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NEW YORK WOMEN WANT THE VOTE

State Suffragists Besiege Assembly at Albany in Effort to Secure Votes.

Albany, N.Y., Mar. 13.—The annual legislative hearing on the proposition to eliminate the "word woman" from that section of the constitution governing the right to vote, occurred today. The various women's suffrage organizations sent their best speakers to favor the bill. The women's suffrage resolution was to let women vote. The New York State association, opposed to woman suffrage, and the National League for Civic Education of Women, sent just as large a corps of speakers to argue against the proposition.

For four hours this afternoon the judiciary committee of the senate and assembly heard these arguments in the assembly chambers. Dr. Mary Walker furnished the one break on the orderly progress of the hearing. This famous exploit of women's rights to men's apparel, was ready to speak on either side, for, while an advocate of the constitution already gives them this right, and that legislation is necessary.

Although only those on the committee were recognized by the committee, Dr. Walker rose in her seat at just before the hearing closed and demanded recognition. Without waiting for permission she placed one hand in the pocket of her black irick coat and gesturing with the other, launched into an exposition of her views. Chairman Phillips, of the assembly committee, interrupted her after a couple of minutes, with the suggestion that she "submit a brief." When she refused to accept this suggestion, the chairman "laid her down" and Dr. Walker finally yielded to his authority.

The advocates of a sexless ballot did not confine their activity to the hearing. Big delegations of them arrived from out of town before noon, and quickly found their way to the hearing, where they began missionary work on every legislator within reach. The suffragists boasted that they had registered their names in the legislative hall, and the individual delegates were assigned to tackle their respective legislative representatives from home.

Several of these missionaries caught assemblyman Callan, of the Columbia county, in the assembly lobby, and started to pour their arguments into his ears. Callan is one of the youngest and most energetic members of the college, and he looked easily persuaded, but he protested—

"Why, I should not dare to vote for this bill, my mother and sister are members of the association opposed to women suffrage."

"You should not be tied to your mother's apron strings like that," they told him.

"Well, then, board out," protested Callan.

"Never," declared the young assemblyman. "I like mother's cooking as well."

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont was expected to be one of the suffragists, but her associate said that illness prevented her home. Mrs. Clarence Mackay, president of the Equal Suffrage League was another conspicuous absentee.

A BABY PICKPOCKET.

Pretty Little London Girl is Under Arrest.

London, Ont., March 14.—The police have in custody a pretty little girl of eight years of age, who is supposed to be an accomplished purse thief—during and most successful. She was arrested in London store, and has lately been in the care of Inspector Sanders. It was only after five hours of close questioning that she gave information which would connect her with the offences charged. It is believed that her method was to come down town in the afternoon, with the larger stores and steal purses from the children of busy customers. Her eleven-year-old brother was a short time ago sentenced to three years in the reformatory for a series of the "diverted" barbers that have ever been committed in this city. The girl will appear before the Police Magistrate tomorrow in the Juvenile Court.

GRANDE PRAIRIE ROAD QUESTION DISCUSSED

Board of Trade Alives to Necessity of Having Road Built into the Great Peace River Country to Which Great Trade is Made This Year—Will Await Railway Extension Announcement.

A direct road to Grande Prairie, from the point of view of its value to Edmonton interests, was the chief matter to engage the attention of the members of the Edmonton board of trade at the regular monthly meeting of that body held yesterday afternoon in the King Edward hotel building. The matter was brought up by Alderman Lundy who urged immediate action. He was in a position to say that the members of the north had been approached with regard to a wagon road from a point on the G.T.P. west of Edmonton to Grande Prairie. From what he knew of the proposed road from Wolf Creek, it was almost impossible for a wagon road because of rough and numerous streams which headed into the Athabasca river. There would be a great trek to the Grande Prairie country in the near future and the board of trade should be alive to the need of a road to the north. It would be advisable to form an energetic committee to wait on the government with regard to the matter.

