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SPRACKLIN'S DRAMATIC DEFENCE CAUSES STIR IN COURTROOM

Confederation of Unions in U. S. Decide to Take a Strong Stand

CONSENT BY KING IS UNNECESSARY, SAYS THE PREMIER

Opposition Leader Acquiesces in Motion to Suspend Debate.

SPEECH ON ADDRESS

BY TOM KING.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—"Don't shoot, I'll come down." This was the message signalled to Premier Meighen in the house of commons this afternoon by Hon. Mackenzie King. The message, however, was not greatly appreciated by the prime minister in his role of Davey Crockett. He practically told the Liberal leader that he would get him out of the tree in a very few seconds, whether he liked it or not.

The instance occurred in connection with Mr. Meighen's motion that the house suspend the debate upon the address and take under consideration the government's bill providing for a cheap and speedy revision of the election lists for the Ontario referendum. Mr. King explained that he would acquiesce in the motion being adopted, provided his doing so would not be construed as detracting from the force of his proposed amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, demanding the dissolution of parliament. To this Mr. Meighen curtly replied that he attached no importance at all to Mr. King's "acquiescence." The government had a majority in the house and would adopt the motion without the slightest regard to the wishes of the Liberal leader. He remarked, however, in passing, that nothing anybody could do would detract from the force of the King amendment, because, in his opinion, that amendment never had any force of reason behind it.

The bill was then given a second reading, but was not taken up in committee, as some amendments in relation to the appointment of scrutineers have been accepted by the government. These amendments have been agreed to by the Ontario referendum association and the Liberty League. The bill, with these amendments, will be put thru the house tomorrow and then returned to the senate, and the royal assent, making it a law, will be given not later than Friday.

No Friend of Labor.

Apart from this brush between the party leaders, the day in the house was devoted to the debate upon the address, speeches being delivered by Messrs. Harrison (Nipissing), Demiers (St. John), Alderson (Halton), Archambault (Chambly and Vercheres), and Sheard (South Toronto). Mr. Harrison, a Labor member supporting the government, ridiculed the Liberal leader's pretension to be the friend of the workingman. He said that many of the Grand Trunk strikers of 1910 had never been reinstated, notwithstanding the pledges of Hon. Mackenzie King, who brought about a settlement of the strike as minis-

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MAIL PLANE RECORD ACROSS CONTINENT

Route From San Francisco to Chicago Covered in 33 Hours, 20 Minutes.

Hazlehurst, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Eight bags of mail, despatched from San Francisco by airplane at 4.30 yesterday morning, arrived at Hazlehurst Field here today at 4.50 p.m., establishing a cross-country mail record of 33 hours and 20 minutes, with allowances for time zone changes in the coast-to-coast flight.

The mail was transferred from plane to plane in a relay flight ordered by the postoffice department to establish a new cross-continent mail plane record. The plane, which arrived at Hazlehurst, was piloted by E. M. Allison, a member of one of the four teams which took part in the transcontinental race, two planes leaving Hazlehurst field and two starting from San Francisco at the same time yesterday morning. One of the westward bound planes came to grief when Pilot E. M. Leonhard was forced to descend yesterday at Dubois, Pa., on account of bad weather.

The second westbound plane reached Chicago yesterday and was unable to get away today. The other eastward bound plane crashed to earth at Elko, Nevada, yesterday, killing the pilot, Captain W. F. Lewis.

Captain Allison piloted one westward bound plane as far as Cleveland, where it was taken over by another pilot on the second lap of the relay, which ended at Chicago. He then took the winning plane in charge at Cleveland and returned to Hazlehurst field this afternoon, bettering the time set for the flight by the postoffice department by a margin of two hours and 40 minutes.

SIR GILBERT PARKER BETTER.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Feb. 23.—Sir Gilbert Parker, novelist, who was taken with a slight illness here yesterday, recovered today and departed for Sacramento.

