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PROBS—FAIR.

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HON. SAM HUGHES FLAYS CARROLL, KYTE AND CO.

Minister of Militia Again Trims the Grit Dirt Brigade.
TELLS OF FINE WORK OF HIS DEPARTMENT.
Points Out that Cost of Trans-continental Would Place One Drill Hall Every 170 Yards Across Canada—Neglect by Old Regime.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 7.—The awful things that were predicted by the Liberals would happen to Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, when he brought down his militia estimates did not materialize today. It became a very tame affair on behalf of the opposition. They found nothing to criticize and contented themselves with generalities. Their chief trouble was that they found the Minister of Militia well able to take care of himself. As a matter of fact, except Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Wm. Pugsley, the Liberals have no men of ability left, and these two are very seldom in the House when there is fighting. When they are absent the opposition are an incapable lot.

The only serious part of the proceedings was an attack upon Ulster and Canadian Orangemen by W. K. Kyle of Richmond, who is an Irish Catholic. His strictures were resented by other Irish Catholics in the House, who objected to bringing the religious cry into the discussion. Kyle not only condemned the Minister of Militia, because Captain Tom Wallace sent a telegram to Sir Edward Carson on behalf of Canadian Orangemen offering help if necessary, but he condemned Col. Hughes because he had objected, when in opposition to Montreal troops being in the religious procession which escorted the papal representative through the streets of that city a few years ago. He said Col. Hughes had not changed his views.

But the most extraordinary thing in the debate was the part taken in it by M. Macdonald, of Pictou, who declared that Col. Hughes should have called upon Captain Tom Wallace to resign his commission, because he had sent that telegram to Sir Edward Carson.

Col. Hughes replied that every officer of the militia is a volunteer, and he had no power to prevent Captain Wallace sending such a telegram. With regard to Mr. Kyle's statement about objections to Montreal militia appearing in a religious procession, he said, the law was that they should not carry arms, and he would see that that law was observed in all such cases, whether Catholic or Protestant. That was all the objection he raised.

F. B. Carvell, of course, had to enter into the dirty work. He sneered at the engineers whom he described as the most useless of them all. He said to get cavalry the Minister had to recruit horses first, and he described the white militia of Canada as "simply a paper force." He advised Col. Hughes to "quit this nonsense about trying to make the militia more efficient."

Col. Currie rose to a point of order when Mr. Kyle said Captain Wallace had offered to take up arms against the King. However, Mr. Kyle shuffled out of it.

ENDORSE THE PROGRAMME OF PRES. WILSON

International Council of Women in Discussion on Matters of World Wide Interest—Receptions.

Rome, May 7.—The greater part of today's session of the International Council of Women was taken up with the meetings of standing committees. The America delegation, headed by Mrs. F. W. Barrett of Washington, passed a resolution endorsing the utterances of President Wilson in his speech at Mobile last October, in which he asserted that "the United States never again will seek to obtain additional foot of territory by conquest."

It was decided to urge Congress and the women of the United States to support President Wilson in this attitude. The executive committee of the International Council voted favorably on a request of the United States government presented through Mrs. Barrett to call an international conference on immigration. It was decided the Washington government should take the initiative on this resolution.

The executive committee also reported a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to be composed of women from each country of the world, which will communicate with the United States government on the subject of the deportation of girls. The resolution was adopted.

Queen Helena has invited the members of the council to attend a general party Saturday, and Thomas Nelson Page, the United States ambassador, will hold a reception in honor of the officers and delegates of the council next Tuesday.

Winnipeg, May 7.—"Of course it is not true," said Commander Evans smilingly when, on his arrival at Winnipeg today he was shown a despatch from London, England, to the effect that it was rumored that he had been secretly married to Lady Scott. His contents at once amused and amazed him, and he asked for a copy of the despatch as a memento.

LIBERAL PROVINCIAL PREMIERS ENDORSE GOVERNMENT C.N.R. POLICY

General Feeling is that Dominion Should Aid Company.
HON. MR. BORDEN'S PLAN IN UNIVERSAL FAVOR.

Three Interesting Features in Further Instalment of Information Concerning Mackenzie and Mann—Money Gone Into Construction.

Ottawa, May 7.—A further instalment of information in regard to the affairs of the Canadian Northern and of the Mackenzie and Mann Company Limited was tabled by Premier Borden in the Commons today. It contains three interesting features. A statutory declaration by Alfred J. Mitchell, comptroller of Mackenzie and Mann Company Limited, is quoted to the effect that they have made no profit on their work for the C. N. R. as contractors "other than certain fully paid common stock of the C. N. R. company and its allied lines."

