

## NORTHWEST MEMBERS WILL FRAME EDUCATIONAL CLAUSE

Intend to Stand by Original Position to Accept Only  
the Present School Conditions.

### THE MATTER NOW LARGELY ONE OF PHRASEOLOGY

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, March 2.—The Northwest members were conferring together today on the educational clause of the autonomy bill. The more the subject is discussed by the western men the more firmly they are convinced that the original position they took was the best to pursue. They notified the Government in the first instance that the present conditions in the Northwest in regard to education were the only ones which they could accept. But the bill goes very much further. To settle all dispute upon this point, the Northwest members will frame a clause and submit it to the Government. It will embody what they will support and defend. It will contain all that is

now in existence in the Northwest Territories as far as the school system is concerned, and nothing more.

This ought to be satisfactory, but there are those in the east who want to go very much further, although maintaining that the clause as now framed merely gives what the people now have.

The men from the west say that is all that they want, and upon the point at issue they will have nothing less.

One would think that as the matter has simmered down to one of the phraseology of a clause, it would be easily disposed of, but seemingly the reverse is the case. It is not safe to predict at this stage which way it is to go.

## GREAT BRITAIN'S NORTH SEA BILL

Russia Expected to Pay \$325,000 Within the Next Few Days.

London, March 2.—The British claims as a result of the North Sea incident are finally submitted to Russia total \$325,000. This amount it is understood will be paid in a few days without demur.

### THE ARABIAN REVOLT

Insurgents Capture Two Towns Close to Yemen's Capital.

Constantinople, Feb. 3.—The towns of Aab and Yerin, southwest of Sanaa, the capital of the Province of Yemen, Arabia, have fallen into the hands of the insurgents. All Rizza Pasha with five battalions of Turkish reinforcements, left Akaba Feb. 28 for Hodeida.

### NO FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Russian Volin Refused Immunity From Arrest for Plain Talking.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—The workmen's demands that the Government pledge itself to release the 3,000 workmen who had been arrested since Jan. 22, and engage that the members of the mixed commission should have absolute freedom of speech and immunity of arrest on account of expression of opinions and that the proceedings of the commission should be published, have been rejected by the Government, as anticipated.

### A DRUG COMBINE

Cost to U. S. Consumers Annually Is \$49,000,000.

Chicago, March 3.—Existence of a gigantic combination controlling the drug trade of the United States and costing the consumers \$49,000,000 annually, is held to have been proved by the hearing just concluded before special United States Commissioner Marshall E. Sampson. The amount of business controlled by the combination is placed at \$400,000,000 yearly. The evidence taken before Commissioner Sampson is said to be so conclusive that ultimately it will be placed in the hands of United States Attorney-General Moody for prosecution on the part of the Government. The fight against the combination is being made by a large retail druggist in Philadelphia, who is suing for \$100,000 damages under the Sherman anti-trust law. The action was begun in the federal courts of Philadelphia, and the most important evidence obtained is that given at the preliminary hearing in this city.

### A Rear-End Collision

North Bay, March 3.—A rear-end collision occurred on the C. P. R. east of here last night, in which Engineer John Lynch, of this place, was killed, and Brakeman Stortz badly injured.

## COMMONS TIRED OF MR. BALFOUR; URGED TO QUIT OVER SMALL VOTE

Neither Dundley or Wyndham Have Resigned From Irish Office.

London, March 2.—The House of Commons tonight in committee on supply considering the additional army estimates gave the Government a majority of only 26 on a minor amendment.

Mr. Lloyd-George (Advanced Liberal), immediately moved to report progress. He accused the Government of filibustering to gain time and whip up the majority, thereby sacrificing the time of the House. He said it was evident that there was a split in the ministerial ranks, and that the

Commons were tired of Mr. Balfour and the ministry. Premier Balfour said that if the Commons were tired of him it was an easy matter to secure a resignation. A division then was taken, the result being 167 to 191, in favor of the Government.

This vote was greeted with cries of "Resign!"

In subsequent divisions the Government majority hovered around 26 and 28, and the matter was the subject of excited comment in the lobby.

As the House was rising Winston Churchill asked whether there was any truth in the rumors of Mr. Wyndham's resignation of the chief secretaryship for Ireland.