W. J. Webster's View.

W. J. Webster took a different point of view. At the immigration department he had recently made an inspection of the country west of Edmonton, towards Lac Ste. Anne and as far as Ennisville. The country along the G.T.P. was of no use for settlement but ten miles to the north and five miles to the south there was good arable land. Was it wise to direct settlers to Grande Prairie while this land close to a train was available? If a road was to be built, the best point was from McKay station where there was good land. Was it wise to direct settlers to Grande Prairie while this land close to a railway was to be had. If a road was to be built, the best point was from McKay station where there was good land. On a route from that point there would be no large river to cross until the Smoky was reached. J. H. Pizarri thought it would be unwise to discriminate against Peace River by building a road to Grande Prairie from Ennisville. It would be good policy for the government to improve the Lesser Slave Lake trail and to branch out a road to Starport Lake and Peace River and then have another road out to Grande Prairie.

A. C. Fraser thought.

A. C. Fraser thought that it was desirable to find out first what the program of railway construction of the Dominion and Provincial governments might be, and on his motion the matter was turned over to a special committee to be taken up by him with the authorities at Ottawa.

Boycott the Boxes.

A number of minor matters were dealt with. The committee on Sunday post office closing reported that negotiations had been carried on with the post office department, but that no action had been taken with regard to the Sunday closing of the post offices to box holders. As a means of expressing their strong disapproval of the closing and to bring matters to a head the committee suggested that members of the board refuse to take boxes at the post office.

Four new members were elected.

M. Hamilton, A. H. Goldberg, Joseph Kelly and Mr. Robertson of the Alberta Lumber company.

A communication from the Bergmann Electric works of Germany.

asking what inducements Edmonton would offer for the establishment of a plant here, was referred to the industrial committee.

Unable to Secure Bulletin.

A complaint was made by a member of the board that while in Calgary he had been unable to secure copies of the Edmonton papers at news agencies there. In other cities it was just as difficult to get the Edmonton papers. What was the reason. That Calgary people never read Edmonton papers anyway was the solution frequently offered by one of the members. The members thought that the local papers should take notice of the complaint.

KELLOGG SCORES STANDARD OIL

Octopus Given Carte Blanche Would Control Way Industry in Five Years.

Washington, Mar. 15.—Frank B. Kellogg severely scored the Standard Oil company today in the second day's argument before the supreme court in the case for the dissolution of the so-called trust.

They have waved the black flag over the land as others have done over the ocean.

"Do I deny they have demonstrated their ability? No. They have shown an ability equal in this country.

With its ratiocinations, its influence, and its money power, and give it carte blanche, let it combine as Mr. Watson suggests, and let it cut prices as Mr. Milburn speaks about, and predict it will control every industry in this country in ten years, yes, in five years.

"What makes a great country? It is the individual, the independent proprietor, who has the hope that has always been held out to man before him. Your honors, it is but a step from combination to socialism, and but another from Socialism to anarchy."

Mr. Milburn representing the Standard company, concluded his argument began Monday.

SENSATION IN EMMETT CASE

Defendant Says Finance Fired Shots Which Injured Him.

Winnipeg, Man., Mar. 15.—The evidence in the most sensational case that has come before the Winnipeg assizes for many years was concluded today when the prisoner, in the trial of the King vs. George Emmett, veteran of the 8th Foot Guards, went into the box and, with apparent reluctance, related the alleged confession divulged to him by his finance, Bertie McLean, the chief crown witness, of dreadful going on shortly after she arrived in the city. He stated, under pressure during cross-examination by T. R. Ferguson, K. C., that she, on the fateful morning of December 16, dressed that night in a black velvet dress, and that he, therefore, said he would not marry her. There and then four shots were fired, two of which precisely who fired the shots, but distinctly implied that she did.

