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RUMORS OF NEW CABINET WHILE GOVT. ANNOUNCES AGRARIAN POLICY
How it is Hoped to Satisfy the "Land Hunger"—The Douma Rejects Conciliatory Advances.

St. Petersburg, May 28.—Rumors of a shift in the ministry everywhere are current tonight. It is persistently reported here and at Moscow that ex-Finance Minister Shipoff has received an urgent summons to Peterhof to confer with Emperor Nicholas, presumably with regard to the formation of a new cabinet, although he frequently has expressed his unwillingness to take over the premiership.

It also is rumored that Prince Urussov has been summoned to an audience of the emperor.

In the meanwhile the present ministry among whom there is no Daniel to read the handwriting on the wall in the attitude of the lower house of parliament, is calmly going ahead with its agrarian program, which it hopes to submit to the lower house within a fortnight, and, contrary to expectations, to provide for the distribution of millions of acres of crown lands in Europe and Asia.

The government's policy, which the Associated Press is authorized to announce, is founded on the expectation that enough land can be obtained by the division of the crown lands, the clearing of a portion of the imperial forests, and the voluntary sale of private estates to meet the land hunger of the peasants without the necessity of forced expropriation.

Outlining these plans, Minister of Agriculture Stuchinsky said this evening that the government already had at its disposal 26,000,000 acres, composed of 10,000,000 acres of crown lands, 4,000,000 acres of the Volga region, 8,000,000 acres of clearable forests and 4,000,000 acres of private estates, the owners of which have announced their readiness to sell.

"Without doubt, thousands of land owners will be only too anxious to dispose of their holdings at reasonable prices. These lands will be sold to peasants on time through the Peasants' Bank, the payments not commencing for several years."

The program, in addition to colonization of Siberia and Central Asia, contemplates the improvement of the agricultural methods of the peasants, which are primitive and unproductive, and the bringing of the peasants, whose gregariousness leads to their gathering in villages, and even in towns of a population as high as 20,000, nearer to their lands.

Army With Parliament.
 There was much excitement in the corridors before the lower house met today. An officer identified as a colonel on the general staff created a stir by openly declaring in the presence of a score of peasant members that the time had come when the army should support parliament, which represented the will of the people and not the aristocracy. When the debate on the personal liberty bill was resumed, M. Chichevoff, minister of justice, in an exhorting speech, pointed out the necessity for supplementing the proposed laws, which he endorsed, with bills providing for the reorganization of the army, and others to enable officials guilty of abuse of power to be prosecuted civilly and criminally.

The outcome of his conciliatory remarks was to show how great is the gulf between parliament and the minister. The speakers who followed him, seeing his advances being rejected, expressed surprise that parliament wanted, instead of the responsibility of the judges, the responsibility in the ministry.

The Famine.
 It was determined to interpellate the minister of the interior regarding the famine asking if the government had intended to continue to combat the distress, and if it was aware that local administrations were thwarting activity in private persons' desirous of helping the stricken population.

Allard Michailenko and other radical members of the house have been elected with a view to the formation of a new cabinet.

CARPENTERS GET THEIRS.
 Will Soon Be Working Under 35c an Hour Scale.
 It was announced at a meeting of carpenters in the Labor Temple last night that arrangements with the employers for a new scale of 35 cents an hour were practically concluded, and that the agreements will be filed in a few days. About 1600 men are affected. A deputation was named to wait upon the board of control to-day, and see if the measure can be referred to work at the Toronto Ferry Company's new waiting room, on a 9-hour basis. Only eight out of the 35 who went out are now working.

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PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY INTO INSURANCE COS. IS REFUSED
Strong Arguments Advanced in Support of Mr. Maclean's Motion—No Legislation Until Commission Reports.

Ottawa, May 28.—(Special).—W. F. Maclean (South York) to-day addressed the house in support of his resolution for the appointment of a special committee of the house to enquire into life insurance in all its phases, with power to send for persons, papers and things.

He pointed out that many grave abuses had existed in the life insurance business in the States and Canada. The people had learned that life insurance was not a beneficent institution. For years the companies, in their pictorial advertisements, their calendars and the like, had portrayed the widow and orphan. This idea had been shattered. People knew now that as a business it was sordid and mercenary, and, moreover, it was extortionate. Thirty per cent. of the premiums collected were expended in the maintenance of the business.