## Russians in Full Retreat From Mukden; Fighting Desperate Rear Guard Action; The Japs Closing In From All Sides

Kuropatkin Withdrawing His Army to Positions at Tie Pass.

### Russ Losses in the Preliminary Fighting Is Place at Several Thousand.

St. Petersburg, March 3, 5:30 p.m.—

According to the latest information from the front, the battle is now general, and of the most desperate character. The losses have been exceedingly heavy on both sides during the preliminary fighting. Although it is not officially admitted, it is regarded as certain that General Kuropatkin is directing all his efforts to the withdrawal of his army to Tie Pass. It is now practically a rear guard action, but the task of extricating himself is proving very difficult. The Japanese have not only driven in his left, but a column is already reported to have crossed the Hun River east of Fushun. At the same time the Japanese are pressing the Russian center under cover of the fire of their siege guns, and General Kuropatkin is gradually retiring before the Japanese advance. The efforts of the Japanese to envelop the Russian right wing have been unsuccessful, but it has been forced back almost on a line with Mukden. Two Russian divisions were dispatched to head off the wide flanking column advancing from the Liao River towards Shinnintin (about 30

miles west of Mukden), but according to the latest advices they were too late, the Japanese having entered the town yesterday.

No official figures regarding the losses are obtainable, but according to unofficial reports the Russian losses up to last night were nearly 7,000 men.

General Rennenkampf particularly distinguished himself during the fighting in the mountain passes southeast of Mukden.

Gen. Kuropatkin's Headquarters, March 2, via Fusan.—The battle is progressing favorably for the Japanese, although a snowstorm is swirling over the hills. The Japanese are closing in on their targets only when the clouds lift a few moments. The Japanese made great gains by night, advancing against the Russian position on the extreme left, and they occupy a part of the first line of the triple line of defenses in the hill beyond the Shakhie. The Russian trenches were run north-east on the crests of the low line of hills following the bend of the river. The main defense lines are higher in the hills beyond. The Japanese right forces pushing forward under cover of the night, gained Furei and Taka Mountains, surprising the Russians, and meeting with but little opposition.

At Furei, the Japanese found trenches encircling the hill. They attacked from three sides, and entrapped the Russians, capturing 60. These were dressed partly in Chinese clothes, and looked as though they had been leading a hard life.

The Japanese forces directly west of Waitao Mountain took advanced positions close to the river during the night. The Russians made feeble and ineffectual attacks on the villages near

the river. A tremendous bombardment is being made westward today. Great clouds of smoke are ascending near the Waitao Mountain, where the Japanese fire is directed. The cannonading about Waitao Mountain was suspended this morning.

The Japanese right is shelling the Russian works on the higher hills, and at noon the Japanese batteries near Waitao Mountain resumed work, co-operating with them. On Tuesday 60 Russian guns were working. Opposite Waitao Mountain yesterday there were only 30. The Japanese casualties in the right army have been very few compared with the results gained. Those regiments camping in the open ground or making night attacks suffered in heavy clothes, are put to the hardest tests that soldiers could endure.

The Japanese attacked the Russian extreme left wing at two points, as well as at Gauto Pass, where during the morning the fortifications previously abandoned were recaptured by the Russians. The Russian positions on the left and right flank continued, while the Japanese swept Poutloff (Lone Tree) Hill with at least 2,500 shells from siege guns and mortars, the latter's projectiles being recognizable by their enormous explosive force and massive splinters.

Towards evening the Japanese advanced on the right wing, where stubborn fighting continued. The Japanese are pushing forward on the left bank of the Hun River, the Russians are maintaining a stubborn defense. The four Japanese divisions engaged in the turning movement on the Russian right on the Liao River today really surprised the Japanese. The Japanese attack on the positions east of Erdos at 4 o'clock this morning was repulsed. Under cover of the artillery fire and a mist, the Japanese opened an infantry attack on Poutloff Hill at 7 o'clock this morning, but were beaten off by the Russian forces. A second attack at noon was similarly repulsed, after which the Japanese resumed their bombardment of the hill with siege guns, preparatory to making a fresh assault.

