

BRITISH MINISTERS SNEEZING AND SNUFFLING SUFFRAGETTES ATTACKING WITH RED PEPPER

Cabinet Member Received
"Private" Envelopes
Loaded.

The Suffrage Champions
Cause Several Scenes in
House of Commons.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Feb. 7.—The London correspondent of the New York Tribune cables this morning as follows:
Exciting scenes arising out of the suffrage agitation occurred last night in the House of Commons while the division on the Lords' amendments to the Scotch temperance bill was in progress. A gentleman in evening dress in the Strangers' Gallery suddenly arose and, standing in the centre of the gangway, shouted: "I protest against your dishonorable treatment of women. You are simply driving them to violence. Women have been brutally assaulted in prison."

Hustled Out.
Most of the other occupants of the gallery shouted a deprecating "Oh, Oh!" but some others called out "Bravo!" Several attendants immediately rushed to where the man was standing, and he was hustled out of the gallery wildly protesting, amid a scene of great excitement.

Several occupants of the public gallery went to assist the officials in the ejection. The man had a paper, from which he had been reading his harangue, but had not got beyond the first three short sentences before being seized. He was led quickly down the back stairs of the House, avoiding the lobbies, and the public halls, and shown into Palace Yard. The interrupter proved to be H. D. Harben, a prominent Socialist.

Another Scene.
As soon as the result of the voting had been announced there was another scene. A man sitting at the back of the gallery made some remarks, but the attendants immediately pounced on him. He was ejected before creating any further disturbance.

Suffragettes are peppering the noses of the cabinet. Almost every minister has received an unstamped envelope (on which an additional indignity two pence had to be paid), marked "private," and addressed in a feminine handwriting. Perhaps scenting romance ministers hurriedly tore open the envelopes only to scent red pepper and snuff. By an ingenious arrangement these powders were inclosed in paper that sticks in the envelope so that when ministers gave the extra tag to get this out they whisked the pepper into their faces.

Many Threats.
The paper, when their smarting eyes permitted them to read it, demanded, with many threats, the vote. Charles E. H. Hobhouse, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was the latest victim yesterday, having to go home for a fresh supply of handkerchiefs. Francis Dyke Acland, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, was blindfolded for two hours, and virtually all the ministers have been affected. The order has gone forth that all unstamped envelopes are in the future to be opened by the secretaries of the ministers.

**J. J. HOUGHTON
IS BEING SOUGHT**

Hamilton Man, It Is Said, Will Be Heir to a Windfall.
Efforts are being made to locate J. J. Houghton, a young man who left Hamilton about three years ago. He was married shortly before he left, and a child was born since he went away. His wife has not heard from her support. It is said he will fall heir to a small fortune next March. He is a son of the late J. J. and Mrs. Houghton, of this city. The police have been communicated with.

COMING TO LONDON

E. W. Cummings Interested in New Shoe Manufacturing Proposition.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Thomas, Feb. 7.—E. W. Cummings has disposed of his clothing and men's furnishing business here to Robert Stirling, who has been manager of the store for some years. Mr. Stirling will continue the business, while Mr. Cummings will go to London, where he is interested in the formation of a new shoe manufacturing concern.

SNOW AT WINGHAM

Railways Were All Ready to Send Out the Big Plows.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Wingham, Feb. 7.—There was a heavy fall of snow all through this district early today, and all locomotives were equipped with butterfly plows, while the big snowplows were kept in readiness to go out. Fortunately there was not a high wind, and but little trouble with drifts was experienced.

COMEDY IN THE COMMOMS

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Feb. 7.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: There was a delightful little comedy in the House of Commons yesterday. The Prime Minister was absent, and as the notice paper contained several questions set Mr. Asquith about the land reform program, it fell to Mr. Lloyd George to answer them. At one point where a persistent questioner desired to know if the Prime Minister approved of a statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the genial Lloyd George replied: "From what I know of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, I think he would be perfectly incapable of making any statement of which the Prime Minister disapproved."

There was a general titter in all parts of the House, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer himself joined in the merriment. The diversion, of course, rendered any serious attempt to follow up that line of cross-examination perfectly futile. However, it was still thought that a chance shot at the promised land reform of the chancellor might get home, but Mr. Lloyd George was quite ready. Advancing to the table, and speaking quite gravely, he said: "Speaking on behalf of my right honorable friend, I don't think the Chancellor of the Exchequer promised any land scheme."

