

SUSPICIOUS AND FEARFUL WAS CRERAR

Farmer Leader Talks Free Trade, Anti-Imperialism, Reform and Economy.

GOVERNMENT NOT A FRIEND OF COUNTRY

Meighen Ought to Quit Because He Lacks Confidence of People.

Special to The Standard Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Free trade—anti militarism—reform—economy. Such were the doctrines which Hon. T. A. Crerar, Western Agrarian leader, preached in Parliament today.

His complaint was that the Government had lost the confidence of the country, that it was extravagant when economy was vital, that it was protectionist, that its policies on most matters were wrong and on other matters vague, that, in a word, it was a worse Government than, say, Mr. Crerar could form out of the ranks of the Agrarian party.

On the tariff, with which he dealt at some length, he had little to say that was new. Commending the Prime Minister for his frank declarations of protectionist faith, he challenged the sincerity of a tariff inquiry to decide a fiscal policy that had already been determined; advanced the time-honored argument that in so far as agricultural products are concerned, a protective tariff does not protect; expounded the strange theory that because a protective tariff selecting foreign goods in a certain amount, revenue, and concluded that the Fordney Bill—which impaches his entire fiscal creed—was merely an unfortunate consequence of the collection of reciprocity in 1911.

True to radical form, Mr. Crerar was pessimistic. He saw trade declining and revenue falling, saw our trade with Europe steadily declining and our railways with a procession of deficits; and he conjured up a picture of a reckless government floundering while Rome was burning, careless of expenditure and subjecting the country to a yoke of navalism and militarism while it groaned under the burden of taxation. He would remedy such evils by rigid economy, by promotion (he did not specify) of a national holiday, by re-organizing the National Railways Board and revaluing the roads.

ART TREASURES LOST IN FLAMES

Priceless Statue of the Virgin Melted by Fire in Rome Cathedral.

Rome, Feb. 24.—Pope Benedict today received a report from Monsignor Andre Oil, Archbishop of Loreto, showing the loss of irreplaceable religious treasures in a fire in the Chiesa della Casa Santa in Loreto. The loss through the burning of the church which sheltered the world famous shrine, according to Catholic tradition the early home of Christ in Nazareth, is estimated at more than 12,000,000 gold lire.

The shrine, which was decorated with arabesques in gilded brass, and the priceless statue of the Virgin, were reduced to ashes. No trace of the precious cedar wood of which the statue was made was left. Other religious treasures destroyed include the altar, decorated with semi-precious stones, and a sacred dish, supposed to have belonged to the Holy Family, which was lined with gold worked by Benvenuto Cellini. Two silver busts representing St. Ann and St. Joseph, the silver bells on both sides of the statue of the Virgin and all the votive lamps of gold and silver were completely melted.

Paves Way For Start Disarmament Debate

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, paved the way today for his fight for disarmament. To forestall defeat on a point of order of his amendment requesting the president to invite Great Britain and Japan to send delegates here to discuss curtailment of future naval building, the Senator gave notice that he would seek suspension of the rules to bring his amendment before the Senate. This requires a two-thirds vote.

Leading The Farmers



HON. T. A. CRERAR, Head of the National Progressive Party of Canada, prominently called the Farmer, who spoke in the House of Commons yesterday.

QUEBEC LEAGUE TRIED TO STOP CENSUS AGENTS

Senator Robertson Makes Sensational Charges Against Women's Association.

CLAIMS CENSUS AGENTS MOLESTED

Some Had Property Burned or Dynamited in 1918 in His Contention.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Speaking in the Senate today, Senator Robertson, Minister of Labor, declared that difficulties had been placed in the way of taking the industrial census in Quebec in 1918. The government of Sir Robert Borden had been unfairly charged with responsibility for trouble which had arisen in Quebec during the war.

In March, 1918 a "Canadian Women's Patriotic League" had suddenly appeared in Quebec and proceeded to obstruct the census agents by "filling" the duty of all "natural products" at one fell swoop, was "only a short step in the right direction."

Illicit Still Is Found in Montreal

Property Owner Declares He Thought Tenants Were Making Best Perfumery.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The discovery of a very large and unusually complete illicit still, operating under the guise of a perfume factory, was made yesterday by preventive officers here, on the first floor of the building at 247 St. Lawrence Boulevard. Joseph Rosen, the tenant of the building, was placed under arrest, but later escaped. He informed the officers that the premises had been rented by two men posing as perfume manufacturers, who were said to come from Toronto and Detroit, respectively, and who are still at large.