LABOR RECOMMENDED TO DEFY INJUNCTIONS

American Federation Statement Says in Defence of Freedom it Must Adopt This Course—Demand Repeal of All Anti-combination Laws and of All Restrictive and Coercive Measures.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Enactment by congress of a law declaring that labor organizations are not co-partnerships and "shall not be so treated in law or in equity," is demanded by organized labor in a declaration of principles adopted tonight by representatives of the national and international unions in the American Federation of Labor.

The declaration, which was approved after an all-day conference here, at which Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, presided, also called for the "immediate restoration of exemption from, or the repeal of all anti-combination and so-called conspiracy laws."

Condemning the use of the injunction under present laws, the declaration asserted that the "only immediate course" thru which labor could find relief, "lies in a flat refusal on the part of labor to recognize or abide by the terms of injunctions which seek to prohibit the doing of acts which the workers have a lawful and guaranteed right to do."

"Labor realizes fully the consequences of such a course," it was added, "but in the defence of freedom and of our institutions it is compelled to adopt this course, be the consequences what they may."

Organized labor, in the declaration, set forth at length the principles for which it stands and calls upon the people of the United States to rally with labor "to the defence of our imperiled institutions."

Retain Present Standards.

Employers are warned in the declaration that labor "not only insists upon retaining the present standards of wages and working conditions, but declares its solemn purpose to continue its struggle to further improve those standards."

The declaration charged "some employers" in the United States, with supporting "at times in secret" some of the "insidious propaganda of radical European fanaticism" because of their "common antagonism to the trade union movement."

"There is an unscrupulousness and a natural aptitude for intrigue in this fanatical propaganda," the statement said, "which makes it a most subtle menace to every democratic ideal and institution in our country."

Repeal by the states of all industrial court law and all restrictive and coercive laws was demanded, together with "freedom from decisions of courts holding trade unions and individual members thereof liable in damages for the unlawful acts of others."

Other recommendations made by the conference in the declaration included:

BRITISH FRUIT RING THROTTLES BUSINESS OF ONTARIO GROWERS

Minister of Agriculture Urges That Its Activities Be Combated.

COMMITTEE NAMED

That a fruit ring exists to the disadvantage of the fruit growers of Ontario was the assertion made in the legislature yesterday by Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture. To combat it he suggested the formation of a fruit growers' co-operative association which would look after the marketing of the fruit and thus check the activities of the ring. The matter came up when W. J. Bragg (West Durham) moved:

That whereas it is clearly established that the export of fruit to the overseas markets is carried on with serious disadvantages to Canadian growers; and whereas it is stated on reliable authority that there is an extraordinary difference in the prices that are received by farmers for their apples, and the cost of this fruit to consumers overseas; and whereas the difference represents an enormous loss to the Canadian producers, and apparently a corresponding profit to overseas jobbers, dealers or traders, in which, under present conditions, Canadian producers are debarred from participating; and whereas it is desirable that these conditions should be remedied, so that the Canadian producers should receive the share in those profits to which they are entitled; therefore, be it resolved that a special committ- the fruit, contract for containeds and forthwith, with powers to send for persons and papers and to enquire into this question and report to this house at the earliest possible date.

Already Inquired Into.

The minister of agriculture said the whole question had been the subject of a close inquiry by his department. He would like to see a strong organization formed of all the fruit growers of the province which would market the fruit contract for containers and

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EX-KAISERIN TOO ILL TO LEARN BROTHER'S DEATH

Doorn, Holland, Feb. 23.—The physician attending the former Empress Augusta Victoria, considers her condition too serious to permit of her being informed of the death of her brother, Duke Ernst Gunther of Schleswig-Holstein, which was announced today.

SAYS CARUSO WILL SAIL FOR EUROPE IN MARCH

New York, Feb. 23.—Dr. Antonio Stella, one of the specialists attending Enrico Caruso, tenor, who is ill here with pleurisy, said tonight that the tenor will sail for Europe about the end of March if his condition continues to improve. A trip to Atlantic City has been planned during his convalescence.

