

ASQUITH'S RESOLUTIONS PASS 12 ARE DEAD FROM POISONED WHISKY

Nationalists Agree To Swallow Budget for Home Rule and Calm Is Restored.

Government Secures Majority of 103—Uproarious Scenes Enacted at Westminster.

London, April 14.—Amid scenes of intense excitement hardly paralleled since the Gladstonian Home Rule debate, the House of Commons tonight, by a majority of 103, recorded its approval of Premier Asquith's resolutions dealing with the veto power of the House of Lords and heard the premier's declaration of policy for carrying them into statutory effect. Having formally introduced, amid loud cheers, his bill embodying the resolutions, Mr. Asquith said that they were confronted by an exceptional and, perhaps, a unique case. The government's effective existence depended upon the passing of the resolutions into law. If the House of Lords failed to accept or declined to consider their policy, the government would feel it their duty to advise the crown as to what steps necessary to ensure their policy receiving statutory effect. It would not be right, he continued, for him to disclose the terms of the advice, but unless the government found themselves in a position to give their policy statutory effect, they would either resign or recommend dissolution of parliament. But in no case would they advise dissolution except under such conditions as would ensure that in the new parliament, the judgment of the people as expressed at the elections would be carried into law.

Cheers And Counter Cheers.

The premier's statement was interrupted by cheers and counter cheers. There was much laughter from the Conservative benches when he said he could not disclose the terms of his intended advice to the crown. Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition, rose amid a considerable uproar, and said that the premier's important statement represented the continuation of long negotiations with the Irish party. The Nationalists had agreed to swallow the budget, and their aversion to which they had never concealed, in order to get Home Rule.

The speaker's having adjourned the House, an uproarious scene ensued. There were hisses and cheers and cries of "dynamite," "traitor," and similar names. While Mr. Robinson, the Irish leader, who appeared to be trying to reach a Conservative member, who had used offensive expressions, nothing serious occurred, but the demonstrations were renewed, especially the Nationalists, lingered in excited discussion. The hisses were extinguished. The Irish members appeared to be highly pleased with Mr. Asquith's statement.

SUDDEN DEATH OF GLACE BAY DRUGGIST

Stricken With Heart Failure. R. B. Dickson, Manager For D. L. McDonald, Dies Shortly Afterwards.

Glace Bay, N. S., April 14.—Shortly after one o'clock today R. B. Dickson, for several years manager of the Glace Bay pharmacy owned by D. L. McDonald, druggist, was stricken with an attack of heart failure and lived but a very few minutes. He was in ill health for the past week and was advised to go home today and take a rest. This he consented to do and was about to leave the store when he was stricken by a fatal turn and Mr. McDonald, who was near, caught him and assisted him back into the store and laid him on a couch. Everything possible was done to revive him but he only lived a short time and expired at one o'clock.

The deceased was in his 33rd year and leaves one brother, A. D. Dickson, in Hawkesbury. His mother and sister reside in Truro. Before coming to Glace Bay the deceased resided in Antigonish, and later was manager of the medical hall at North Sydney. His brother arrived in town this evening from Hawkesbury to take charge of the business, which will probably be interred at Truro.

12 ARE DEAD FROM POISONED WHISKY

Death List Grows in Whiskey Mystery and Police Plan Active Campaign in Situation—Italian Quarter Raided Three Times For Evidence of Moonshining But None Is Come Upon.

Westerly, R. I., April 14.—With a death roll numbering 12 of which three names were added within the last 24 hours, interest in the alleged wholesale whiskey poisonings in Westerly and adjacent towns, took a new turn tonight when Chief of Police Bramfield announced that summoned to appear in the superior court at Kingston, Monday, had been served on persons believed to possess valuable information in connection with the dozen mysterious deaths. Later in the evening, Chief Bramfield led the police in three raids in the Italian quarter. Although a large amount of whiskey and other intoxicants was found, nowhere were any evidences of "moonshining" uncovered.

Three sudden deaths in or near Westerly since yesterday morning developed renewed attention to the unusual situation in connection with the increase in the death roll here and in the surrounding towns this month. In two of the cases, those of Mrs. Rosario Tatti, of Foxrocket and Daniel Sullivan of White Rock, death may have been due to normal causes. An autopsy on Mrs. Tatti revealed no trace of poison. In the Sullivan case the medical examiner said:

"If it were not the suddenness of Sullivan's death, I would think that the cause of death was congestion of the lungs or kidney disease. I am, however, unable to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion as yet."

While an autopsy upon John McAvoy, 66 years old, of Westerly, the latest victim, has been made, it is supposed that his death was due directly to poisoned whiskey. It is known that McAvoy, who is the father of Mrs. Albert Tucker, an earlier victim, drank whiskey yesterday afternoon. He retired apparently in good health last night but awoke ill today and died before noon.