ALL-NIGHT SITTINGS GOVERNMENT PLAN TO STIFLE LIBERALS

Conservative Caucus Decides to
Have Adjournment at Two
in the Morning.

GOVERNMENT CIRCLES
ARE GETTING NERVOUS

Premier Borden and Colleagues
Beginning to Realize They
Face Serious Situation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 7.—A Conservative caucus was held this morning, and it was formally decided to try and kill further Liberal criticism of the Borden naval bill. It was agreed that the sittings should be late, and a rule made that there shall never be an adjournment earlier than 2 o'clock in the morning. Nervousness is beginning to develop in Government circles over the prospect of being forced to the country. It is generally agreed that the Government would find an election at the present time rather inconvenient.

Liberals Challenge.
Many Liberal speakers during this debate have challenged the Government to go to the country.

The Ministry has been inclined to regard these as bluffs, and to laugh at them. However, with nothing but Opposition speeches going to the country day after day, an echo has started to come back to the members on both sides for their constituents. Naturally, under the circumstances, the messages from home, to the Conservative members have been rather less agreeable than those received by the Liberals. Realizing that the end of the fiscal year, and the end of voted money, are approaching, something in the nature of a panic has developed. Yesterday there was a gathering of Conservative members in Premier Borden's room, where it was pointed out that the Liberals had it in their power to force an election, blocking supply. It was quickly recognized that in view of the situation, and the fact that none of his estimates have been voted on, Hon. George E. Foster has put off his departure for Australia, which was fixed for Feb. 10.

The Government appears to have come to the conclusion that it is possibly facing a last parliamentary situation. The Liberal leaders have not yet said that the party has decided to adopt extreme measures, but unite in declaring that they want an election. Whether there will be an election or not rests largely with the Government, but it is beginning to be reasonably apparent that there is a lively fight brewing, in which the Conservatives will oppose silence and long hours to Liberal speeches. The Opposition will persist in the policy inaugurated yesterday by E. N. MacDonald, M. P., refusing to allow interruptions from the Government side. The rule of the House is that a man speaking can be interrupted only with his consent. The practice has been to allow interruptions. However, Mr. MacDonald declared to Hon. Mr. Doherty that if he and his party did not want to make formal speeches they would not want to keep quiet entirely, as informal interruptions would not be tolerated.

Ill-feeling appears to be rising, and this afternoon the Conservatives say they may keep the House sitting from 3 this afternoon until midnight. Saturday, when the arrival of the Sabbath will shut the door of Parliament for the week. The country may expect to see some interesting developments during the next few days.



Photo by Frank Cooper Studio.
MR. M. P. McDONAGH,
Who Was Elected Chairman of the
Public Library Board.

BULGARIANS DENY LOSSES TO TURKS

Reports of Bombardment by
Turkish Fleet Declared
Unfounded.

BIG GUNS AT STRAITS

No Easy Task For Balkan Allies To
Get Control of Dardanelles.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Feb. 7.—The reports of even the few incidents in the Balkan war received here are viewed with considerable skepticism since it is well understood that they merely reflect the views of the respective army headquarters desire to spread. Yesterday's report from Constantinople of losses inflicted by the Turkish fleet on the Bulgarian army advancing through the neck of the Peninsula of Gallipoli, is today declared unfounded by the Bulgarian war office at Sofia.

Bulgars Claim Point.
The Bulgarian staff asserts also that an Ottoman force, which attempted yesterday to advance from the Tchaudja lines in the direction of Izzedine was quickly repulsed by the Bulgarian army, and compelled to retreat behind the lines after suffering heavy losses. The bombardment of Adrianople continues without any appreciable advantage being scored by either combatant.

Military experts here doubt whether the allies, even if they secured a firm foothold on the shores of the Sea of Marmora, possess sufficient strength in siege guns to overcome the powerful defenses along the Dardanelles Straits, even on the European side, to say nothing of the still stronger forts on the Asiatic side of the channel, which alone would be able to bar the passage of the Greek fleet from the Aegean Sea to the Sea of Marmora. In Germany it is asserted that in the event of the operations of the allies actually threatening the forts dominating the Dardanelles Straits, and which serve as the first bulwark of Constantinople, the great European powers possibly would abandon their position as mere spectators.