Mr. Mitchell further says that the whole of the \$225,407,441 received by Mackenzie and Mann has actually gone into construction.

A further sworn statement by Third Vice-President D. B. Hanna declares that none of the banks hold as collateral security any asset or property of the C. N. R. or of its allied lines, with the exception of the securities given in a statement furnished. The principal item mentioned is four per cent. perpetual debentures stock totaling \$300,000 held by the Bank of Commerce for safe keeping on account of the Canadian Northern Railway Company.

The third feature of the return consists of letters and telegrams addressed to Premier Borden by Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, Premier Dillion of Alberta, Acting Premier Calder of Saskatchewan and Sir Richard McBride of British Columbia, endorsing the principal of federal aid to the C. N. R. If necessary to secure the completion of the system, such aid to be given terms consistent with the public interest.

The government auditors appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the C. N. R. system and of Mackenzie and Mann Limited, call attention to the fact that the statement of Comptroller Mitchell, referred to above, had been prepared at their satisfaction from our investigation of the books of the contractors.

James Lowell Died Early this Morning

Death Occurred at 2 O'clock, After Lingering Illness — Was Prominent in Life of Province—Respected and Honored by All — General Regret Felt.

James Lowell, formerly warden of St. John County and member of the local legislature, passed away at his home, South Bay, at two o'clock this morning. News of his death will be learned with sincere regret by a wide circle of friends. He had been ill for some time and during the last few weeks his condition had been critical.

Members of his family will have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Mr. Lowell was a man of great natural ability and force of character. His shrewd judgment and straightforward attitude to public affairs were a source of strength to his party in this district, and his frankness and sincerity commanded the respect of his political opponents as well as the enthusiastic loyalty of his party friends.

Probably the most outstanding characteristic of Mr. Lowell was his big heartedness. He was always ready to help anybody in need of help, and was as willing to go out of his way to do a service to a casual acquaintance as to help a devoted friend. A good fighter in the heat of a political campaign he was without malice, and some of his strongest political opponents were among his warmest personal friends.

Possessor of a bluff and hearty manner, dedicated to his tastes and habits, he was essentially a man of the people, a type of man whose rugged honesty of purpose and kindness of heart is always recognized and honored by the community in which he lives.

Lowell, who was of Irish descent, was a son of Thomas Lowell, and was born at St. Martins on December 25, 1867. He received his early education at St. Martins and entered the lumber business in March, 1887, 1887, he was married to Isabella Lawson.

TWO BRITISH SUBJECTS MURDERED IN MEXICO

JAMES MAY
KILLED IN SPITE
OF CONFESSION

No Stay of Execution Yet for Sydney Murderer—All Prepared for Final Scene — Justice May Act.

Sydney, N. S., May 8.—The last day set for the execution of Frank Haynes has arrived but up to an early hour this morning no definite word in regard to a postponement of the execution has been received in the city, as far as can be learned.

In the meantime all the preparations for the hanging have been made and as far as the sheriff is concerned, the stage is set for the last tragic scene in a drama which has thrilled the people of the Maritime Provinces for the last few months. There has been no definite hour set for the execution, but it was announced to those getting permits that the execution would not take place before twelve noon today, or not later than midnight. These were not the hours generally expected by the public, as it is customary to have the execution at an early hour in the morning.

Sheriff Ingraham accompanied by his deputy, George E. Ingraham, drove to the jail yesterday afternoon in a single wagon in the bottom of which were ropes and pulleys presumably the fixtures for the gallows. It is understood that everything was gotten in readiness for the final event today.

Although all these preparations for the execution of Haynes are going on it has not been yet learned for a certainty whether Haynes will be hanged or not. It has been learned that D. A. Cameron, associated with the crown lawyer for Halifax by the nine o'clock train and it is surmised that he will make a personal application before Justice Drysdale for a stay of sentence for Haynes and a consequent postponement of the hanging.

The Post was in receipt of a message from the department of justice early last evening which stated that no stay of execution had been granted at Ottawa, and that Judge Drysdale, the trial judge, would be the one to grant the postponement on the request of the attorney-general or the crown prosecutor. This coupled with the statement given the Post yesterday afternoon by Judge Drysdale personally, appears to leave matters just where they were before. Judge Drysdale evidently thinks that he has not the power to grant the application without an order from the minister of justice while on the other hand, a minister thinks that the judge is the proper man.

DAY'S REPORTS TELL OF KILLING AT GUADALAJARA.

ONE AMERICAN ALSO
ON THE DEATH LIST

Rebel Aeroplane Dropping Bombs Into Besieged City With Fearful Effect—Continue Plans for Peace Conference.

