

PUGSLEY ATTEMPTING TO KNIFE SIR WILFRID

Despicable Conduct of Ex-Minister of Public Works

DR. EDWARDS ASKS WHO LEADS PARTY

Graham Shouldered Out of Second Place, but Liberals will Never Exchange "The White Plume" for a "Sawdust" Chieftain.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, April 18.—Things are happening in the opposition. The events which led up to the early morning row in the House today, have brought the leadership competition to the point where there must be a show down.

In the situation which now reveals itself there is much to explain the otherwise purposeless prolongation of the fight against the Naval Bill. There is a simple answer—Pugsley. The aggressive self assertion of the ex-Minister of Public Works, throughout the blockade, bears a new relation to the blockade itself under the flood of light shed over the opposition during the last twenty-four hours.

It is now evident that the aspirations of Mr. Pugsley were the first consideration, the blockade itself being a means to the end. He has been a very active member of the Liberal party since the time of the election. His attitude is given in a report that he has made up his mind to abandon a somewhat unpropitious political career and go out of public life. It is said that this will be his last session; that he will resign his hard-won refuge in the House and go into business.

It is quite possible that this was seen by the New Brunswickers and the heroic efforts of Mr. Pugsley were intended to prevent the succession going to another man, E. M. MacDonald, of Picton.

Mr. MacDonald has been looked upon by many members of the opposition as the likeliest man to move up if a moving time should come. Mr. MacDonald has been picked by Liberals who are unwilling to trust their political fortunes to any one of the ex-ministers of the old government.

Crowding the White Plume.

Mr. Pugsley has been in the running against either Graham, MacDonald or anyone else. His success has emboldened him to nibble a little at the upper fruit. He has been crowding the white plume.

When the House finally got into committee of supply in the small hours of this morning, Premier Borden was willing to adjourn, the sitting having been a very long one. To his proposal that the committee rise for the purpose of adjournment, Sir Wilfrid Laurier assented. Hon. William Pugsley did not assent. Taking the leadership out of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's hands he called upon the government to proceed with the passing of the supply. His demand was later characterized as a "bluff". He protested and the word bluff was withdrawn. But the House remained in committee and Sir Wilfrid Laurier left the chamber.

Then something else happened. E. M. MacDonald entered the ring and started a discussion which ended in a big rumpus and had the effect of obstructing the supply demanded by Mr. Pugsley. Only one item was passed.

This morning something more happened. The opposition went into caucus and stayed in caucus for one hour. At the expiration of the hour the doors opened and the announcement was made that the debate on the closure would conclude by the middle of next week.

Somebody's authority was asserted, and asserted pretty strongly at this caucus.

Dr. Edwards' Question.

The prevailing uncertainty as to who is really leading the opposition is expressed in the following question of which notice was given tonight by Dr. Edwards, of Fredericton.

He inquired whether the government would provide for the payment of \$7,000 each year to the recognized leader of the opposition. Can the government inform the House to whom the above mentioned salary will be paid this season?

PONTIFF IS RECOVERING FROM ATTACK

If Present Conditions Continue for Three Days His Holiness Will be Declared Convalescent.

Rome, April 18.—The consoling news that emanated from the Vatican tonight was that Pope Pius had passed three days without fever, that his general condition was progressing favorably, and that if these conditions continued for two days more His Holiness would be considered convalescent and the bulletins of the physicians be discontinued.

Although this information came from the physicians in attendance upon Pope Pius and was confirmed by Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, it did not prevent persons of pessimistic tendencies from continuing to shake their heads dubiously and invent further ailments for the Pontiff. Tonight they declared he was suffering from pneumonia and senile consumption.

This evening's bulletin issued over the signature of the Pope's physicians read:

"Today also was passed without fever. The temperature of the Pontiff tonight is 99.1. The amelioration continues."

"MARCHIAFAVA, 'AMICI'."

GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP LIVE STOCK

Hon. Martin Burrell's Department Will Undertake to Distribute Well Bred Stock to Canadian Farmers.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, April 18.—Hon. Martin Burrell, with help of John Bright, the new livestock commissioner, has worked out a plan for the development of the livestock industry. The department will undertake the distribution of well bred stallions, bulls, rams and boars.

This will solve one of the great livestock problems, particularly in the newly settled districts of Canada. The original cost of the animals will be borne by the department and they will be placed in the hands of such local organizations as agree to certain conditions which will be set forth.

In other words, these aires will remain the property of the department but local associations will be responsible for their proper maintenance and management under the general supervision of officers of the livestock branch. All animals distributed will be bought if possible from some breeders, and will be Canadian bred. As far as possible they will be purchased in the province in which they are to be placed.

It is not the intention to place the animals in districts where suitable animals of the same class are already owned by private individuals. The aim is rather to aid sections where pure bred aires are lacking and as well to encourage new communities in following a proper and intelligent system in breeding. All bulls distributed will be purchased subject to the tuberculosis test and only stallions which have passed a rigid veterinary inspection for unsoundness will be introduced.

QUEBEC MAN CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME.

Quebec, April 18.—Joseph Benoit, a steam drill operator who recently worked for the Canadian Northern Railway in Montreal, is under arrest here charged with bigamy. It is alleged that when fourteen he married a girl named Libby Dudley in the United States and some years ago, it is said, went through the marriage ceremony here with Miss Marie Moran.

F. B. CARVELL MEETS MORE THAN HIS MATCH IN HOUSE

Dr. Edwards Puts It Over Member For Carleton

MADE HIM SWALLOW FALSE STATEMENT

Rules of House Forced Dr. Edwards to Withdraw Statement, but He Offered to Repeat it to Carvell Outside.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, April 18.—The incidents of the early morning sittings today overshadowed in interest and importance the quiet proceeding of the sitting this afternoon and evening.

The extraordinary behavior of Mr. Pugsley, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Carvell raised a perplexing and curious situation, while the savage quarrel between Mr. Carvell and Dr. Edwards created a most disagreeable impression, which has not worn off.

So far as Mr. Carvell is concerned the situation is that this exceedingly truculent and abusive member has been publicly called a liar twice by Dr. Edwards, who, in addition, has expressed his readiness to repeat the words outside where the dignity of the House would not interfere with the subsequent proceedings and he has not chosen to resent it in the way that most men would adopt when the spot and ugly word is used.

As a matter of fact, Dr. Edwards waited in the lobby to meet Mr. Carvell when the House adjourned, this morning, but by an interesting coincidence Mr. Carvell left the chamber in such a way that the two did not meet.

Dr. Edwards, today, on the orders of the day this afternoon, publicly repeated his denial of Mr. Carvell's assertions and repeated his defiance to Mr. Carvell to meet him outside the protection of the chamber. Up to the moment of writing Mr. Carvell has not sought Dr. Edwards out.

This very disagreeable incident occurred in the course of an exhibition of purposeless bad temper by the opposition.

The whole day Thursday had been spent in debating the attack on Mr. Rogers' administration of the western lands. A special opportunity was given for this by Mr. Borden as the Liberals, on Wednesday, professed to be in a hurry to bring it forward. The house was met into supply to allow the want of confidence motion to be moved. The division took place at a late hour and was not completed till 2 15 this morning.

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Pugsley Takes Charge.

When Mr. Borden moved that the committee rise Sir Wilfrid Laurier nodded assent. The speaker was just about to rise, when Mr. Pugsley suddenly took charge of the Liberal party. He protested, he said, in a rather rude speech, that the committee should not rise, it should be postponed. It had been asserted that the opposition was blocking the public business, that was not true, it was anxious to get on with all public business, except the one bill which it was blocking.

Mr. Borden, thereupon said he was glad that the Liberals were so amiable a temper, and that they would take the estimate up. The two parties cheered and counter-cheered defiantly.