The necessity for investigation and reform had long been evident. In the United States a legislative committee—the Armstrong committee in New York—set from day to day and laid bare the great abuses and drafted legislation which is to-day the model insurance code of the world.

Canada's royal commission, after three months, had made but little progress, and the people were growing dissatisfied and suspicious. Would there be any report at this, or even at the next session of parliament?

True, the evidence gathered had already established two important facts: (1) That the investigation by the Dominion government did not in any way safeguard the public interest, or act as a restraint upon the insurance companies. (2) That the companies were badly managed; that they were guilty of speculation and of misappropriation of trust funds, and were generally defiant of the insurance act.

Was anything to be done? Were officers convicted of misappropriation of funds to be allowed to retain control of the remaining funds? Were directors who violated their trusts to continue in power? Would the department require any reorganization of these companies?

A League of Women Voters.
 Mr. Fielding: "Not until the commission files a report."
 Mr. Maclean: "Not for a year or two yet?"

It was evident, he continued, that the companies feared nothing from the finance department. In New York the companies made haste to reorganize, to "clean house," to proceed towards mutualization, before the Armstrong committee reported. It was singular that abuses could be so speedily arrested in the United States and that we were so helpless in Canada.

In the States a grand jury could be summoned and set to work in 24 hours. It could be arrested in Canada. The idea had grown up—and he was

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ATTEMPTED TO RUSH THRU LEGISLATION SET ASIDE
Bell Telephone Co. Bill for Increased Capitalization is Suddenly Brought Before House.

Ottawa, May 28.—(Special).—There was a daring attempt this afternoon to hurry thru Mr. Bureau's bill to increase the capital stock of the Bell Telephone Company to \$30,000,000.

When the motion was made to go into committee, W. F. Maclean (South York) reminded the house that this bill had been reported from the railway committee upon the distinct understanding that it should not be considered until after the government had brought down and passed its long promised legislation, placing all telephone lines under the railway commission.

Mr. Bureau (Three Rivers) suggested that there could be no harm in passing the Bell Telephone bill at once. It would be subject, of course, to the general legislation that was to be passed at this session.

Mr. Maclean (South York) saw quite a difference. The general legislation might not come down, or might be with drawn, or it might finally fail to pass. Many important telephone measures had been introduced in parliament. A special committee had been appointed, of which he (Mr. Maclean) was a member, but the bill respecting telephone lines had been "killed" along. True, the minister of railways had introduced some measures to ameliorate the telephone condition in this country.

New Army Manoeuvres.
 "We are entitled," he declared, "to know the policy of the government. Is the prayer of Manitoba for power to be granted? Are the complaints of the municipalities to be heeded?"

Mr. Lancaster (Lincoln and Niagara) asked the minister of justice whether he pledged the government to hold this bill until after the general legislation respecting telephones had been disposed of.

Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested that the bill might go to committee, but it should not proceed beyond the committee stage until the telephone sections of the Railway Act were disposed of.

Mr. Roche (Marquette) asked for the phone situation in Manitoba.
 "Some time ago," he said, "I was told that this matter had been referred to the minister of justice for an opinion as to this government's power to confer upon the province the right of expropriation."
 Mr. Wilfrid Laurier: "We have received no answer yet."
 Although ten members stood up, continuing the debate, the chairman of the committee (Mr. Campbell, Centre York), had not ordered the yeas and nays, as required, but he left the chair and reported the bill to the house.

Mr. Campbell denied this. He did not recall that the bill had any respectable opinion.
 Mr. Sproule (East Grey), Mr. Bergeron (Beauharnois), Mr. Roche (Marquette), and Mr. Bureau (Three Rivers) continued the debate.

Fitzpatrick's Defence.
 Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the government would bring down legislation which would be in existing rights of the municipalities might appeal for relief to the railway commission; as to the latter, he stated as drawn would fully protect unauthorized invasion of municipalities by the telephone companies. They would have to come to some agreement with the municipality of commission.