She was wearing the witness box in rebuttal and emphatically denied his allegations and insinuations and stated that he did the shooting both on her and himself, qualifying her story with the statement that the first shot was fired at her by accident, and that she fired the rest in a fit of jealousy and desperation. This closed all the evidence, and tomorrow morning the adjourned trial will be resumed.

Both counsel, Mr. Ferguson for the crown and Mr. Hagel, K.C., for the defense, are past masters in the art of addressing juries and a sensational trial is expected.

ADDING 1,000 FEET TO WHARF.

Extension Proposed at Prince Rupert—First Engine is Running.

Prince Rupert, B. C., Mar. 15.—W. C. C. Mehan, general superintendent of the Mountain division of the Grand Trunk Pacific, has arrived and will make Prince Rupert his headquarters. Several changes in the treatment of prisoners in the various jails.

In reply to a question Mr. Churchill said that the government would lay on the table a rule which would acquire statutory force in the ordinary manner by the assent of which the prison commissioners would be empowered to mitigate the treatment of prisoners in the various jails.

He said, further, that there would be an amelioration of conditions in respect to the wearing of prison clothing, the cutting off of the hair, bathing and the cleaning of cells.

The effect of this rule will be to put such offenders in the footing of the first class misdemeanants.

Shorter Hours, Bigger Wages.

Toronto, March 17.—The annual report of the Ontario bureau of labor shows a continuance of the upward movement in wages and the lessening of the hours of labor. Nineteen cities report an expenditure on public utilities of \$18,811,946; 20 towns report \$289,483; 37 incorporated villages \$28,133 and 40 townships \$32,460; bringing total to nearly \$30,000,000.

RECORDS IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF IMMIGRANTS.

Halifax, N.S., Mar. 15.—It took five special trains to carry the passengers landed here by the steamship "Virginia" and Canada. There is great improvement in the immigration coming to Canada this year.

Quebec or Lewis, said to be voted in a few weeks towards it.

Five-Year-Old Girl Fatally Burned.

Brantford, Ont., Mar. 15.—Florence Campbell, five years old, was fatally burned this afternoon while playing with her brother in the absence of her parents from home. The girl put a piece of paper in front of a stove and her dress was ignited.

HALLEY'S COMET IS HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Winnipeg, Mar. 16.—With the season fully a month ahead of time and April weather prevailing during the past three weeks, reports of spring plowing and even of seeding are beginning to come in. Farmers are somewhat non-plussed as to what to make of this peculiar phenomenon, but they put it down to Halley's comet and are making the best use of their opportunities. In some quarters the opinion holds that a late and severe spring may follow. But many oldsters claim that the country was never the worse for a mild March.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS CLASH WITH POLICE

Fifty Meetings Held in Berlin Alone to Protest Against Election Bill Which is to be Finally Passed in Diet Today—Police Use Guns and Sabres.

Kiel, Mar. 15.—A huge socialist meeting was held this afternoon near the city to express a public protest against the suffrage bill. A great part of the force of several big manufacturing concerns and ship yards attended. After the meeting the police used force to disperse the crowd. Several were injured.

Who Fired Shots.

The police say that the socialists fired the shots but the socialists declare that it was the police. Several policemen had to take refuge in shops from the showers of stones.

Police Used Sabres.

Halle, Germany, Mar. 15.—Collisions occurred tonight between the police and the socialists in the streets following a number of public protest meetings against the suffrage bill. The police used their sabres but no one was seriously wounded. More than fifty men were arrested.

Where Lines May Run.

