public leader and his own personality, but he has had an extraordinary wide political training. Still more can he command the assistance of the best platform speakers in nearly every state of the union.

Therefore what we expect will happen when Woodrow Wilson comes into office is this, that progressive measures that are progressive and sweeping in their line of reform, will be immediately put forward, with Bryan as chief spokesman with a house of representatives, strongly democratic and sympathetic and a host of speakers to take the stump all over the land.

The big interests will find themselves up against it and the big newspapers will be up against it and there will be a whirlwind under the leadership of President Wilson and his chief secretary, Mr. Bryan, that may bring mighty changes. Only stupidity on the part of the Democratic party can head them off.

ARE SHOE MAKERS SATISFIED WITH METHODS OF THE TRUST?

Canvass of United Shoe Machinery Company of Canada Not Reliable Because Manufacturers Are Completely At Its Mercy—Many Say Replies to Questions Were Given Under Pressure.

Are the shoe manufacturers of Canada satisfied with the methods of the United Shoe Machinery Co. of Canada?

In a recently published statement of the company it alleged that 92 per cent. of its customers expressed themselves satisfied with its business methods. The Sunday World interviewed a number of Toronto manufacturers, who for obvious reasons would not allow their names to be used, and the general impression given was that too much importance should not be attached to such a canvass owing to the fact that the shoe manufacturers are so completely at the mercy of the trust that they would hesitate before giving replies that would not be favorable to the trust.

"I can't talk for publication, we have to depend upon the United Shoe Machinery Co. for most of our supplies, and I couldn't tell how they might get back at me" declared one of Toronto's largest boot and shoe manufacturers.

And it was in just about this light that reporter received in every situation. The manufacturers showed a marked reluctance to speak their views on the question, because as they intimated, it wouldn't do to get in wrong with a concern which could whisk away their whole machinery plant if they so desired at any moment.

At the first business house visited, the head of the organization was seen and shown a recent advertisement of the shoe machinery trust to the effect that ninety-two per cent. of their customers have declared themselves wholly satisfied with their dealings with the company. "No, I won't talk about it," declared he. But the reporter was a little more successful with another partner, who, although he refused to allow his name to be mentioned, about half answered a few of the questions put to him.

Under Pressure. "If those 92 per cent. did answer in the affirmative to the trust's questions, would it not be under a certain amount of pressure in the situation they are, leasing their machines for short periods, and depending on the trust for most of their supplies?" asked the reporter.

Sunday Weather.

The weather in Ontario was much milder on Saturday, but it is not expected that a thaw will set in. The prediction for today is moderately cold, with westerly wind.

POLICE WORKING ON MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF WOMAN

Found in Back Yard Unconscious and Died Next Morning—Her Skull Was Fractured.

SON WAS ARRESTED

Later was Released—Detectives Now Searching City for Another Party.

With an injury to the base of her skull which the police think could only have been caused by a blow from some blunt instrument, Elizabeth Easton, aged 75 years, was found in the yard at the rear of 184 Macdonell avenue on Friday night. At 10 o'clock Saturday morning the woman died. Now the city detectives are working on the theory that she was murdered.

James Gooden, a son of the dead woman, was taken to No. 6 police station by Detective James Jarvis. He was subsequently released. The police did not think that the evidence would justify them in detaining Gooden.

There is an element of mystery to the case, although at first sight indications point strongly to a certain party, whom the detectives are watching. Mrs. Easton had been for some time employed as a domestic in the household of Harold Helstrom, 184 Macdonell avenue. Her duties were to partly look after an invalid as well as to do general housework.

On Friday night James Gooden stayed at the home for supper.

About 7 o'clock the people in the house saw that he left to go down town.

Found Dead in Yard. It was not long after that Harold Helstrom returned home for supper. He felt a draught thru the house and went to investigate. On coming into the kitchen he saw that the rear door was open.

Walking to the doorway to call Mrs. Easton, who he thought was talking clothes in off the line, the man saw the form of the old lady lying on the ground several yards from the stoop.

With the assistance of another man he removed the unconscious woman into the house and summoned Dr. Russell. When the doctor examined Mrs. Easton he discovered that the base of the skull had been fractured. She died at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The police are not aware of the case until the chief coroner asked them to assign a man to investigate. Accordingly Detective Jarvis was sent out.

Son Arranged for Burial. When the detective was searching for the son, young Gooden, who was Mrs. Easton's boy by her first husband, was making arrangements with Mr. Spears, the undertaker, for the burial of the body.

After this Gooden went to the scene of the tragedy. The woman of the house notified Detective Jarvis, who was promptly on the scene, and took Gooden to the station.

Owing to the nature of the injury and the fact that the woman was found lying on her face, the chief coroner has ordered Dr. Glendon to hold an inquest at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Gooden lives at 474 Durie street, West Toronto.

ENGLAND'S MIND IS MADE UP TO REAL AND LASTING UNION WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

Four Ulster Counties Cannot Bar Road to Progress, Avers Canadian-Irish Journalist—Self-Governing Colonies Will Swing Into Line With Invincible Imperial Navy.