Gen. Nogai Port Arthur veterans are participating in the present fighting. The results on both sides are heavy, but the results are indecisive.

The report that a detachment of Japanese cavalry has appeared at Shinnintin is confirmed.

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## "RALLY ROUND ME," SAYS THE CZAR

Issues Manifesto Asking Subjects To Be Loyal.

### PROVIDENCE IS TRYING RUSSIA

Believes Empire Will Rise Victorious From Internal Troubles and Far East War.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—The text of the imperial manifesto published by the Official Messenger today, calling on the country to rally round the throne in defense of the empire from its internal troubles, is as follows:

"Inscrutable Providence has been pleased to visit our fatherland with heavy trials. A bloody war in the far east, involving the honor of Russia, and the command of the waters of the Pacific Ocean, so urgently necessary to the conclusion of the peaceful process not only of our own, but of other Christian nations throughout the ages, has imposed a great strain on the strength of our people, and has swayed up many dear victims near to our heart. While the glorious sons of Russia are fighting with self-sacrificing bravery, rising to the defense of their faith, for their Emperor, and for their country, disturbances have broken out in our own land to the joy of our enemies, and our own deep sorrow."

"Blinded by pride, the evil-minded leaders of a great people, and those who follow them, have made insolent attacks on the holy Orthodox Church, and the lawfully established pillars of the Russian state, thinking that by severing the national connection with the past they will destroy the existing order of the state, and set up in its place a new administration on a foundation unsuitable to our fatherland. The outrage on the Grand Duke Sergius, who ardently loved the Russian people, and who met his end amid the sacred monuments of the Kremlin, deeply shocks the national feeling of everyone to whom the notion of the Russian name and renown and his home are dear."

"We humbly beg the trials sent us by Providence, and derive strength and consolation from our firm trust in the grace which God has always shown to the Russian power, and from the devotion which we know our loyal people entertain for the throne."

"With the help of the prayers of the holy Orthodox Church, and under the banner of the autocratic might of the emperors, Russia has already frequently passed through great wars and disturbances, always issuing from her troubles and difficulties with fresh vigor and unbroken strength."

"Nevertheless, the recent internal disorders and the instability of thought which have favored the spread of revolt and disturbances, make it our duty to remind all those in the Government institutions of their service oath, and to call upon them to display increased solicitude in the safeguarding of the law, order and security in firm consciousness of their moral responsibility, as servants of the throne and of the fatherland."

"Thinking unceasingly of the welfare of our people and firmly trusting that God, after he has tried our patience, will give victory to our arms, we appeal to right-minded people of all classes to join us each in his calling, and in his place, in single-minded co-operation, by word and deed, in the great and sacred task of overcoming the stubborn foreign foe, and eradicating the revolt at home, and in efforts to check the internal confusion. We wish to remind every one in this connection that only if

there is tranquility of mind throughout the whole population, it is possible to realize our aims for a renewal of the quiet life of our people, strengthening the prosperity of the state and perfecting its administration."

"Let all those rally around the throne who, true to their holy duty, and consciously have a care in accord with ourselves for every affair of state."

"May God send down on the clergy, holiness, on those in authority, justice and truth; on the people, peace; on the power, and on the faith strength, to the consolidation of the autocracy and the welfare of our dear subjects."

(Signed), NICHOLAS.

### THE STANFORD MYSTERY

One of Dead Woman's Chinese Servants Suspected of Crime.

San Francisco, March 4.—The Call publishes a dispatch from Honolulu today which says that Miss Bertha Berner, who was Mrs. Stanford's secretary, has named Ah Wing, a Chinese cook who has been employed at Mrs. Stanford's home for over 20 years, as the person whom she suspects of placing the strychnine in the bicarbonate of soda. Ah Wing, with the fender picker, was carried off and carried to the hospital in the employ of Mrs. Stanford, is now confined in the Stanford mansion on California street by private detectives. The live six hours, to leave the house. Besides Ah Wing there are two other Chinese servants and the housekeeper at present in the house.

Picked Up by Fender.  
Toronto, March 3.—Today's victim of the street cars was given Brown, of 263 Victoria street. He was crossing Yonge street when a car which, it is stated, was traveling at an unusually high rate of speed, struck him. The driver, who was a Chinese, was not very seriously hurt so far as the doctors have yet been able to ascertain.