Mr. Maclean (South York) protested against the minister's statement that this remedial legislation should be confined to the future. We had not been so benevolent towards the railways when passing the Railway Act. When Mr. Lomax moved to refer the bill back to the railway committee. This was defeated and the bill took its regular order.

It must remain in the committee stage, however, until the proposed remedial legislation has been disposed of.

Mr. Maclean (South York) on Wednesday next will move to amend Bill No. 81, "an act respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada," by the following: "Said stock, as issued, shall be offered for sale by auction, and the shares not sold for want of bidders may be sold by the company at private sale, but for not less than their market value."

HE'LL BE MODEL HUSBAND SO DEPUTIES ASSURE ENA
CLIMAX TO BRILLIANT REIGN IF KING COMES TO AMERICA



NATIONALISTS SUPPORTED CHAMBERLAIN AMENDMENT

Madrid, May 28.—A delegation of the foremost men in the chambers of deputies and the senate visited the Pardo Palace to-night and presented Princess Ena of Battenberg, the future Queen of Spain, with an address of welcome on behalf of the Spanish nation. This action is significant of the sincere cordiality with which Spain has received the foreign princess.

King Alfonso, with Princess Ena, received the visiting statesmen in the grand salon of the Pardo Palace. Senor Canals, president of the cortes, addressed the princess, said: "Madame, we come before your royal highness both as the representatives of the parliament of the nation and as representatives of the nation, to convey to you the assurance, without the slightest semblance of flattery, that if the nation's most august sovereign has seen fit to select a queen for his people, the aspirations of Don Alonso XIII, would happily coincide most happily and completely with the wishes of his people. His majesty has been a model son and a model brother, which inspires us to confidence that he will be a model husband."

As to parliament, we will do our utmost that your highness may be happy in Spain and may not regret parting from your native land.

Your highness, in aiding the task of the king, will work for the good of Spain, and to this noble purpose let us all consecrate our best efforts."

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During the afternoon, King Alfonso took the princess in an automobile to Escorial, where wreaths were placed on the tombs of the Spanish sovereigns buried there.

Smart business suits of Scotch tweed were worn Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, at 113.75. Hoberlin's, 158 Yonge.

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LONDON TELEGRAPH STYLES CANADA LIVING LINK BETWEEN REPUBLIC AND EMPIRE

London, May 28.—In an editorial article, The Daily Telegraph this morning strongly favors King Edward's acceptance of the invitation to visit Canada.

The Daily Telegraph thinks the British public has not yet awakened to a full appreciation of the extraordinary interest of such an event, which would be likely to involve a visit to Washington and perhaps New York.

The newspapers recognize that possibly there are state reasons in the way of such a visit, but urge that an American republic and the British empire, and that if it can be accomplished it would be not merely historic, but memorable past all examples in the record of royal progress.

The alliance of Japan, the entente with France, the better understanding with Russia, followed by a visit to Washington and a meeting with President Roosevelt, which would be a dramatic moment, filled with significance, sealing the reconciliation of the Anglo-Saxon races for ages to come, would make the years of His Majesty's influence more memorable and beneficent than any equal period of any previous reign.

MR. KIRKLAND'S ILLNESS.
 The condition of Angus Kirkland, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, was not so favorable last night.

NEW WORKS AT FORT WILLIAM.
 Fort William, May 28. The Canada Foundry Co. propose to establish a large car wheel works here, employing at least 200 men.

BIRTHS.
 KEVIL.—At Hamilton, May 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kevill, a son.

DEATHS.
 CROSS.—On Monday, May 28th, at Markham, William Ashton Cross, only son of the late Thomas Cross, in his 25th year. Funeral Tuesday, at 1 o'clock, to Trinity Church, Thornhill.

CUMMINGS.—At her late residence, 23 Balm-street, on Monday, May 28th, Mary, beloved wife of the late William Cummings, and mother of George Cummings, engineer, G.T.R., in her 87th year. Her end was peace. Funeral from above address Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

SEAMAN.—On Sunday, May 27th, 1906, at 125 Peter-street, Toronto, Thomas Seaman, aged 50 years, member Maple Leaf, K.O.T.M.
 Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., from E. J. Humphrey's private chapel, 508 Spadina-avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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TRANSACTIONS IN STOCKS WHICH DIDN'T APPEAR IN GOVT. REPORT

Confederation Life Admits Some Irregularities—Mr. Macdonald Deplores Restrictions Against Money-Making Securities.