The company are given permission to build and operate lines by a more powerful power than steam, as follows: (a) From a point within or near the city of Edmonton or the city of Strathcona to a point at or near St. Albert or Morinville; or both; (b) From a point within or near the city of Edmonton or from a point at or near Athabasca Landing; (c) From a point within or near the city of Edmonton or the city of Strathcona to a point at or near Beaver lake; (d) From a point within or near the city of Edmonton or from a point on each last mentioned line to a point at or near Canmore; (e) From a point within or near the city of Edmonton or the city of Strathcona to a point at or near McSwain; (f) From a point within or near the city of Edmonton or from a point on each last mentioned line to a point at or near Lac Ste. Anne; (g) From a point within or near the city of Edmonton or from a point on the last mentioned or first mentioned line to a point at or near Fort Assiniboine on the Athabasca river and may be carried upon and along such road allowances and public highways as may be convenient, but nothing herein contained shall be deemed to dispense with the approval of the minister of public works.

Provided that at least ten miles of the line mentioned in clause (a) of this section shall be constructed on or before the first day of January, 1911.

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CITY FIGHTS THE RADIAL COMPANY

Mayor and Aldermen Oppose Bill Now Before the Legislative Assembly.

With the intention of fighting to a finish the bill to incorporate the Edmonton Interurban Railway company, the promoter of which is Raymond Brunel, Mayor Lee, Commissioner Butcher, Ald. Garfield and Hyndman, and City Solicitor Brown appeared before the radial committee at the legislative Wednesday.

The company was represented by a considerable time by the committee.

It was ultimately decided that the city and the company's solicitors should endeavor to come to an agreement with the committee. The committee will meet the company a week from today.

Bill Allows Competition.

The bill if passed as it stands by the legislature, would give the city power, if they so wish, to build a line through the city or from Edmonton to Strathcona and thus enter into competition with the municipally-owned street railway.

The city representatives expressed themselves as desirous that the proposed lines shall be built but ask that the city be allowed the right to control the operation in order not to jeopardize their own interests.

The different points raised by the solicitors were discussed at considerable length this afternoon, Mr. Brown insisting that if the bill as at present drafted were to become law the city would be subject to injurious competition.

The Incorporators.

The bill names as the incorporators Raymond Brunel, engineer, Frederick Sleyes, civil engineer, and B. Shelyn Scott, contractor all of Edmonton. The capital stock is placed at one million dollars. The company is allowed to issue bonds, debentures or other securities to the extent of \$100,000 for the purpose of acquiring and equipping terminals within Edmonton.

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KILLED IN CALGARY GYM.

In Attempt to Turn Soremost Youth Man is Fatally Injured.

Calgary, March 15.—A lamentable accident occurred in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium at noon today by which Joseph Lynn, a homesteader lost his life. It was Lynn's first visit to the gymnasium and he went there accompanied by his brother-in-law, Wm. Nott, with whom the deceased, his wife and young child are living in Mount Pleasant. Arriving in the gymnasium, Lynn, who was about 33 years of age, drew the mat up opposite the spring board and commenced turning somersaults, being successful the first few times, and then attempted another one, trying to land on his hands. This time he was not successful, and fell to the floor, the fall resulting in a fracture of the base of the skull.

A physician was immediately called, but Lynn died before reaching the hospital.

33 Drowned on Portuguese Bark.

London, March 15.—Thirty-three persons have been drowned, according to a despatch received here today, in a wreck of Portuguese bark the "Sant'Antonio" from Pico, one of a series of small islands.

\$14,861,520 INCOME FROM STANDARD OIL

This is One Year's Dividends Received by John D. Rockefeller From His Oil Holdings—Net Receipts for Quarter Total \$3,715,380.

New York, N.Y., Mar. 15.—The tidy little sum of \$14,861,520 was added to the bank account of John D. Rockefeller today when he received a little slip of paper in the guise of a check, representing his dividends for three months on his investments in the Standard Oil corporation. There have been occasions when Mr. Rockefeller's quarterly check has topped four million dollars, but according to the best authorities in his own offices, at No. 26 Broadway, Mr. Rockefeller in the present time is the possessor of only 347,822 shares of the Standard Oil company stock.

Rockefeller may own other shares but if he does they do not appear in the available lists of stockholders of the Standard Oil company.