Tired of Work, Suicided.  
Brookville, March 2.—Miss Margaret Elizabeth Craig, aged 45 years, who for some time had resided with her aged mother, Mrs. Chamberlain, at about twelve miles from here, committed suicide by taking a dose of poison shortly after taking the poison into whom the notion of the Russian name and renown and his home are dear."

THE WEATHER.  
Tomorrow—Fair and Mild.  
London, Friday, March 3.  
Sun rises, 6:51 a.m. Moon rises, 5:25 a.m.  
Sun sets, 6:08 p.m. Moon sets, 3:40 p.m.

The weather has been fine and moderately cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and fine and continued very mild in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. There is no immediate prospect of any change to colder.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48-56; Calgary, 34-56; Medicine Hat, 42-58; Qu'Appelle, 32-56; Winnipeg, 28-48; Port Arthur, 12-44; Pelly Sound, 23-48; Toronto, 3-30; Ottawa, 2-22; Montreal, 6-18; Quebec, 4-18; St. John, 6-24; Halifax, 10-24.

FORECASTS.  
Today—Fair and mild.  
Friday, March 3-8 a.m.  
Saturday—Fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.  
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.  
Calgary..... 34 24 Clear  
Winnipeg..... 34 24 Clear  
Port Arthur..... 12 20 Cloudy  
Toronto..... 3 24 Cloudy  
Ottawa..... 2 12 Fair  
Montreal..... 6 12 Fair  
Quebec..... 4 12 Fair  
Father Point..... 12 8 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.  
The weather has been fine and moderately cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and fine and extremely mild in Manitoba and the Territories.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 25° above, lowest, 6° below.

## HON. MR. HYMAN'S POSITION IN PUBLIC WORKS PORTFOLIO

Maclean, South York, Wants Pay and Full Dignity Bestowed on Hon. Mr. Hyman.

### NO RESIGNATION FROM HON. MR. SUTHERLAND

Ottawa, March 2.—In the House today Mr. Maclean, the member for South York, brought up the absence from his department of Hon. Mr. Sutherland, the Minister of Public Works, declaring that he believed the Prime Minister had a substantial resignation in his pocket, and challenging him to produce and announce it. Mr. Maclean thought Hon. Mr. Hyman, the acting minister, was entitled to the salary attached to the position, considering he was doing the work. He expressed his keen appreciation of Mr. Hyman's work, but he (Mr. Maclean) believed, that Mr. Sutherland had resigned, thought Mr. Hyman should have the endorsement of his constituents, and thus attain to the full dignity of the position.

Sir Wilfrid said that an election could hardly be brought on, considering that Mr. Sutherland had not resigned. He (the Premier) had no resignation from the Minister of Public Works, and if one had been handed him, would have asked the minister to reconsider it. The Prime Minister challenged Mr. Maclean to tell where he got the information as to the resignation, telling him it was probably a product of his own fertile imagination.

Mr. Maclean moved the adjournment of the House in order to discuss the subject. Then he went on to say: "The matter to which I purpose calling the attention of the House is the somewhat equivocal position occupied by Mr. Hyman in this House. Since last general election Mr. Sutherland, who sat in this House for North Oxford, has been absent. I understand that he is very ill. I am sorry to know it, for I have great respect for that honorable gentleman, and I believe he enjoys the respect of every one in this House. But in strenuous times like these we have constitutional obligations to uphold, and I do not think the position occupied by that honorable member for London as acting Minister of Public Works is quite within the constituency. Nay, I will go further, and say that I believe that Mr. Sutherland has already placed his resignation in the hands of the Prime Minister, who probably has the resignation in his pocket today. I am sorry Mr. Sutherland is ill; but even so, in times like these, if we are to respect constitutional practice, it is the duty of the Prime Minister to resign, or of the Prime Minister to ask for that resignation. And if he desires the resignation of the Minister of Public Works, the constitution requires that the honorable gentleman shall go back to his constituents for their endorsement."