Washington, May 7.—The two chief reports from Mexico announced the killing of two British subjects and one American at Guadalajara and the continued heavy fighting at Mazatlan, on the western coast, where a rebel biplane executed a spectacular exploit in dropping a bomb which killed four persons and injured eight in the streets of the besieged city. The state department was informed by Consul Hamm at Durango that the movement of the Constitutional forces had now begun southward against Saitillo and Zacatecas.

In the senate Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee on military affairs, introduced a resolution authorizing the president to increase the regular army above the present statutory limitation of 100,000 men "in time of war or when war is imminent or on other occasions of grave national emergency requiring the use of the regular army."

The peace plan, it was learned, will not be formulated until the negotiations at Niagara Falls, Canada, shall have produced a basis of information and an exchange of views between the meditors and the delegates.

Representatives of oil interests told Secretary Bryan that in consequence of their enforced absence from Mexico title to their leases is being transferred to rivals. This is understood to mean that British concessionaires are the beneficiaries. It is understood that these titles are being transferred at Mexico City and some of the Americans claim they face financial ruin in consequence.

Huerta Near End.
Washington, May 7.—Upon receiving a long cipher cablegram from General Funston at Vera Cruz tonight Secretary Garrison called into conference at the War Department Major-General Wotherspoon, chief of staff, and the entire general staff of the army.

VICE REGAL PARTY SPENT A BUSY DAY

NO CHANGE IN
POSITION OF
IRISH PARTY

Senator from Kansas Says England Has Been Enemy of United States in Every Hour of Need.

Washington, May 7.—In the debate on the repeal of the tolls exemption bill today Senator Bristow of Kansas, Republican, vigorously opposed the repeal bill. He asserted that England more than any other country would benefit through the construction of the Panama Canal.

"England," he said, "has been our enemy in every hour of need, and never once since the revolutionary patriots shed their blood at Bunker Hill has she not rejoiced when misfortune befell us. But never has the audacity of her selfishness been more manifest than at the present time, and unfortunately for this country we have an administration in temporary charge of our national affairs which, in its sentiment, seems to be more English than American."

Senator Bristow pointed out that Great Britain, the principal protestant against the toll exemption bill, owns about half the merchant vessels which sail the seas.

"In the construction of the canal," he said, "we have rendered her the greatest service ever rendered to one nation by another in the commercial history of the world, and this has been done without price or reward. Probably five times as many English ships will pass through it as American ships. In face of this proposition for England to ask us to incur risk and then give her all the advantages in every vital that we have in the use of the canal. Yet this is what England asks and what Mr. Wilson proposes we shall give her, right or wrong, because she has."

Senator Bristow attacked the Carnegie Peace Foundation and declared that it has spent much money in carrying on a campaign to bring about the repeal of the toll exemption law.

DEADLOCK CONTINUES OVER ULSTER MATTER

ITALLY WILL TAKE PART
IN BIG EXPOSITION

London, May 8.—Rumors of a further meeting of the party leaders were current yesterday, but were unconfirmed. Several of the Unionists who object to any weakening in the opposition to Home Rule interviewed Senator L. A. M. members on both sides are beginning to express scepticism regarding the possibility of an agreement between the absolutely divergent attitudes of the Unionists and the separatists.

Small groups of members on both sides are working away at the federal idea, but they are practically disregarded by the leaders of both parties.

London, May 7.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the House of Commons, in a statement issued today concerning reports published recently that conversations had been renewed with reference to further concessions for Ulster, declares that these reports "are, according to my information, entirely incorrect."

Mr. Redmond also declares untrue a report that he had been in consultation with Premier Asquith concerning such concessions.

"The position of the Irish party with reference to concessions," the statement of Mr. Redmond continues, "has undergone no change since the second reading of the home rule bill. I am confident the home rule bill will be proceeded with rapidly and that it will receive its third reading and be sent to the House of Lords in its present form certainly before the Whitsuntide recess."

London, May 7.—The vice regal party, en route from Sarnia to Beachville, where the night will be spent, passed through London shortly before ten o'clock tonight. The train slowed down but did not stop and the three thousand people who had gathered at the station did not get a glimpse of His Royal Highness or the Princess.

Sarnia, Ont., May 7.—The Duke of Connaught spent a busy afternoon here today, standing sponsor for the inauguration as a city; visiting the College Institute where two thousand children waving flags greeted the Vice Regal party; the General Hospital where tea was served by the nurses; and various points of interest. Immense crowds lined the route of procession and the Indian bands and other societies turned out in force.