Caruso's condition was reported as improving steadily.

U.S. HAS PROTESTED MANDATE TO JAPAN IN ISLAND OF YAP

Asks That the Matter Be Submitted to a New Investigation.

AFFECTS PACIFIC CABLE

Paris, Feb. 23.—The United States note respecting mandates occupied the council of the League of Nations thruout the day. The note was discussed in the strictest privacy, and the council decided this evening to issue only a brief summary for publication.

The note deals specifically with the mandate attributed to the emperor of Japan over all former German islands in the Pacific north of the equator, and calls attention to the fact that the United States government has never given its consent that the island of Yap be included in the territory under Japanese mandate. The reservation is taken on the ground that Yap has a very important bearing in the matter of cable comunications and that no power can limit or control its use.

The United States declares itself not bound by the terms of the mandate, and asks that the question be submitted to a new investigation. A summary issued by the council says in part:

"The United States government declares it never has given its consent that the Island of Yap be included in territories subjected to the mandate of Japan.

"It recalls that it has already so informed the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, informing them at the same time that its reservation rested upon the opinion that Yap enters necessarily into any project or system of practical communication by cable in the Pacific and that no power can limit or control its use.

Not Bound by Mandate.

"Consequently, the United States government is moved to declare respectfully that it cannot regard itself as bound by the terms of said mandate, and desires particularly that note be taken of its protest against the decision of the league council of December 17 upon this question.

"At the same time it asks the council, whose action resulted evidently from an inexact representation of the facts, to submit the question to a new investigation, which an equitable solution requires."

Members of the council consider it necessary to confer with their governments regarding the United States note, and, with this in view, they forwarded the text today. It is therefore considered unlikely that any decision will be reached at this session. It was suggested this afternoon that the whole matter might be referred to the supreme council, as it is declared that it was in reality that body which attributed Yap, along with other northern Pacific islands, to Japan, and this was the principal point raised in United States Secretary of State Colby's note.

Further than this, it is expected that the council will merely acknowledge receipts of the note and give assurance that it will be dealt with thru the proper channels.

Sir Eric Drummond, general secretary of the League of Nations, was the only person present not a member of the council when the subject was under discussion.

MACBRIDE OF BRANT RENOUNCES I.L.P. IN BLAZE OF ORATORY

He Deplores Extremist Views Entertained by Prominent Members of Organization.

DEFENCE OF FERGUSON

M. M. MacBride, the Independent-Labor member from Brant South, last night in the legislature announced that he was thru once and for all with the Independent Labor party of Canada. He washed his hands of the whole organization, and it was a source of very great satisfaction to him, he declared, to now be able to say he was no longer connected with that party. He regretted that among its prominent members were men who were extremists in their views; who stood for communism and the overthrowing of the existing order of things in the Dominion. With men of this kind Mr. MacBride wanted nothing to do.

It was true, Mr. MacBride, who was speaking on the budget, said, that labor had suffered, but its leaders could remedy any grievances it had by constitutional methods, and that was what he stood for and not for the overthrowing of the existing order of things. Another feature of the debate was the defence put up by Dr. Forbes Godfrey on behalf of Conservative Leader Ferguson. The member for West York claimed there was a conspiracy on foot to "get" Mr. Ferguson. His conduct as a minister of the crown had for months been the subject of investigation, but nothing had been found against him. Dr. Godfrey also intimated that revelations of a startling nature would be made soon that would make the government sit up and take notice.

Criticism was levelled at the government by Mr. MacBride for the way the mothers' pension allowance act was being administered, and the provincial treasurer was scored for not advertising the sale of provincial bonds. The rural credit proposals were objected to on the ground that they were not broad enough to in-

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EXPRESS EMPLOYES BENEFIT BY AWARD

Canadian Express Company Workers to Have Substantial Raise in Wages.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—It is reported today that a substantial increase in wages, aproximating between $130,000 and $135,000, has been awarded to the employes of the Canadian Express Company by the board of conciliation, appointed some time ago. The award, which also embodies concessions in matters relative to working hours, is now in the hands of the printers and will be forwarded to the head offices of the company in Montreal this evening. It will directly affect some 2,500 employes.