Almost immediately afterwards Sir Wilfrid Laurier quietly left the chamber.

Customs Salaries.

The first estimates brought forward were the salaries in the customs department. The Liberals, led by Mr. Pugsley, at once began to block, asking all sorts of questions, some of them of thoroughly frivolous kind. It is noteworthy that E. M. MacDonald began it by demanding that the salaries of the customs department staff be not voted until the government had declared its policy on civil service reform. This went on till about 3 o'clock when Dr. Edwards made a sharp attack on the opposition in the course of which he recalled Sir Wilfrid Laurier's disloyal utterance in days gone by. In the course of his remarks he made the observation that "Pugsley's demand that the committee take up supply was pure bluff."

"William Pankhurst Pugsley," Mr. Pugsley demanded that the word "bluff" be withdrawn.

Dr. Edwards substituted another phrase, but Mr. Pugsley, who was very aggressive and insistent, kept demanding that the word "bluff" be withdrawn. In the end, after a good deal of wrangling, Dr. Edwards complied, avenging himself by recalling Mr. Pugsley's advocacy of the suffragettes on the day of the introduction of closure, and describing him as "William Pankhurst Pugsley."

MONTREAL TO PAY BIG DEBT

Half Year's Interest on Loans Coming Due May 1st—Aggregate a Vast Sum of Money.

Montreal, April 18.—Montreal will have to dig down into its jeans on May 1st and find hidden in some corner the tidy sum of \$992,412.15 for a half year's interest on the various loans it has from time to time contracted.

Of nearly \$1,000,000 which will have to be paid out on May 1, the sum approximately \$375,000 will be payable to the Bank of Montreal, London, the city's English financial agents, while \$100,000 will go to the Montreal Bank of Scotland, also in London.

In New York the amount payable is \$64,465.50, while Montreal holders of registered stock will get a "coupon" of \$101,772.06. Coupons taken from bonds held by thrifty Montrealers call for the payment of another \$135,668.91.

MRS. GIBSON WORKS TO KEEP CHILD AND FREE HER HUSBAND

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HALIFAX IS UP IN ARMS

Possibility of Empress of Ireland Cutting Out Halifax Call Arouses Sister City Board of Trade.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, April 18.—A special meeting of the council of the board of trade was held to discuss the matter of the Empress of Ireland not making Halifax a call on her home-bound trip, when leaving St. John on May 1st. The board is making a vigorous kick, and at the meeting this afternoon the following telegram was sent to Premier Borden and the members of parliament for Halifax:

"Canadian Pacific Railway advises us steamer Empress of Ireland leaving May 1st, and being the first sailing under the new contract, will not call at Halifax on the voyage to Liverpool for English mails. We emphatically protest against the proposed action of the company, and respectfully urge you to see that the rights of this port as the first and last port of call for the winter mail service be not interfered with. This matter was thoroughly fought out with the late government in 1906 when a similar proposal was made by the contracting lines, but altered after a strong protest from the citizens of Halifax and the provincial boards of trade."

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JAPAN INDIGNANT, MANY PEOPLE CLAMOR FOR WAR

ENORMOUS INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION

Greater Than Total Population of New Brunswick by More Than Fifty Thousand Souls.

Ottawa, April 18.—During the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1913, 402,432 immigrants arrived in Canada. This total is made up of 150,542 British, 139,009 from the United States, and 112,881 from all other countries combined.

Immigration to Canada for the preceding fiscal year, the 12 months ended March 31st, 1912, was 317,110, from the United States 133,710, and from all other countries combined 82,406—total, 354,237.

A POLICEMAN FOUND GUILTY

Policeman Thomas Robinson Convicted of Grafting in New York—Took \$50 a Month from Cafe.

New York, N. Y., April 18.—The second trial of members of the police force, arrested for grafting resulted today in the conviction of Patrolman Thomas Robinson, on the charge of extracting protection money from a restaurant keeper.