Mr. P. A. O'Farrell, the well-known journalist, has just returned from an extended trip to Europe. To The Sunday World representative he said yesterday:

"Business in Great Britain and Ireland is at the high-water mark. Never before in England's history have her manufacturers been so busy or her working people been so universally employed. In Ireland the immense benefits derived from the ownership of the soil by the people who till it are beginning to be felt, and the Irish people are more sanguine, more hopeful, more self-reliant than for centuries. Next year will see an Irish parliament sitting in College Green, legislating for Ireland according to the genius of her people and their needs.

"No, I do not expect any trouble in Ulster. Twenty-eight counties in Ireland have a majority in favor of home rule. Four counties are opposed to it. It is foolish and unreasonable to expect the twenty-eight counties to allow the four in Ulster to block the progress of the whole country, especially when the opposition is mainly manufactured to protect privilege and graft. The English people have made up their minds to a real and lasting union with the Irish people, and neither the English, nor Irish, nor Scotch, nor Welsh people are going to allow the

reactionaries in four Ulster counties to block the road of progress. Indeed, nothing was ever done in the empire more conducive to its unity and prosperity than the measure of home rule now being granted to Ireland.

An Able Ministry.

"Time will demonstrate this, and in the meanwhile the men at the helm of the empire are directing its affairs with consummate ability. Sir Edward Grey is proving to be the greatest and most successful minister of foreign affairs since the great Chatham ruled the British empire, and Mr. Asquith has built himself a niche in the temple of fame as brilliant and enduring as that of Gladstone, or the younger Pitt, Winston Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, in executive ability, and in administrative capacity, is surpassing any other minister that has been at the head of the navy for a century, and, before many years, the empire will have a truly imperial navy, that will astound the world. England, of course, expects Canada to swing into line, and to aid with Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, in upbuilding an invincible imperial navy. Canada must have ship-building yards, and training ships, and fortifications on the Pacific, as well as the Atlantic. But these ship-building plants and

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U. S. GOVERNMENT IS AFTER SHOE MACHINERY CO.

Federal Government Makes Third Move Against the Alleged Trust.

ENTERS A CIVIL SUIT

Says Organization Is in Position to Control Ninety Per Cent. of Trade.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 8.—The federal government made its third anti-trust move against the United Shoe Machinery Co. in a civil suit filed here today, charging the so-called trust with wielding an alleged monopolistic power and unfair trade tactics to force the Keighley company—a competitor—into an unlawful contract for the leasing, sale and fixing the price of an "insect trimming machine."

The United States district court here was asked to terminate the contract under which the Keighley company gave the United company the exclusive right to lease to shoe manufacturers the "insect trimming machine," the patent of which is held by the Keighley company. The effect of the agreement is declared to be "to perpetuate and extend a monopoly of the shoe machinery industry in the United Shoe Machinery Co. of New Jersey."

The government's petition is a severe arraignment of the "trust's" alleged unfair practices. The vigorous enforcement of its methods is declared to have driven practically all competitors from the shoe machinery industry, giving the \$25,000,000 United company control of more than 99 per cent. of the trade.

Arrested in Halifax.

HINSDALE, N.H., Feb. 8.—The arrest of John Wrenn in Halifax, N.S., late last night on a charge of murdering Jas. S. Hamilton, a railroad construction foreman, near Hinsdale, last Wednesday, was reported here early today.

Wrenn, according to a telegram from Halifax, admitted his identity, but declared he was innocent of the charge brought against him.

U. S. PREPARES FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN WAR?

Five Warships Rushed to Both Coasts to Quell Trouble in Latin Republics.

TO MEET EMERGENCY

Ominous Reports Received at Washington to the Effect That Much Trouble Is Brewing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Preparations for rushing five United States men of war to both coasts of Central America, to meet any emergency which may arise from the growing unrest there, went forward rapidly today.

The gunboat Annapolis, with her crew of Jackies augmented from the South Dakota and Colorado, started last night from San Diego, Calif. for Annapolis, Honduras, to stand guard on the Pacific side. The Nashville, at New Orleans, is making ready for sea, and is expected to put out for Puerto Cortes, Honduras, on the Atlantic side, early Monday morning. The cruiser Dew Mines, now at Guantanamo, the Cuban station coaling, has been ordered to be at Bluefields, Nicaragua, not later than Feb. 15. The Denver, which has been standing by distressed Americans threatened by attack from Mexican rebels at Acapulco, will put out from there in a day or two and drop down to Acapulco, Salvador.

It is practically decided that these four ships, whose movements were decided upon late yesterday, after Washington had received reports of possible trouble in the Latin republic, will be augmented by the gunboat Tacoma, now at Boston.

CAYUGA TEACHER DROWNS IN RIVER

CAYUGA, Ont., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The body of the teacher at Gypsum Mines School was recovered from the Grand River at 11 a.m. today, after an all night search in almost zero weather, led by an almost distracted parent.

Miss Belle Gardiner left her school at 4 o'clock last night to cross the Grand River to her father's home, which is about two miles from Cayuga and a mile and a half from the school. The wind was blowing a terrific gale and accompanied by snow