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WILL INTRODUCE THE HOME RULE BILL TODAY

Details of the Proposed Measure Kept Strict Secret.

OUTLINES FORECASTED

Imperial Government Will Probably Retain Control of Excise and Customs for Term of Years—Nationalists Object.

London, April 10.—The members of the British cabinet today put the finishing touches to the Home Rule Bill, which Premier Asquith is to introduce in the House of Commons tomorrow. The members of the government and the few Nationalist members who have been taken into their confidence, have kept the secret of the details of the measure well, but with the exception of the clauses relating to the control of the excise and customs, and the numbers of the Irish representatives to be retained at Westminster, the general outlines of the bill are pretty well known.

The measure is expected to follow closely that which was proposed by the late William E. Gladstone. Until quite recently the Nationalists have shown no opposition to the suggestion that the Irish excise and customs should remain under the control of the imperial parliament, but there has been lately a strong movement in favor of securing control of this revenue by the Irish parliament. One reason advanced for this is that Ireland desired to make a tariff agreement with the United States.

Among many forecasts that which suggests that the imperial government should retain control of the customs and excise of Ireland for a certain number of years after which it should pass to the Irish parliament is generally accepted.

It is certain that Ireland will continue to be represented in the House of Commons at Westminster, but by a reduced number of members. While the interest in Premier Asquith's speech does not compare in any way with that aroused by the late Mr. Gladstone's efforts, there will be a full attendance of members and the public galleries of the House of Commons will be filled to their utmost capacity. Thousands of applications have been received for seats but outside of the distinguished strangers and peers' galleries, there is room for only a very limited number of people.

A big contingent has come over from Ireland, including several bishops, who will be seated in the distinguished strangers' gallery, if the Irish members are successful in the ballot for seats in which members take part.

With the exception of two members who are now in Australia, the nationalists who have arranged to meet before the opening of the House, so as to settle the order of their speakers in the debate will be present in full force.

The premier is a master of condensation and in all probability will take less than two hours to state his case in the House. He does not need to fear the defections in the Liberal party from which Mr. Gladstone suffered. There are only two Liberal members who are known to be opponents of home rule. These are Thomas Charles Reginald Agar-Robartes and Sir Clifford John Cory, members from Cornish constituencies where the Protestant element is strong.

At the conclusion of speeches of the Liberal and Unionist leaders tomorrow the debate will be adjourned until Monday and the division of the House will be taken on Tuesday.

The second reading will take longer and the committee stage of the bill is expected to occupy at least six weeks. The introduction of the closure will be a necessity, however, in order to conclude within that time as the Unionists are determined to obstruct the measure in every way possible.

John Redmond, the leader of the nationalists, this evening said that the demonstration in Ulster yesterday had not affected the bill in the least, and that the nationalists were just as hopeful as ever of securing what they had fought for so long.

WILL NEGOTIATE A TRADE AGREEMENT

Ottawa, April 10.—It is stated that Hon. Geo. E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, will leave some time in May for Australia to negotiate for a reciprocal trade agreement between the two countries. He will afterwards represent Canada on the imperial trade commission.

HULLS INSPECTOR OFFICE IS FILLED

Ottawa, April 10.—The office of inspector of hulls for Nova Scotia, vacant since the death of Captain Seely, has been filled by the government. The new appointee is Captain Adams McDougall.

NEW YORK TURNS ROOSEVELT DOWN IN FAVOR OF TAFT

Republican Convention Choose Delegates to Support President and Hand Out Roast for Theodore Roosevelt.

Rochester, N. Y., April 10.—After nearly three hours of speech making the Republican State Convention today adopted a platform urging New York's delegation to the Chicago National Convention to favor the re-nomination of President Taft, elected four delegates at large and alternates to the convention and adjourned sine die.

The delegates chosen are United States Senator Elihu Root, State Chairman William Barnes, Jr., William Berri of Brooklyn and Edwin A. Merritt, Speaker of the State Assembly.

A protest again the platform was made by Wm. A. Prendergast, City Comptroller of New York, who favored the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt, and who declared it to be his opinion that President Taft if nominated cannot be elected.

TAKES FLYER FROM WINDOW AND FALLS TWELVE STORIES

Body of Business Man Found—Note Tells of His Intention to Suicide — Was in Poor Health.

Cincinnati, April 10.—The body of Isaac Sturm, a well known insurance man of this city, was found a misshapen mass on the roof of a one story annex adjoining the First National Bank building today. In an office on the thirteenth floor a note was found from Sturm saying simply that he intended to jump out of a window on that floor. No one saw him fall or heard an outcry. He had been in poor health for some time.