Banker in Trouble Takes His Own Life

Directors Were Ready to Probe Charges Against Him When He Suicided.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 24.—William Bassett, vice-president of the Phoenix National Bank of this city, shot and killed himself at his home here today. Charges of "conduct unbecoming an officer of the bank" had been brought against him by the president of the bank, who had demanded his resignation. The directors were to meet today to consider the charges. Bassett was born in Hartford, and was 42 years of age.

ANOTHER AUTO PRIZE IN THE BIG CONTEST

Five Passenger Ford for Best Work in the Next Three Weeks.

EACH \$30 TO GIVE 300,000 EXTRA VOTES

Extra Votes Are for the First Week Only of the Special Ford Offer.

On today's contest page in this issue appears an announcement of unusual interest.

A five-passenger Ford Touring Car is being offered for the best work done during a three week period between Monday and ending Saturday night, Mar. 19th.

All contestants start out on an equal footing for the special Ford Touring Car. Work done previously in the contest does not count towards this special prize.

New contestants should enroll NOW at the outset of this splendid special prize offer. Their chances for winning the Ford are as good as anyone's. If they put forth sufficient effort, their chances are still good for the \$296.50 Studebaker or one of the other big automobiles also that will be given away at the close of the contest.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—No Long-Legged (a comedy).

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—Steady Brookwell in "The Mother of His Children."

OPERA HOUSE TODAY—Vaudeville and feature picture.

GREAT REVOLT IN E. RUSSIA

Failure of Food and Fuel in Moscow Said to be Cause of Uprising.

Copenhagen, Feb. 24.—Reports that widespread rebellion have broken out in Eastern Russia and that the Soviet Government has dispatched large forces to attempt to restore order were telegraphed from Helsinki today by the Berlinische Tidende's correspondent here, who quotes press reports from what are declared to be authoritative sources.

Fear Uprising of German Extremists

Violent Propaganda Against Paris Divisions May Lead to Military Outbreak.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—Serious apprehensions are beginning to be entertained here that the extreme Chauvinists may attempt to provoke disturbances during the fittings of the London conference on reparations and disarmament, and even the possibility of an attempt at a coup d'etat is being discussed.

Suspend Doctors For Giving Much Whiskey

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—Sixteen Manitoba physicians have been suspended for periods ranging from one week to six months, as a result of the wholesale issuance of prescriptions for whiskey as a beverage, the council of the college of physicians and surgeons for Manitoba, announced today.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA Rev. J. O. Spracklin is acquitted of the charge of killing Beverly Trumble at Sandwich, Ont.

Mount Allison drive for half a million dollars secured about \$200,000.

Members of the Commons ask the Premier if he will cancel the appointment of J. A. McDonald to the Senate, and ask the resignation of Hon. R. W. Wignmore.

UNITED STATES United States is asked to preserve peace between two nations in South America.

THE BRITISH ISLES King's Bench in Dublin declares a state of war exists in Ireland between Crown and Revolutionists.

EUROPE Peace Treaty will be revised to give more consideration to the Turks and the Greeks.

COWARD! SHAME! SHOUT MEMBERS OF THE COMMONS

Lively Scene in Chamber When Hon. Mr. King's War Record Mentioned.

SPEAKER FORCED TO CALM TROUBLE

Hon. Mr. Crerar and R. C. Henders Chief Speakers on Address from Throne.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressive party, today entered the House of Commons to deliver an address from the throne.

Subsequent debate in the evening brought an exciting scene. W. B. Nicholson, Algoma M. P., was the first to attack the leader of the opposition. The more suggestive he declared that Mr. King should occupy a position that would bring him into contact with returned men who had put on the uniform.

Quebec Refuses To Probe Liquor Charge

Royal Commission, is Denied Opposition and Parliamentary Committee is Refused.

Quebec, Feb. 24.—Arthur Sauve, leader of the Opposition in the Quebec Provincial House, was today refused a Royal Commission to investigate charges of corruption by members of the House and of the Provincial Cabinet in connection with the Quebec Prohibition Act.

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MAY ATTEMPT UNSEATING OF SEN. McDONALD

Westmorland Conservatives Seeking Legal Advice on Status of New Member.

PROTEST CONVENTION MAY BE SUMMONED

Resignation of Hon. R. W. Wignmore to Be Demanded at the Same Time.

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SEARCHED BANK CLERKS TO GET ROBBERY CLUES

Toronto Detectives Think Bank of Montreal Theft Was An Inside Job.

EVERY MEMBER OF STAFF IS SEARCHED

Manager Thinks Thief Will Not Dare Try to Pass \$1,000 Bills Secured.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—No solution of the mystery of the disappearance of \$38,169 in cash and \$10,000 in clearing house certificates from the Bank of Montreal here today had been found by this afternoon.

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Temiscouata Member Wants to Know, Too, if Hon. Mr. Wignmore's Resignation Requested.

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