Unanimous Report.

The board has been sitting in Montreal and was formed of the following representatives: F. G. McGuigan, Toronto, acting for the company; James C. Gussin, also of Toronto, acting for the employes, who are members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes, and C. R. Gillen, Toronto, chairman.

The report, it is understood from a reliable source, was unanimous.

RED ATTACK ON TIFLIS REPULSED BY GEORGIANS

London, Feb. 23.—The London Times reports that it has received information to the effect that the Georgians have repulsed the Bolshevik attack on Tiflis and made 2,000 men prisoner. The capital is said to be considered out of danger and the strategetic position of the Georgians is favorable.

REACH COMPROMISE ON WHEAT DUTY OF THIRTY-FIVE CENTS

U. S. Congress Conferees Agree to Split the Difference.

OTHERS ARE DEFERRED

Washington, Feb. 23.—A compromise agreement, fixing the tariff on wheat at 35 cents a bushel, was reached today by senate and house conferees considering the Fordney emergency bill.

The wheat schedule was one of the principal stumbling blocks of the conferees.

The house rate was 30 cents per bushel and the senate, 40 cents.

The agreement on 35 cents was said to involve the question of the difference in the rate of exchanges.

Disagreement over the sugar, tobacco, hides and cherries schedules continued among the conferees, who will resume work tomorrow.

Among minor adjustments agreed on today was a change in the rates on olives not packed in solution from five to three cents a pound.

The senate conferees receded on the cotton schedule, agreeing to place a rate of seven cents a pound on cotton having a staple of 1 3-8 inches or more in length, as provided by the house. The senate had voted to reduce the staple to 1 1-8 inches.

HARDING TO KISS BIBLE USED BY WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 23.—President-elect Harding plans on taking the oath of office March 4 to press his lips to the Bible that was used at the first inauguration of George Washington.

According to Mr. Harding's wishes, Elliott Woods, superintendent of the capitol, arranged today with the St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of New York city, for the use of the Bible. It will be brought to Washington by a committee of Masons.

So far as the records show, this will be the fourth occasion on which there has been a departure from the usual custom of having the clerk of the supreme court furnish the Bible used in an inauguration.

WANED SOME EXCITEMENT; NURSE FIRED OFFICES

New York, Feb. 23.—Miss Mary J. Hickey, a nurse, was arrested today charged with arson, after she had confessed, according to the police, to setting fire to the dental offices of Dr. H. C. Parker in Brooklyn last night, because she "yearned for something exciting." The fire endangered the lives of 100 persons living in the building and caused $5,000 damage.

"I don't know what made me do it," she was quoted as saying when arrested. "Something flashed thru my mind that made me want excitement, and well I got it."

GERMANY SLOWING DOWN HER INDUSTRIAL MACHINE

London, Feb. 24.—Under the caption, "Shamming Dead," The Daily Mail this morning begins a series of articles based on inquiries by a number of special investigators, extending over some months, purporting to show that Germany intends to evade reparations by trickery.

The Mail declares that the German industrial machine is being deliberately kept at low speed for the purpose of impressing the world with the precariousness of its financial situation, and asserts that German industries have progressed immensely, thanks to cheap wages and long hours.

FIRE IN FAMOUS CHURCH.

Rome, Feb. 23.—Fire in the world-famous church at Loreto, the Chiesa della Casa Santa, destroyed the altar and the statue of the virgin, says a despatch from Loreto today. The fire was caused by a short circuit.

Flivver a Betting Place In This Case, Say Police

One often hears of bookmakers using their homes or shops in which to conduct their business, or operating in hotels and on the street, but it remained for Morality Officers Massey and Kerr yesterday afternoon to unearth a new scheme when they arrested John Milligan, 9 Watford avenue, on a charge of keeping a betting place.