MAKING READY FOR COURTENAY BAY WORK

Men Who Will be in Charge of Operations Arrive in City—Will Start Soon - Visited Fredericton.

With the arrival of the men who will assume charge of affairs on the scene, the work of converting Courtenay Bay is a step nearer realization. The work which has been looked forward to with keen interest ever since the announcement of the project has been made will be undertaken as soon as the final details have been arranged and Courtenay Bay will become the scene of unusual activity.

The men who will have charge of the work arrived in the city yesterday. The party included T. W. Russell, who with his wife and family, arrived from Montreal yesterday morning, G. B. Burgess of the engineering staff, Mr. Palmer, who will be in charge of the whole work, and P. R. Warren, chief engineer of the Norton Griffiths Company. Messrs. Palmer and Warren came in last night from Fredericton. The whole party have come to remain and after opening an office here which will be done immediately the preliminaries to the great work will be got under way.

The first work to be undertaken will be the excavation for the breakwater, but it will probably require some time before the plant can be assembled and labor employed for the work. All despatch will be used, however, to get things moving as soon as word is received from Ottawa regarding the decision as to the location of the breakwater, which it is expected will be settled within a few days.

Messrs. Warren and Palmer spent yesterday in Fredericton, in company with W. Burton Stewart, manager of the Norton Griffiths Company. While in Fredericton Mr. Stewart appeared before the Provincial government regarding the granting of a subsidy to the Norton Griffiths people. He pointed out to the members of the government that a subsidy of $8,400 had been given the Imperial Dry Dock Company some years ago if they would proceed with the work and he asked that the present government do something similar for his company. When asked of their success in the matter neither Mr. Palmer nor Mr. Warren would say anything last night.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRAMATIC COMPETITION

Loyalist Dramatic Club First to Enter From This Province.

Leave for Ottawa Next Week—Will Give Performances in Sussex and Moncton—The Other Competitors.

Ottawa, April 10.—Five of the provinces will be represented in the Earl Grey musical and dramatic trophy competition to be held here in the Russell theatre next week. New Brunswick has entered for the first time since the competition was inaugurated by Earl Grey, in 1906, and will be represented by the Loyalist Dramatic Club of St. John. The other provinces sending competitors are Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta. The executive committee, of which Lt. Col. H. C. Lowther, A.D.C. to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, is chairman, has secured the services of Sir John Hare, the well known English actor, as judge in the dramatic competition. His Royal Highness the Governor General is taking a great interest in the event and will attend the performances.

In the dramatic competition the entries are as follows: The Thespians of Montreal; The Strollers Dramatic Club of Winnipeg; The Ronayne Amateur Players of Montreal; The Walters Dramatic Club of Ottawa; The Loyalist Dramatic Club of St. John, N. B.; The Edmonton, (Alberta) Dramatic Club; The London, (Ont.) Dramatic Club, and the Captain Prideaux Company of Kingston, Ont.

The entries for the musical trophy are: The Operatic Society of Hamilton, Ont.; The Orpheus Glee Club, Ottawa; The Presbyterian church choir of Brockville, Ont.; The Methodist church choir of Pembroke, Ont., and The Ottawa Symphony Orchestra.

Two performances either dramatic or musical will be given in the Russell Theatre on each evening of next week. Owing to some late changes all the dates have not been decided. The Loyalist Dramatic Club of St. John, which is presenting the well known play, The Servant in the House, applied for and has been definitely alloted the first performance on Friday, April 19.

The week will be quite a society event in Ottawa. Miss Margaret Anglin, the well known Canadian actress, has again generously offered a bracelet to the lady who, in the opinion of the judge, is the best actress taking part in the competition, and the distinguished English actor, J. E. Dodson, will present a signet ring to the gentleman who is considered the best actor.

The Loyalist Dramatic Club is giving performances of The Servant in the House at Sussex this evening and at Moncton Grand Opera House on Monday before leaving for Ottawa. Those taking part are: Mrs. Frances C. McCaskill, Miss Marjorie Knight, Fred C. Macneill, J. L. Robertson, Frank J. Corr, A. Gordon Rainnie and Rupert E. Walker.

The party will be accompanied by Mrs. L. B. Knight and Mrs. F. C. Macneill and by George T. Polly as business manager.

DIFFICULTY IN FORMING GOVERNMENT

President Yuan Threatens to Convene Second National Assembly

Southern Members Fear Unruly Troops in Capital and Refuse to Attend Session of Cabinet.