POSTMASTER MORGAN HAS BEEN DISMISSED

Popular Ailsa Craig Official Is
Victim of the Spoils
System.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ailsa Craig, Feb. 7.—Postmaster John Morgan received official notification from Ottawa today that Mr. A. C. Stewart, of Ailsa Craig, will take charge of the local postoffice after next week. Mr. Morgan is the owner of a large general store here, and is tending devoting himself to his business interests. Mr. Stewart has been living retired for some time.

London Man Had a Close Call From Death Under Express Train

Emmerson Brooks Fell Into Narrow Space Between
Station Platform and Rails as Flyer Was
Pulling Out at Alymer.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Aylmer, Feb. 7.—Emmerson Brooks, a young man whose home is in London, had a miraculous escape from being cut to pieces under the evening express at the local station last night. He and another youth, both, it is alleged, being under the influence of liquor, got into an altercation over the ownership of a watch. Brooks claimed the timepiece was his, and a fight was imminent when the 10:15 train pulled in. Brooks' companion boarded the express as it was pulling out, and Brooks, in trying to follow him, was hurled from the steps, and landed in the narrow space between the station platform and the rails. He was dazed by the fall, and lay still until after the train passed, when a number of people who had witnessed the affair and expected that he would be killed when he fell, helped him up. Beyond a badly-cut face and severe cuts about his hands, Brooks was unhurt.

C. P. R. ENGINE WAS DERAILED CREW WERE BADLY SHAKEN UP

Accident to Locomotive No. 902
Tied Up the Main Line
For Three Hours.

C. P. R. engine, No. 902, was derailed and turned over on its side this morning at the Quebec street station, and as a result the main line was blocked for a period of three hours. No one was injured, but Engineer Liddard and his fireman were badly shaken up by the upset.

ASK CARNEGIE FOR \$100,000 TO ERECT A PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. John Forristal Gave Notice
of a Motion to This End at
Meeting Last Night.

At the inaugural meeting of the Public Library board, held last evening, Mr. M. P. McDonagh was unanimously elected president for the present year. The full roster of officers is as follows:
Chairman of the Board—Mr. M. P. McDonagh.
Secretary—Mr. W. O. Carson, librarian.
Finance Committee—W. H. Winnett, chairman; Thomas Gillen, Mayor Graham, John Forristal.

CIGAR SWINDLER SECURED \$1,000 WORTH OF GOODS HERE

Local Men Will Likely Prosecute
Aziz, of Windsor, When
He Is Released.

M. A. Aziz, the Watford man who was sentenced by Police Magistrate Leggatt, of Windsor, yesterday, to a term of six months in the Central Prison for securing cigars valued at \$193 from a cigar manufacturer of Windsor under false pretences operated along the same lines in this city about two months ago.

LONDON HOCKEYITE CAUSES ARRESTS

Had Rib Broken by Attack at
Ingersoll—Nine Persons
at Court.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ingersoll, Feb. 7.—At the instigation of Patrick Ryan, a London hockey fan, nine local young men have been placed under arrest, and bailed to appear in the police court Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to answer a charge of assaulting him. In a melee that occurred after the hockey game Ryan had been hit in the stomach and was taken to the hospital, which he was able to leave this morning.

SUPT. DAVIDSON IS MOVING SOME COAL NOW

Succeeded Partially at the Falls
and He Is in Sarnia
Today.

Superintendent Davidson, of the Grand Trunk, returned from Buffalo today, where he spent all yesterday in an effort to get shipments of coal for this district through. He succeeded in getting a very small number of cars out, and as quickly as possible they are being delivered. Mr. Davidson went to Sarnia this morning to make arrangements for bringing coal in from the west.

A G. T. R. official stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that there is one of the worst jams in the history of the road at Black Rock at the present time. Thousands of cars of coal and general merchandise are blocked completely in the yards there, and notwithstanding that the railways are making every effort to get things moving, the American lines are bringing in more trains faster than the cars can be gotten out. It was stated that there is little chance of the embargo being lifted for several days. The heads of the G. T. R. traffic department are at Black Rock doing their best to get everything moving.

TWO LONDONERS HAD A CLOSE ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Almost Went Under Wheels of the G. T. R. Hockey Special at
Ingersoll—Were Taking a Short Cut Through the
Yards of the Company.

The presence of mind of one of the London excursionists to Ingersoll Thursday evening alone saved himself and his lady companion from being ground to death under a train in the Ingersoll yards. The man suffered some bruises, but was fortunate to escape without more serious hurt.