Robinson was accused of taking \$50 a month from Ludovico Tancredi, as the price of permitting his cafe to remain open. Tancredi said that the policeman had him arrested when he first refused to pay tribute and that when he came out of jail arrested him again, but had the charge dropped when the restaurant man finally agreed to pay his price.

TO BUILD FACTORIES TO BOOM BRANTFORD.

Brantford, Ont., April 18.—For the encouragement and housing of infant industries, a syndicate has been formed here which will build three storey factory buildings for rental. The greater Brantford board proposed the scheme, which has been taken up by the local capitalists. An expenditure of \$30,000 is planned for the first building.

A PECULIAR MOORING PIER.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, April 18.—The steamer D. J. Purdy arrived from St. John this evening and tied up above the Star Line wharf docking so that she rests immediately over a sunken scow of coal and dynamite.

THE ALBERT ELECTIONS.

Edmonton, April 18.—Returns from the outlying polls in a number of constituencies are still coming in and it will be tomorrow before some of the results are finally known. The return up to this evening give 35 Liberals and 15 Conservatives and one still doubtful.

ICE PLANT BURNS.

Harrison, Ont., April 18.—The ice plant of the William Davies Co., was destroyed by fire today. Hard work by the firemen saved the main building. The cause of the blaze is attributed to a cinder flying from a passing engine.

JACK TRAVIS ATTEMPTED TO HANG HIMSELF IN CELL

Jack Travis, aged 21 years, whose home is in York Point, was arrested in the West End last night about the time that the fire was discovered in the warehouse on Rodney wharf, and although no charge had been laid against him at the central station up to 2:30 o'clock this morning, it is believed that he is being held on suspicion of having set fire to the warehouse.

When placed in the Water street lockup Travis tried to hang himself and was then taken to the central station. He had not been in the central cells very long when Officer Henry, who is in charge, found Travis trying to commit suicide by hanging himself to the bars of the cell with his suspenders. The officer cut him down when he was in a very weak condition. The leather mitts were placed on him to insure his safety for the balance of the morning. Travis has been under suspicion as a possible "fire bug" for some time.

Bitter Feeling Growing Over California's Alien Land Bill

URGES THE DISPATCH OF BIG BATTLE FLEET

Prominent Japanese Newspaper Editor and Influential Men of Nippon Declare Against United States' Action—Counter Measures.

Tokyo, April 18.—The Japanese government considers the present anti-Japanese movement in California as most dangerous, and is faced with the prospect of placing itself in a most invidious position owing to the unwillingness of the federal government at Washington to intervene and the possibility of introducing counter measures here.

In the event of the passage of the California Alien Land Bill through both houses of the legislature, Japan will issue an imperial ordinance enforcing the Japanese Foreign Land Ownership Bill of 1910, and will apply to the federal government at Washington for permission for the Japanese to become naturalized citizens of the United States.

At the great mass meeting of protest held here last night there was a hysterical anti-American outburst. Deputy Matsumura urged the dispatch of a Japanese fleet to California as a first step toward establishing Japan on an absolutely equal footing in the United States.

Miyake, an editor of the Japanese Times, declared that Japan deprecated the constant visits here of American peace apostles, when their own country was in urgent need of the principles of justice and humanity.

Other fiery orators insisted that the question between Japan and America had better be settled now, once and for all. Otherwise their constant recurrence would lead at last to the arbitration of war.

Twenty thousand people listened to the remarks of the firebrands, who apparently are engineering a campaign to mould public opinion in Japan. The Foreign Land Ownership Bill passed by the Japanese diet in March 1910 prohibits foreigners except under certain restrictions, from owning land in Japan, and they may not land at all in Saghalien, Formosa, Hokkaido or the fortified zones. This law has never yet been officially promulgated.

SOKOTO BOUND TO MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 18.—The Elder Dempster steamer Sokoto, which sailed from Louisbourg, N. S., at 6 o'clock on Thursday morning, is making good time to Montreal, as she was reported ahead of Cape Rosier at 3 o'clock today.

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