Peking, April 10.—No date has yet been settled on for the assembly of the coalition cabinet at Peking and grave forebodings are in circulation in regard to the continued disagreement among the different factions of the government. There appears to be no fear that hostilities will break out but the leaders of the various sections display inability to establish a capable government.

President Yuan Shi Kai has uttered the threat that he will establish his own cabinet and summon another national assembly if the delegates from the south do not arrive in Peking by April 21, but the president will probably not go to such an extreme immediately.

The members of the government disagree on various points, but both Chinese circles and foreign diplomats are of the opinion that the real deterring factor in the situation is the distrust of the southerners who fear to trust themselves to come to Peking where the troops, although they observe order, still dominate the situation and business has been resumed only by the smaller shopkeepers.

The southerners proposed to bring a bodyguard of several thousand troops to Peking, but President Yuan Shi Kai objected that the presence of the southern troops in the capital would be a source of danger.

Lou Tseng-Tsiang, the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg, has telegraphed from that city declining the post of president of the foreign board.

ARCTIC MAY END ITS DAYS AS LIGHT SHIP AT SHOALS

Good Ship in Which Capt Bernier Made Dashes to Far North Destined for Peaceful Fate.

Quebec, April 10.—It is said that the federal government intends to convert into a light ship the steamer Arctic, which, under the command of Captain Bernier, made many cruises in the far north, and with which the gallant captain intended to reach the North Pole before the latter was discovered by Peary. The Arctic would be placed at Princess Shoal, at the entrance of the River Saguenay.

MAY REFER QUESTION TO BOARD

Drainage Canal Proposal May Go Before Waterways Commission.

Canada Maintains Attitude on Application of Chicago For Increased Flow and Reserves Right of Appeal.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 10.—That the dispute which has arisen over the Chicago drainage canal proposition should be referred to the International Waterways Commission as a matter vitally affecting inland navigation and commerce is the position which the Canadian government and shipping interests have decided to take when the matter is further considered. Whatever decision Secretary of War Stimson reaches respecting the matter, the right of appeal to the commission will be reserved.

Chicago's reply to Canada's protest was received here today and was the subject of a conference between representatives of the shipping interests, government officials and Daniel Mullin, K. C., who is acting as counsel in the case. The objections raised in the hearing at Washington, it will be recalled, were that lake levels will be lowered by an average of six inches, if the flow of the drainage canal is increased to 10,000 cubic feet per second.

In its reply received today through Washington, the municipality of Chicago takes the stand that the health of its community is paramount and that the only practical way of disposing of the sewage is by increasing the capacity of the canal. The effect upon navigation is sought to be minimized.

At today's conference it was agreed to forward a further memorandum on the subject reaffirming that Canadian and American navigation will be affected, that millions will be required for compensating dredging of lake and river harbors and that there are other ways than the one proposed for treating the sewage. It is felt that these reasons should be sufficient for Secretary Stimson to reject the application. If they are not, appeal will be taken to the waterways commission, which, Canada maintains, is the proper tribunal to adjust the difficulty.

JURY SAYS HE IS INSANE, DOCTORS HOWEVER, DO NOT

Quebec, April 10.—Among the cases that will be heard during the present term of the Criminal Court here, is that of A. Roussau, who has already been given one trial for the attempted murder of his wife. He was declared insane by the jury. Transferred to the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, he was declared by medical superintendent of this institution to be more clever than the average man.

COPP BIDS FAIR TO MAKE A NEW ENDURANCE RECORD

And Incidentally Establishes Claim to Rank of Marathon Talker—Third Installment Devoid of Novelty — Banquet to Hon. J. D. Hazen—Pugsley Tries to Revive Drooping Spirits of Opposition.

Fredericton, April 10.—The legislature did not have a very busy day today, about all the time the House was in session this afternoon being taken up with hearing instalment No. 3 of the speech which Mr. Copp, the opposition leader, is delivering in the budget debate. Mr. Copp spoke for a couple of hours or so today, and thus far has talked for about five and a half hours. He said he expected to talk about another hour, so the chances are that he will at least establish a record as a marathon talker.

Mr. Copp had nothing new to tell the House today, his remarks being altogether a rehash of what has been said time and time again during the debate by members of the opposition.

The House did not sit this evening, there being a dinner at the Barker House in honor of Hon. J. D. Hazen. It was an informal affair attended by all the members of the government and their supporters in the House, covers being laid for thirty, the only guest aside from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries being George W. Fowler, M. P., who happened to be in the city, and G. F. Heidmann, the Minister's private secretary.

