

## DECLARES FREE TRADE BROUGHT BRITAIN MIGHT

Margot Asquith Relegates Protection to Realm of "Little Import."

SEES LIBERAL TRIUMPH

Lauds Late Sir Wilfrid Laurier as "a King" Among Mortal Men.

BY R. F. BOYD.

Special to London Advertiser.

TORONTO, Feb. 27.—In her characteristic fearless and well-thought-out manner, Margot Asquith, wife of the former prime minister of England, declared today that free trade had proven itself Great Britain's savior and enabled the "little island" to overcome great obstacles which periodically attempted to obstruct the national growth.

She went further than that and ridiculed the very idea of protection, relegating that matter to the realm of things of little import, in her usual impassioned style.

"Protection makes for corruption and inefficiency. We have begun to

## Puslinch Township Farmer Receives Fatal Injuries While Felling Trees

GUELPH, Feb. 27.—Robert Evans, a well-known farmer of Puslinch Township, was fatally injured this morning while engaged in felling a tree in a woods near his home. His death took place four hours later. Mr. Evans had just completed felling a large tree, which lodged in another as it was dropping, and it was while endeavoring to cut down the smaller tree that the unfortunate man sustained injuries that caused his death. The large tree broke loose and struck him on the head as it fell to the ground.

Evans had apparently noticed the dangerous predicament he was in, for as the tree was about to fall he called

get some of it through the coalition, which is bringing many evils on the land." With this terse but straight-to-the-shoulder outburst she dismissed the matter and vanished.

While hundreds preach emigration from the old land, Mrs. Asquith is firmly convinced that they are all wrong and that "there aren't too many people in any country. It is large commercial countries that do well."

Margot Voices Views. And so Margot Asquith batters down each argument that is presented to her—that is, if it conflicts with her views. And she does it in such a frank way that her statements never fail to leave their impress.

As each great statesman of her time was mentioned, she handed down her judgment on him, never mincing her words nor failing to give him what she thought was his due. Whether it assailed or upheld, she seemed to care not. She spoke, and her remarks were decisive—final—and she could not be shaken from her opinions.

Of the late Liberal chieftain in Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, she said: "Sir Wilfrid was a great friend of ours—a king—with such fine manners, and we all liked him very much."

She never heard, she said, that it was on Sir Wilfrid's advice that the Liberal Government in England decided to give the Transvaal and Orange Free State self-government.

Assails Coalition. Returning to the subject of the coalition in England today she volunteered: "The Liberals in the coalition do not represent the strength of Liberal feeling in the country. It

## JAILED FEW DAYS TO DECIDE NAME

St. Thomas Russian Answers To "Peter" On Two Charges, But Balks On Third.

CLAIMS "LUDWIG" RIGHT

Claims Cousin Is Man Police Want On Charge of Violating O. T. A.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 27.—Peter Yanski, whichever it may be, was willing enough to answer to the name of Peter on two charges in police court on Monday but when under that ill-fated name the police attempted to accuse him of a third misdemeanor, Peter rebelled and insisted in being called his right name which he claimed was Ludwig.

Yanski is a Russian. Sunday he met a friend in a washroom of a hotel and he was treated to several drinks which sent him on the war-path. The trail led to Center street where he met J. A. Raney of this city who was in the company of a young woman. According to Raney, Yanski attempted to add to the glory of Russia by monopolizing the whole sidewalk and war resulted. Judging from the appearance of Yanski as he sat in the prisoners' dock, he came out a bad second.

Through swollen lips Yanski admitted he was guilty when he was questioned by Magistrate Maxwell. He was fined \$15 and costs or two months in jail.

"Peter Yanski, you are also charged with assaulting J. A. Raney, January 25."

"Guilty," the prisoner muttered. "Ten dollars and costs or one month in jail."

"Peter Yanski, you are also charged with selling intoxicating liquor contrary to law, in January, three years ago. What do you say to that?"

"That I am not Peter at all," replied the prisoner, evidently believing that things were going too far. "Peter my cousin. I am Ludwig."

All the persuasion of Chief Armstrong failed to convince Ludwig that he was Peter.

"Take the prisoner downstairs and let him think the matter over a few days," said the magistrate in conclusion.

BOMBS HURLED AT FIUME PALACE

ROME, Feb. 27.—Two bombs, both of which failed to explode, were thrown under the government palace at Fiume last night in an alleged attempt to blow up the guards of the night service, says a dispatch received here today.

Those responsible for throwing the bombs fled.

TO TRY MRS. VEERSMISCH.

SARNIA, Feb. 27.—The spring assizes opened here today with Chief Justice Meredith presiding. A true bill was returned in the case of Mrs. Veersmisch, charged with attempting to bribe a county constable. It is expected the county court sessions will take the entire week, and Justice Meredith in his charge to the jury instructed them to inspect the county jail and other county buildings. The next case, one for \$5,000 damages, is that of Hobbitt and M. Trusler.

SCHOOL CHOIRS COMPETE.

GALT, Feb. 27.—The annual public school choir contest was held this evening in Knox Church with a large audience in attendance. Choirs from four of the schools took part. There were also solo and ear tests with A. T. Cringan, Mus.Bac., of Toronto Normal School the judge.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 27.—Minnedosa, from Liverpool.

Shots Choice Shells.

In referring to the Non-Conformists, she brought a few choice shells from her barrage of opinions to bear on Smilie, the labor leader.