Of the dozen persons whose deaths are popularly ascribed to poison in this temperance town's supply of whiskey, five are almost certainly known to have been victims of wood alcohol contained in whiskey they drank.

MARK TWAIN SERIOUSLY ILL

Humorist Returns To New York From Bermuda Broken In Health—Physicians Are Hopeful Of Outcome.

REV. DR. PRINGLE IS BUILDING NEW CHURCH

First Sod Turned Yesterday Of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church At Sydney—Will Cost \$50,000.

Sydney, N. S., April 14.—Work was commenced upon the construction of a new St. Andrews Presbyterian church here this afternoon. When the first sod was turned in the presence of a large gathering of people. Rev. Dr. Pringle, pastor of the church, presided and he was assisted by Rev. Dr. Clarence McKinnon of Halifax, and Rev. Dr. Jack of North Sydney. The building is being erected on Bentinck street opposite the City Hall, and will cost in the vicinity of \$50,000.

BRAKEMAN INJURED.

Sydney, N. S., April 14.—Peter Haley, a Steel Co. brakeman, was injured at the coke oven while at work this morning. He missed his grip when getting on a car and fell beneath the wheels, his legs being badly crushed. He was taken to the hospital. It is not thought that amputation will be necessary. Haley is a native of Newfoundland.

EDITORS PLEAD FOR CONVICT LET'S RELEASE

Case Of Young Englishman Languishing In Minnesota Prison Taken Up By New York Men Of Letters.

STATE BOARD OF PARDON APPEALED TO

Special to The Standard. New York, April 14.—In the April number of the Century magazine and in the recent issues of the Harpers Weekly, the St. Louis Mirror and the Bellman, have appeared poems signed by John Carter or "Anglicus" voicing the feelings of a man in prison. The Smart Set also has accepted some of his work and will publish it in the July number.

The first three stanzas speak of his memories of Chopin's sixth polonaise, the song from Wagner's Tristan Und Isolde and the music in a cathedral during his prison days.

The one published in the Century is called "On Sordani," that is With Muted Strings. It shows not only that the author was not lacking in punishment with bitterness but that he has an exceptional knowledge of music and feeling for it.

HOT WORDS FOR ABSENTEES

Prosecuting Counsel In Alberta Scandal Investigation Unsparring In Denunciation Of Men Dodging Inquiry.

Special to The Standard. Edmonton, April 14.—It is probable that a warrant will be issued for the apprehension of G. D. Minty, who is a witness in the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway inquiry and who did not show up when the investigation reopened yesterday. Mr. Minty is still under subpoena and if found in the province may be compelled to attend.

Certificate of Cost.

Characterizing the action of Mr. Minty a gross contempt of court and of the company, the investigating commission, after having emphatically declared he would be on hand, as a great breach of faith, W. L. Walsh, chief counsel for the company, said:

"There is no power in agony or shame, To bar me from the fire crowned heights you hold. In deepest silence I may hear the sighs. Unearthly music that I loved of old, I crave no dole who draw from stores of wealth untold."

George Fife, editor of Harper's Weekly which published one of Carter's poems on February 19, entitled "Lax Benevolence," however, suggested yesterday that perhaps the long years of confinement had given him an opportunity for reflection and retrospection in the silence of the cell which had brought out and matured his poetic gift.

In this poem the prisoner contrasts his own fate with that of his loved ones. He says: "At the days and your lamp is lit And I that wander aimless I may not sip of the glowing fire That burns in your eyes, O Heart's Desire. But out of the lantern's steadfast gleam In utmost dark I weave me a dream."

BEER KEGS FOR SEATS SOAP BOXES FOR TABLES

New Head Appointed To Bishop's College

Lennoxville, April 14.—The directors of Bishop's College School have appointed J. Tyson-Williams, headmaster of the school, to succeed Rev. W. D. Standfast, who recently resigned. Mr. Williams has been for many years connected with the preparatory school and is in a position to take the responsibility of incumbent upon the headmaster of Bishop's College School.

DEAL IN INDIAN LANDS A CONTEMPTIBLE SWindle

TAFT HISSSED AT SUFFRAGISTS BEE

President Confesses To Lack of Absolute Sympathy In Suffrage Cause at Washington Meeting and Demonstration Follows—Chief Executive In Return Has Severe Reproach for Fair Visitors.

Washington, D. C., April 14.—The President of the United States, the first chief executive of the nation ever to greet a convention of woman-suffragists, braved the danger tonight of facing an army of women who would have the courage to confess his opinion and was hissed. So great was the throng that sought admission to the hall that hundreds were turned away.