Hon. Robert Maxwell, president of the executive council, presided and acted as toast master, Hon. Mr. Hazen being seated on his right, while Premier Flemming was on the toast master's left. Across the table from the toast master sat Attorney General Grimmer and the other members of the government were grouped about the centre of the table.

Proprietor Mowahan of the Barker House served an excellent dinner, and after the toast to the King, that to "Our Guest" was proposed by the toast master and received with enthusiasm, and Hon. Mr. Hazen made a feeling reply, expressing his warm appreciation of the honor done him by his former associates in the legislature and referring to the many pleasant days he had spent while in the legislature as leader of the opposition, and, after the memorable victory of 1908 as leader of the government.

The Minister of Marine will leave for Ottawa tomorrow afternoon.

Hon. William Pugsley arrived in the city this evening, and soon after registering at the Queen Hotel hurried down to the parliament building where a caucus is being held in the opposition rooms. At a late hour this secret session was still going on.

Mr. Pugsley's visit is for the purpose of trying to brace up the opposition and to try to have them make a little better showing during the closing week of the session than they have been able to make so far. It will require even some other man than Mr. Pugsley to convert the opposition coterie in the legislature into a serious proposition.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 10.—The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Sheridan gave notice of inquiry regarding leases of oyster beds.

Mr. Burchill gave notice of inquiry regarding the southwest Miramichi bridge.

Hon. Mr. Landry presented a petition in favor of the bill to incorporate the North Shore Railway and Navigation Co., Ltd.

Mr. Munro presented a petition in favor of the bill to amend the act incorporating the Eel River Light, Heat and Power Co.

Hon. Mr. Maxwell presented a petition in favor of the bill to amend the acts relating to the Imperial Dry Dock Co., St. John, N. B.

Mr. Slipp presented the report of the corporations committee.

Mr. LaBillois gave notice of inquiry regarding steel bridges.

Mr. Copp moved for the stumpage returns.

Hon. Mr. Flemming said that information was being secured by the department and would be laid before the House as early as possible.

Mr. Copp moved for all contracts, telegrams and correspondence relating to the St. John Valley Railway.

Hon. Mr. Flemming said that he presumed his hon. friend desired the agreement to lease between the provincial and federal governments, and the railway company.

The agreement to lease under the Dominion act, makes it incumbent that the agreement be ratified by this House. The bill will be introduced and the items of the agreement will be contained therein. If his hon. friend desired any other information he would be pleased to bring it down without the formality of an address.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced bills to enable the town council of Milltown to fix the valuation on the property of the Canadian Cottons, Ltd., and to amend the acts incorporating the town of Milltown.

Mr. Copp on the order of the day being called, said when he had moved the adjournment of the debate about a week ago, he had been making some comparisons of the expenditures during the last four years of this government and the past four years of the old administration, and proceeded to inflict a repetition of his stock arguments upon the House.

Mr. Copp moved the adjournment of the debate which was made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

PROSPECTS OF PEACE SEEM BRIGHTER NOW

FIVE THOUSAND TO THE WIDOW OF VICTIM OF WRECK

Mrs. Walker Sues Grand Trunk for Ten Thousand Dollars and is Awarded Half that Amount.

Montreal, April 10.—Judge Lynch this afternoon awarded Mrs. Edward Walker $5000 damages against the Grand Trunk Railway. Walker was an engineer in the employ of the company, and on Dec. 30, 1910 was in charge of an engine running light from Island Pond to Montreal. At St. Rosalie where the double track begins a switchman turned Walker's engine onto the wrong track, and it had gone but a short distance when it collided with an Intercolonial express train, 5 men being killed. His widow sued for $10,000, but the judge held that Walker was guilty of contributory negligence in that he should have known that he was on the wrong track and in consequence reduced the damage by half.

TOLLS ON PANAMA CANAL NEED NOT BE HIGH, HE SAYS

Commissioner Advocates Fluctuating Scale for Big Ditch and Believes Volume of Business Will Be Large.

Washington, April 10.—Professor Emery R. Johnson the special commissioner named by President Taft to investigate the establishment of tolls for the Panama canal, told the senate commission on inter-oceanic canals today that the canal should support itself without burdening traffic with unnecessarily high tolls. He said the tolls should be adjustable to meet fluctuation in finance and predicted that the volume of business would rise from 10,500,000 tons estimated for 1915, the first year of operation to 17,000,000 tons by the end of a decade.