The couple stepped off the train at Ingersoll and took a short-cut through the yards to get to the rink. They were crossing at a street, when the special was backing down, and their view was obscured for a moment. When the woman went ahead of her companion, and stepped on the track, the special was almost upon her, and she stood still and screamed.

The lady was hysterical for some time, but soon recovered.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WILL LIKELY RECEIVE A SALARY INCREASE

Request for More Money Will
Be Granted in Part, at
Least.

The request of the principals of the public schools for an increase in salary will be given the attention of No. 1 committee at its next session, and from present indications their application will be granted, in part, at least.
At the present time the maximum is \$1,600 a year. In Toronto the principals receive \$2,200, in Ottawa \$2,100, and in Hamilton \$1,800. In Toronto the salaries are regulated by the number of rooms to be given, whereas, in practically all heads of ten-room schools obtain the larger salary.
Cost of Living Goes Up.
The principals call the attention of the board of directors to the fact that the cost of living is increasing, and that the general increase in the cost of living is responsible for the necessity of a larger salary. The principal of a school is supposed to maintain a standard of living in keeping with the position, and this has been found practically impossible under present conditions.

DRASTIC MEASURES NECESSARY TO STOP CHILD DESERTION

Sheriff Cameron Finds Many
Parents Indifferent to Welfare
of Little Ones.

Sheriff Cameron stated this morning that the number of cases brought to his notice of parents being indifferent to the welfare of their children, is steadily increasing, and that drastic measures are necessary to stop the practice of child desertion.
The sheriff cited one case in which a man left his wife and six children, the eldest of whom was twelve years of age, and departed for parts unknown. This man was ordered by Police Magistrate Judd, in November last, to pay \$7.00 per week towards the support of his wife and family, and for two or three weeks he obeyed the order, but since that time no word has been received as to his whereabouts.
Deserted Families.
Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, stated that he could name some dozen or more families that have either been deserted by the husband and father or that the families have been neglected to such an extent that the departure of the father of the family would make no difference. The case mentioned by the sheriff was, in the opinion of Mr. Sanders, one of the most pitiful brought to his notice in some years. Friends of the wife had taken charge of four of the children, but at the present time the eldest and one six years of age are in the Shelter on the Wharfedale road. The mother expects that in a short time she will be able to make arrangements whereby these two will also be taken care of by friends.

FORMER WANSTEAD MAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

Mr. William Shortt Had Been
in Failing Health For
Some Time.

Mr. William Shortt, aged 83, a well-known resident of Wanstead for many years, died of heart failure this morning at his home. He was found dead in bed Thursday morning at the home for incurables.
The deceased had been an inmate of the home for but three weeks, and during that time had been in failing health. On Thursday morning the night nurse proceeded to his room as usual with his breakfast. She found him lying in a sleeping position with his hands folded across his chest. Death had evidently come swiftly and without pain.

The late Mr. Shortt was a well-known resident of Wanstead for many years. In later years his health had been failing gradually. His wife is at present residing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wilkins, in the township of Westminister.
Mr. Thomas Shortt, stationmaster at Ottawa, is the only son. He formerly occupied the position of stationmaster in London, and is well known in this city.
The funeral arrangements, which are in the hands of Undertaker Geo. E. Logan, have not been completed pending the arrival of Mr. Shortt from Ottawa.

MANAGER GLAUBITZ DENIES THE STORY

Head of Water and Electric Department Says He Does Not Intend
To Resign.
There was a rumor in circulation yesterday that General Manager Glaubitz of the water commission would resign within a short time, and take a post elsewhere. Mr. Glaubitz denied it absolutely today, declaring that he had no such intention.
"Absolutely nothing in the story," he stated.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.
Forecast.
Toronto, Feb. 7.—8 a.m.
Strong winds and rains from the westward, gradually clearing and partly fair today and on Saturday; light local snow-falls.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Station High Low Weather
London 12 8 Clear
Victoria 38 20 Clear
Calgary 18 8 Clear
Winnipeg 4 2 Cloudy
Port Arthur 2 6 Clear
Toronto 14 10 Clear
Ottawa 10 2 Fair
Montreal 10 4 Clear
Quebec 2 13 Cloudy
Father Point 6 15 Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.
A disturbance which appears to be of considerable energy is moving south from Hudson Bay, and is likely to cause more stormy conditions in Ontario and Quebec. The weather continues very cold throughout the Dominion.