Milligan, according to Inspector McKinney of the morality department, used his automobile as the "betting place." Almost every morning for some time he drove his flivver to Shuter street and there at some point parked his car, remaining in it. Followers of the ponies soon became wise to the fact that Milligan would take their bet, the police say, and his book became a fairly large one. Of course, a scheme of this kind could not for ever escape the too wide awake morality officers and Milligan's chance of making real money was dashed to the earth. He will appear in police court this morning.

Thomas Entwhistle, 6 Curzon street, and William Gallagher, 1642 Dufferin street, were also arrested on a charge of keeping a betting house by the officers who believe that they were working co-operatively with Milligan, but they deny this, according to Inspector McKinney.

SCENE IS DRAMATIC AS SPRACKLIN TELLS OF TRUMBLE'S DEATH

Was Unable to Control Emotion as He Described the Fatal Moment—Mrs. Beverley Trumble, Recalled, Denies Evidence of Witnesses Who Claim They Saw Husband With Gun—Witnesses Tell of Threats Made by Victim Against Pastor-Inspector.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 23.—Vividly dramatic testimony, touched with human interest, characterized this evening's session of the court at Sandwich, before which Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin is being arraigned on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Beverley Trumbe on the morning of Nov. 6.

Mr. Spracklin was called to the witness stand in his own defence, and during his two hours' examination whipped the fagging interest to jaded spectators to fever heat. In terse, lucid sentences the pastor-inspector recounted the various events which finally culminated in the death of Trumble, and when he broke down at the moment when he told of firing the fatal shot, sighs of sympathy swept across the crowded courtroom.

His cross-examination concluded and opposing counsel in their seats at the barristers' table, spectators had just drawn a long sigh of relief at the termination of Mr. Spracklin's evident ordeal, when an unexpected thrill was added to the evening's suspense.

Crown Attorney Grier arose from his seat and recalled Mrs. Lulu Trumble, widow of the deceased hotelman, to the stand. An electric thrill of excitement again swept over the courtroom, which was accentuated as Mrs. Trumble unequivocally refuted evidence given by Bannon, Dougan and Ballantyne during today's session.

Mrs. Trumble Recalled.

"Do you think — do you suggest to this court, Mrs. Trumble — that the witness, Dougan, was lying when he stated that your husband had a gun in his garage when he went to have a cash register repaired? Do you mean to tell us that?" pressed Mr. Brackin, following Mrs. Trumble's denial of Dougan's statement to crown council.

"We never had a cash register to be repaired," countered Mrs. Trumble.

"Do you say that Dougan was lying when he said your husband carried a gun into his garage?" demanded Mr. Brackin.

"I never knew my husband to carry a gun," was the reply.

"Will you answer my question? Do you think that Dougan was a liar?"

"Dougan is a liar."

"Do you think that Ballantyne is a liar as well?"

"I never knew my husband to carry a gun."

"Will you say that Ballantyne was lying when he said that your husband had a gun?"

"My husband never carried a gun."

"Very well, Mrs. Trumble. Now, when Bannon, a friend of your husband's, who gave evidence here today when you were in court——"

"I did not hear Bannon's evidence."

"Bannon stated that he saw you coming out of the diningroom with a gun in your hand, and Bannon was a friend of your husband's, was he not?"

"I don't think so."

After considerable cross-questioning Mrs. Trumble admitted that Bannon had been friendly with her husband.

Wallace Has Left Country.

"Now, when this friend of your husband's said you had a gun in your hand, what do you say?"

"I'll tell you what Bannon told me after Spracklin had asked him in a garage about the gun. He told me that Spracklin had a lot of nerve. And Steve Wallace also said that he had a lot of nerve to ask him the same question."

"Where is Steve Wallace now?"

"I don't know."

"Why is Steve Wallace now in the United States—why doesn't he return to this country? Answer me that, Mrs. Trumble!"