Taking today's dividend as a basis, Mr. John D. Rockefeller's income from his known holdings in Standard Oil will amount during the present fiscal year to the stupendous sum of \$14,861,520. The dividend paid to day was on a 15 per cent basis.

ROGERS' RECEIPT FOR \$50,000.

Sensation Caused in Manitoba Legislature by Taking of Receipt.

Winnipeg, Mar. 15.—Something of a sensation was caused in the legislature by T. H. Johnson tabling a receipt of the Northern Pacific Express company for bonds valued at \$50,000 from New York, signed by R. Rogers. The receipt was dated Nov. 21, 1909. In this connection, Hon. Robert Rogers rose and stated that he had no recollection of the incident, but said he would give an opportunity for an investigation of either his private or official life.

The session is evidently nearing its end. Sitting until midnight the legislature passed finally the Grain Growers' bill after voting down an amendment for a six months' hold, moved by George Steele and J. T. Gordon, and the opposition amendment making the governing commission subject to the board of directors.

The Workmen's Compensation act, a most liberal measure, also passed this morning in the form unanimously recommended by the commission. The liquor license amendments and sabbatarian bill also passed the legislature probably be prorogued tomorrow afternoon. It is expected in many quarters this is the last session of the present administration, and that an appeal will be made to the electorate this summer.

MILETT PAINTING RECOVERED.

Pinkertons Apprehend Dutch Painter Who Had Stolen Art Treasure.

San Francisco, California, March 15.—The Milet painting, which was stolen from Golden Gate Park museum early Sunday morning, was this afternoon recovered by the Pinkerton detectives. The picture was found in the possession of Wm. Kunz, a Dutch painter, who is employed as a water at the Teahout Tavern, Kunz when placed under arrest admitted the theft and said he only intended keeping the painting long enough to make a copy of it. The art treasure has been turned over to the museum officials and will again be placed in the museum art gallery.

Chief Used a Cleaver.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Mar. 15.—H. Diersdorf, chief in the Maple Leaf hotel, pleaded guilty to the murder of Lee Wing, another Chinaman, who was an accessory thereto.

Killed by Falling Derrick.

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 15.—A fatal accident occurred at the new pipe line of the Ontario power company in Queen Victoria park today. Ernest Bushner, an employe, aged 29, was instantly killed by a falling derrick, striking him on the head, crushing the skull and body. Bushner came here from Port Robinson a few months ago.

LORD ROSEBERY IN THE LIMELIGHT

Resolution to Reform Lords With in That Chamber to be Moved Today.

London, March 13 (by W. T. Stead)—Lord Rosebery is again occupying a position in the limelight of British politics. His resolution to reform the Lords will be moved on Monday and debated all the week. There are three resolutions, but the first one is the third. It declares: That the necessary preliminary to such reform and reconstruction is the acceptance of the principle that the possession of a peerage should be no longer of itself give the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

Suicide for Lords.

To pass such a resolution is to commit harakara, and no one yet knows how the backwoodsmen of the peerage will relish the invitation to disqualify themselves for seats in the Upper House. The estimate of all reform schemes lies in the question by what conceivable process it is possible ever to give the Liberals even a chance of obtaining a majority in the second chamber. Hitherto no proposal has been put forward to attain this end save the drastic scheme of authorizing the prime minister to nominate a sufficient number of members to give him a majority for the duration of that parliament.

Proof of International Apprehension.

That the Liberal government should propose naval estimates of forty million pounds sterling, showing an increase of five millions over those of 1908, is the best proof of the state of tension prevailing in international politics. Large as this vote is, it does not go to the minimum standard of two levels to one of those passed by the next strongest European power. There is great dissatisfaction with this enormous increase among the Liberals and certain Radicals, and the ministers will only be able to carry these estimates by the aid of the Opposition, a fact that will have many important consequences.

The collapse of the prosecution of Nicholas Tschalkovsky, in St. Petersburg is a welcome surprise to his English and American friends.