J. K. Macdonald, managing director of the Confederation Life, was the witness before the royal insurance commission last yesterday. Stock transactions, call loans, unauthorized deals and foreign investments chased each other all day, as Dominion Counsel Shepley piled question after question and elicited admissions to the effect that the company had been dealing in certain investments that were contrary to the act.

Mr. Macdonald gave his ideas on the policyholders' right to vote and became incensed as he tried to impress upon Mr. Shepley that owing to the dust that had been kicked up over insurance matters the Confederation Life was forced to sell Mackay and Canadian Pacific, two of the best paying investments that the company ever had. Whether such stock investments were legal or not, Mr. Macdonald did not care as long as they were good money makers and secure, so the company would not drop cash.

At the morning session Mr. Macdonald said that proxies were made out in two or three names jointly, of president and managing director. He held 375 shares, two sons 30 shares and 25 shares respectively, and a daughter 45 shares. Mrs. J. Cherriman, shares. None of these shares have ever voted. There was no controlling interest held by anyone in the company.

The Confederation Life had extended its business to Newfoundland about 20 years ago, and to Mexico and to the West Indies years ago. The Mexican and West Indies were both remunerative. Fifty thousand dollars had been deposited in Mexico, and \$100,000 of Mexican securities bought; \$40,000 had been invested in West Indies. As shown by the Insurance Act, witness pointed out that when a foreign state requires a deposit, no limit was put on the investment which might be made in securities of that state. The company had no authority to invest in American securities.

Mr. Shepley next took up the company's call loans, of which they had several on securities not allowed by the insurance act. The company had loaned Peltat & Peltat on such stocks as C.P.R. and Dominion Coal, and insurance companies such as the British America and Western Assurance.

Wyatt & Co. during 1903 had loans from the Confederation Life in the amount of \$5,000, on C.P.R., Commercial Cable, Canadian General Electric, Northern Navigation and other unauthorized securities.

Some Juggling.
 Mr. Shepley brought out a crucial point when witness admitted that loans had been made on stock of the Confederation Life itself. As a usual thing these loans were paid off at the end of December and renewed on the 2nd of January.

Mr. Macdonald admitted that such dealings were contrary to the act, and

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Probabilities.
 Lower lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate to fresh winds; slight higher temperature.
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TODAY IN TORONTO.
 May 29.
 Grand Black Chapter, I.O.L., Victoria Hall, 9.20.
 Civic enquiry, city hall, 9.30.
 Railway commission, city hall, 10.30.
 Toronto East...Methodist, annual meeting, Metropolitan Church, 2 p.m.
 Young men's, Woodbine, 2.30.
 Toronto Baptist S.S. Association, Jarvis-street Church, 5.

ARMY WITH PARLIAMENT

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BUILD 30,000 COTTAGES TO SOLVE IRISH PROBLEM
Secretary Bryce Desires Loan of \$22,500,000 to Provide Laborers' Houses.

London, May 28.—Chief Secretary for Ireland Revenue Bryce introduced in the house of commons today a bill authorizing a loan of \$22,500,000 to provide laborers' cottages in Ireland.

Mr. Bryce explained that the loan would be raised on the same terms as the land loan.

He estimated the cost of a cottage and land at about \$850, so that between 25,000 and 30,000 cottages would be erected.

The John E. Redmond (Irish Nationalist) congratulated Mr. Bryce and said he accepted the measure as an honest effort to deal with grievances of great magnitude.

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Assassination at Odessa.
 Odessa, May 28.—An agent of the secret police was shot dead in the main street here to-day.

The assassin escaped.

The strike in the harbor continues. Seventeen Russian steamers are unable to depart.

"Daley" boiler in the cellar worth two in the factory.
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Davitt's Condition.
 Dublin, May 28.—There is no change to-day in the condition of Michael Davitt, which causes the gravest anxiety.

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