"In the hour of need he leaves the country."

"Whose hour of need, Mrs. Trumble?"

"Mine," was the response.

"That will do, Mrs. Trumble. You may stop down."

Immediately before the resumption of this evening's session, Sheriff C. N. Anderson addressed the court room, pointing out that no demonstrations would

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IN FEAR OF ARREST, NEGRO SHOOTS SELF

Police Arrive Just After Holland Inflicts Probably Fatal Wound in Head.

HAD MENACED WOMAN

Hobart Holland, colored, aged 24, lies in the General Hospital in a critical condition with a bullet wound thru his head, self inflicted while under the influence of liquor, the police say. Holland shot himself in the home of Mrs. Ethel Bunce, 39 Widmer street, at the appearance of the police, who had been summoned, at the door. Little hope is held for Holland's recovery, the bullet, which entered his head about an inch above his right ear, having passed entirely thru and come out a little above the left eye.

Holland was committed for trial in police court last Friday morning on a charge of theft of $200 from Mrs. Bunce's stocking. In the witness box at that time Mrs. Bunce admitted that she had kept company with the negro for about six months, and that it was on one of his afternoon visits to her that he had stolen the money.

Mrs. Bunce, her sister Edna Misenheimer, who lives with her, and Holland were the only ones in the house at the time the latter shot himself, altho the police came in almost immediately after the shot was fired. The police were called at 6.15 p.m.

In a statement to Detective-Sergt. Michael Koster Mrs. Bunce related the events leading up to the time Holland shot himself. The statement was corroborated by Miss Misenheimer.

Mrs. Bunce stated that Holland came to the house about 3 p.m. He had a bottle of liquor with him and he took several drinks. He began quarreling with her, she stated, and declared that it would be the last time she would ever "double-cross" him, referring to the charge of theft she had preferred against him Thursday last. He was ordered to leave the house, but refused, and Miss Misenheimer 'phoned for the police.

When Holland became aware of this Mrs. Bunce declares that he stated that if the police came he would shoot her and then himself. In about five minutes P. C. McLarty and three other police constables arrived in the police car, and seeing them at the door, Holland drew a revolver from his pocket. Fearing that he was going to shoot her sister, Miss Misenhimer attempted to snatch the revolver from his hand, but the man pressed the muzzle of it against his temple and pulled the trigger, collapsing on the floor as the police entered. The ambulance was immediately summoned and Holland was rushed to the General Hospital.

CELEBRATE CENTENARY OF DEATH OF KEATS

Rome, Feb. 23.—The committee of the Keats-Shelley memorial today celebrated the centenary of the death of Keats, who passed away in Rome, February 23, 1821. Robert Underwood Johnson, the United States ambassador, made the principal address, speaking chiefly of the character of Keats. Other addresses were delivered by Sir James R. Rodd, former British ambassador, who is president of the committee; Wm. Dudley Foulke of Indiana, Kenneth Grahame, English author, and Dr. Gay, vice-chairman of the committee, who read an unpublished letter from Shelley relating to Keats.

The house in which Keats died has been bought by subscriptions.

THUNDERSTORM BLAZED WHILE BLIZZARD RAGED

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 23.—From the west coast of the island come descriptions of an electric storm which raged in that section, while the eastern part of the island was being swept by a blizzard. The thunder and lightning were exceptionally heavy and the rain fell in torrents. The harbor of Placentia is reported filled with ice, a somewhat remarkable state of affairs for that port, and the coastal steamers, which always harbor there, have been forced to seek refuge in the port of Burin, across the bay.

NEWFOUNDLAND TO START AERIAL MAIL SERVICE

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 23.—The era of the aerial mail has struck Newfoundland at last. Today the general postoffice issued a bulletin stating that letters addressed to St. Anthony, in northern Newfoundland and the location of one of the Grenfell hospitals, will be accepted at usual postage rates and will be taken to their destination on one of the planes which is to be used later in the season as a patrol ship for the sealing fleet.