Mr. Maclean's Habit.  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier waited until Mr. Maclean's motion to adjourn the house had been put from the chair, and then he arose and said in reply: "My honorable friend is getting into the habit of moving the adjournment of the house, and if he finds some pleasure in that nobody can find any very great displeasure, and I do not think it concerns the house much that he should continue to pursue such a course. Mr. Maclean says that I had in my pocket the resignation of Mr. Sutherland. It would be my duty to tell the house. The honorable gentleman is quite right. It is the honorable thing in which I can agree with him. For once I congratulate him for being correct in his law, if not in his facts. He stated that he had reason to believe that Mr. Sutherland had resigned, and I would be glad to know where the honorable gentleman obtained such information. I do not think it would be to tell it to the house, and if he does I shall afford him now the opportunity of doing so."

"I will tell the right honorable gentleman what I think," Mr. Maclean asserted, rising from his seat; but the Prime Minister continued:

"Oh, I want to know my honorable friend to tell me where he got the information that at this moment I have in my pocket the resignation of the Minister of Public Works. He has never offered it to me. His information, I think it is to be found in his own fertile imagination. I am afraid there is no other source than that."

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## CANADIANS WERE SECOND CHOICE

Winchester Says That American Engineers Were Favored by G. T. P.

Ottawa, March 2.—Judge Winchester's report on the alleged employment of aliens in connection with the survey of the G. T. P. Railway was issued today. Judge Winchester sums up his conclusions as follows:

"As the result of the evidence taken before me during the investigation I am of the opinion that the Canadian engineers for the location of the Grand Trunk Railway by those having authority to employ such; that had such an effort been made there would have been no difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number, capable not only of locating, but of constructing the whole work. In the word 'engineers' I include all from the engineer and harbor engineer to the transit man, draughtsman, leveler and topographer. There was, however, a very earnest desire to obtain American engineers for the work, and in some cases applications were made to the heads of other railway companies to relieve men from their service and employ them on this road. I find also from the evidence that the Canadian engineers are not inferior to the American engineers for the work in question, and that they are better qualified for that work. I also desire to state that the Canadian engineers are not asking for protection for themselves, but merely desire that no discrimination be made against them, as, in my opinion, there is no doubt has been the case."

## CONTINUE THE PRESENT SYSTEM, IS PREMIER'S VIEW RE SCHOOLS

It Is Believed Danger, If Any, of a Ministerial Crisis Has Been Averted.

Ottawa, March 2.—The feeling prevalent in parliamentary circles tonight is that if there was any danger of a ministerial crisis, it has been averted. The Prime Minister all along has taken the position that the purpose of the educational provisions in the autonomy bills was simply to continue the existing educational system in the territories, which everybody seems to say is working satisfactorily. If, however, it is contended that the proposed clause confer greater powers than are now enjoyed he will welcome amendments. That has been Sir Wilfrid's attitude from the first. The Prime Minister does not want ambiguity, but desires to have it stated as clearly as possible that the existing system shall be maintained. The predominant idea seems to be that the re-enactment of the clause in the territorial act, 1875, which

had the approval of both Mackenzie and Blake, would best meet the requirements of the case.

There is a disposition on the part of some to believe that the clause to the effect that nothing in the act shall be construed as extending larger powers with respect to separate schools than are now enjoyed. The Quebec members would not object to such a provision. They are content with the present school system in the territories, and that is all that the present bills provide. If, however, the English-speaking fellow-members are in doubt on the subject let the necessary amendments be made to give effect to the general desire.

Tonight little interest was evinced by members in the proceedings in the chamber. The many empty benches indicated that matters of more engrossing interest occupied their attention elsewhere. But members do not appear to be suffering from the tension, and which they clearly labored yesterday. The general feeling is that modification of the clause is not a thing which will be arranged which will most, if not all, of the existing sections.

## SLAUGHENWHITE FREED

Sentenced for Manslaughter and Is Discharged by Supreme Court.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, March 3.—In the case of Slaughterwhite vs. The King, the supreme court today quashed the conviction that the prisoner should be discharged from custody. Justices Davies and Duggan dissented. Slaughterwhite is now in Dorchester, N. B., and was sentenced for eight years for manslaughter for shooting a man.