GOVERNMENT WILL CALL FOR TENDERS FOR THE RAILWAY

Second Section of Hudson Bay Line Will be Under Construction Shortly — Terminal Point Uncertain.

Ottawa, April 10.—Tenders for the second section of the Hudson Bay Railway will be called for by the government almost immediately. This section will be 100 miles long, contract having already been awarded for the first section of 180 miles from La Pas to Thicket Portage. No decision has yet been made for the terminals as between Nelson and Churchill, but the former port is the more likely to be selected owing to shorter route.

The engineer's report is being awaited.

BIG DAY'S RACING AT CAMLBELLTON

Special to The Standard.

Campbellton, April 10.—A big day's racing was pulled off here today and an enormous crowd of sports watched the fun. Many impromptu brushes which were not on the programme enlivened the proceedings during the intervals between the heats. The three minute class brought out a fair field, Bruce McBeath's Harry Wilkes taking first money, Allen Wheeler, second and R. Shirley, Bathurst, third. The 2.30 had three entries, and was won by J. Dow of Athol Mills, Shirley, Bathurst, second J. R. McKenzie third. The free for all also had only three entries—Ada Mack, owned and driven by John Underhill; Abbot W., owned by Thos. Ellsworth and driven by S. Bishop, and Croesus, owned by R. Shirley. This race was a walkover for Ada Mack, in three straight heats, the others finishing in the order named above. The time made in all the races was fair, the track was in good condition and everything passed off in a highly creditable manner.

Likely That Anthracite Mines Will Soon Be Reopened.

ARBITRATION DECLINED

Miners and Operators Agree, However, to Meet in Joint Conference — Sub-committee Will Consider Basis of Settlement.

Philadelphia, April 10.—Prospects of peace with an early resumption of anthracite mining grew much brighter today after the miners and the operators decided to sit down together and talk over their differences. When the negotiations broken off March 15, were resumed in the Reading terminal here this afternoon George F. Baer, president of the Reading company, proposed on behalf of the operators to arbitrate their differences; that is, to let the anthracite coal strike commission, which settled the strike of 1902, investigate present conditions and decide whether any modification of the commission's award is neccessary at this time.

In the discussion that followed the miners practically threw this offer aside and the conference agreed finally to appoint sub-committees to take up the demands of the miners with power to make recommendations for adjustments. The sub-committees were immediately appointed and after a brief joint session they adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

Alvin Markle, of Hazleton, an independent operator will act as chairman of the joint conference, but will have no vote.

Aside from the offer to put the settlement of the differences up to the strike commission, neither made a proposition, but the willingness with which they agree to further discuss the demands is looked upon as a good sign. It is expected that concessions will be offered in the sub-committee's session. The miners' representatives said today they fully expect a 10 per cent. increase in wages. Aside from the wage demand that of the recognition of union appears to be the stumbling block in the way of an agreement.

President White, of the miners' union, and members of the operators' committee expressed themselves as well satisfied with the progress made today and the conference broke up with all concerned in a hopeful mood. The best of feeling prevailed while the opposing sides were together.

President White took up four propositions, the award of the anthracite strike commission, treating with the miners' organization, the conciliation board and the wage question. He said the award of the strike commission was never considered just and fair by the mine workers. "The anthracite mine workers," he said, "continually chafing under the objectionable provisions of the award do their work in a state of subdued rebellion. The kind of peace prevailing is, therefore, that which follows the reluctant compliance with an unjust arrangement. There can be no genuine, permanent abiding peace until the award is supplanted by a direct joint agreement."

SHOT SLEEPING MAN FROM LADDER AGAINST HOUSE

Greensburg, Pa., April 10.—Awakened by the sound of two pistol shots, Mrs. Ferihand Salvatore sat up in bed at her home here early today, and glancing at her husband saw he had been shot dead as he slept. The assassin had fired through a window from a ladder placed against the house. A detachment of the state constabulary is hunting the murderer in the surrounding country. No cause is known for the shooting.

BODY OF RICHMOND FARMER IS FOUND

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, April 10.—John Currie, a prominent farmer of Richmond Corner, was found dead near his home last night. He left home in the afternoon going across the field to visit a neighbor, and not returning search was made, and he was found dead, presumably from heart trouble. He is survived by a widow and three children. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

TO LAY NEW PAVEMENTS.

Montreal, April 10.—The city council has approved of street paving amounting to $800,000 for the present year.