"I think Smilie is the strongest labor man in the country; though I don't agree with his socialist views. He is an ignorant man and rather bitter. No wonder, for he has been next door to starvation in his time. He is very keenly alive to the injustices that have been associated with coal mining for many generations. But he is absolutely honest—absolutely. Men of his type do not want to enter politics, because they fear it would cause them to lose touch with their fellow-workmen."

"Clydes in the House of Commons is a very good man, I think. But the ablest men in the labor party are at present there. Philip Snowden is a remarkably able man. Ramsay MacDonald, who has the greatest parliamentary aptitude of them all, made the mistake of believing that the war would be unpopular. He was born for Parliament and is ambitious for its life. He isn't truly a labor man, as Smilie is. He taught school at Elgin."

And as the often-regarded-as-eccentric, much-criticized but above all outspoken, fearless—fearless almost to the point of being challenging—Margot Asquith, continued to unload to her listeners all that she had on her mind. She talked of the book "she was writing in bed, and even deviated her path of thought a bit to praise a former employee, a Miss Way. And all the time she held the strict attention of her audience, seemingly delighting in a delving into the inner secrets of a state for gratification of a mere interviewer whom she had not seen before and probably would not see again.

DENOUNCES IMMIGRATION SYSTEM AS TREASONABLE

Rev. S. D. Chown Describes Problem As More Acute Than Railway Question.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Declaring that the "open door" immigration policy for all sorts of people to enter Canada was treason to this country and to the British empire, Rev. S. D. Chown, of Toronto, general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, described the problem as one much more acute than the railway problem, in addressing a gathering of ministers, students and church board officials at the Wesleyan Theological College here last night.

Dr. Chown declared that in some parts of the west the newcomers were learning anything but English sentiment, and there were people, he said, whose interest lay in bringing such immigrants here. They made four European voters for one English-speaking voter, and in one locality they found sixty children in a foreign school with only fifteen in an English school. At that rate it would not be long before foreigners would govern Canada.

"We stand for a patriotic and scientific standard of immigration," the speaker concluded.

FIRE DOES \$135,000 DAMAGE.

MOOSE JAW, SASK., Feb. 28.—Fire last night gutted the building occupied by Blanning's Fair, variety store, Main street north, causing losses which will probably total \$135,000.

## WINS APPROVAL OF BIG GRAND CROWD

Sterling Vaudeville Bill Measures Up To Standard of Most Particular Theatregoers.

FEATURE FILM ENTHRALES

"Song of the Soul," Starring Vivian Martin, Reveals Acme of Dramatic Achievement.

A splendid evening's entertainment was provided the large crowd of movie fans that filled the Grand Opera House Monday night. Not only was every vaudeville act of high calibre, but the feature picture, "The Song of the Soul," starring Vivian Martin, was well worth seeing and can be classed as one of the best screen offerings seen in London for a long time.

Miss Martin has to a large extent taken the place of Mary Pickford, as far as London theatregoers are concerned, as the "sweetest of the screen" and her work in "The Song of the Soul" might be classed as almost perfect.

Piquant and pretty, Miss Martin plays the role of a blind girl, whom life has thrust to the backwater of the Florida swamps where she meets a young man who was terribly burned about the face in his boyhood days when he rescued a little girl from a fire. This makes a fine setting for the romance that inevitably follows. However it is not all plain sailing for the young couple and there are some distinctly dramatic moments that held Monday night's crowd enthralled. It would hardly be fair to elaborate on these in a criticism of the picture.

The vaudeville bill is what is known in theatrical circles as "well balanced," that is to say there is a little bit of almost everything, everything being good.

Jimmy Dunn, billed as a mimic and a whistling comedian, lived up to his advance notices. He was cheered so often that in desperation he had to point at his name signifying that he was through for the evening. His interpretation of a little 6-year-old girl singing "Katy" was an undoubted hit, as were his imitations of all the animals "down on the farm."

George and Ivy Wheeler have a musical offering that is slightly more than a wee bit better than is usually seen here. Their rendition of "Tales of Hoffman" was highly pleasing to the audience.

The three Riccas, in a song and dance revue, provided the surprise of the evening. These three young "ladies" proved to be highly entertaining, especially to those gentle-

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License Board Chairman Declares Department Indorses Fair Methods Only in Enforcing Act.

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Everything was set for what was believed would prove an interesting hearing, and rumors were current that spectacular revelations would come out of the inquiry, but the opposite resulted, and the "large crowds" seemed disappointed when George A. Drew, acting for Sleeman, made the announcement that his client desired to withdraw the charges. Drew explained that the information regarding the alleged bribery was only of a second-hand nature and could not be substantiated.

The inquiry got under way at 10:30 before James Hales, chairman of the Ontario license board, and Major-General H. Mellott, commissioner of provincial police.

Nicol Jeffrey, K.C., of Guelph, appeared for the license department.

Chairman Hales said that the findings of the investigation would be to the effect that Drew having withdrawn the charges, there would be no use in trying to contradict them.

"The department," he said, "wants to be fair, and there will be no tolerance of officers who seek to get liquor by unfair means, and an officer who does will be fired. Some strategy is necessary, but as long as it is fair no person can complain. There has been much fault-finding and criticism of the men called 'spotters,' but the department is not willing to employ men who have not a good record or who have had jail sentences, and I think that the records of the men employed compare very favorably with any other set of men."

BUYS HOTEL AT BRESLAU.

KITCHENER, Feb. 27.—An important real estate deal was announced here today in the purchase by Clements Brosman of the Breslau Hotel at Breslau near here, from Edward Reinhardt. The Breslau Hotel is noted in Kitchener as a half-way house between here and Guelph.

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