President Taft was welcoming to Washington the delegates to the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. He had frankly told them that he was not altogether in sympathy with the suffragist movement and was explaining why he could not subscribe fully to its principles. He said he thought one of the dangers in suffrage for women was that women, as a whole, were not interested in it and that

the power of the ballot, as far as woman was concerned, would be controlled by the "less desirable class." When these words fell from the president's lips, the walls of the convention hall echoed a chorus of feminine hisses. It was no feeble demonstration of protest. The combined hisses sounded as if a valve on a steam engine had broken.

President Taft stood unmoved on the platform during the demonstration of hostility—for hissing continued but a moment—and then smilingly answered the unfavorably greeting with this remark:

"Now, my dear ladies, you must show yourselves capable of suffrage by exercising that degree of restraint which is necessary in the conduct of government affairs by not hissing."

The women who have hissed were rebuked.

PHILADELPHIA STRIKE IS OVER

Committee Of 19 Reach Agreement With Company And Struggle Is At An End—Terms Not Disclosed.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 14.—The committee of 19 composed of representatives of striking motormen and conductors from each of the barns of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company met tonight and voted in favor of accepting a settlement offered by the company through representatives of the American Federation of Labor.

The terms of the settlement have not yet been made public, but it is expected they contain many of the features of the proposal made through Mayor Reuburn on March 20, when the company agreed to take back all the strikers and to guarantee them \$2 a day until regular runs could be secured for them. The cases of the 32 men whose discharge precipitated the strike on February 19, will be submitted to arbitration.

Since the beginning of the strike 28 persons have been killed by trolley cars. The accidents the strikers say, were caused by inexperienced motormen.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN SUPREME COURT

Argument Finished In Syrian Fraud Case—Last Session Of Supreme Court As At Present Constituted.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., April 14.—Argument in crown case of King vs. Wm. Ayoub was concluded at supreme court today and judgment was reserved.

In the case of Campbell vs. Walsh, R. A. Lawlor K. C. moved to set aside non-suit and enter verdict for plaintiff for new trial. J. P. Byrne contra, court considers.

PLAN BANQUET FOR MR. FOSTER

Conservatives Of North Toronto To Dine Member Along With Representative Gathering Of Party Leaders.

Toronto, April 14.—A banquet in honor of Geo. E. Foster, M. P., is being planned by the Conservative Association of North Toronto. Mr. Foster will preside and the Conservative Premiers, Senators and members of parliament and the legislature will also be invited to attend.

M'CALL'S AMENDMENT PLEASES RACING MEN

Canadian Association Draw Up Schedule For Season At Important Meeting Held At Toronto, Opening May 20th.

Toronto, Ont., April 13.—The most important meeting ever held by the Canadian Racing Association since the formation of that body was held in Toronto today, the object being to allot dates for the various meetings to be held this summer. Those present were Joseph H. Segram, Ontario Jockey Club; Sir Montague Allan and Colin Campbell, of the Montreal Jockey Club; Judge Monk of Hamilton Jockey Club; G. M. Hendrie of Windsor and J. H. Madigan of the Niagara Racing Association. It was decided that the association would abide by the amendment submitted by Mr. M'Call, to parliament on Monday, April 11th, and confine the meetings to eight days' racing in the spring, and in the autumn.

The following schedule of dates was adopted: Toronto will race eight days between May 20th and 28th. Montreal, eight days, June 2nd to 11th. Hamilton, eight days, June 16th to 25th. Fort Erie, eight days, June 30th to July 9th. Windsor, eight days, July 14th to 22nd. Toronto, eight days, July 28th to August 6th. Hamilton, eight days, August 11th to 20th. Windsor, eight days, August 27th to Sept. 5th. Montreal, eight days, September 8th to 17th. Fort Erie, eight days, September 22nd to Oct. 1st.

EARTHQUAKES IN COSTA RICA.

San Jose, Costa Rica, April 14.—During the past thirty hours this city and surrounding country has experienced thirty consecutive earthquakes. As this despatch is filed, another severe shock has occurred, greatly alarming the people. Everybody is abandoning their houses and the population is panic-stricken. The losses so far sustained throughout the country are estimated at over \$1,000,000.

DORANDO WINS.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 14.—Dorando the Italian Marathon runner won a 12-mile indoor race here today, beating Percy Smallwood, the Welshman, by a quarter of a mile in 1 hour, 6 minutes and 41 seconds.

So Declares Mr. T. H. Crothers In Discussing the Latest Scandal at Ottawa.

How the Government Assumed Wardship of Redmen and Then Betrayed Them.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 14.—The House spent the entire day over the surrender of the St. Peter's Indian reserve on the Red River, 25 miles from Winnipeg and close to Selkirk. This was a large reserve of about 50 square miles for the most part of choice farming lands and including excellent marsh lands.

Last night Mr. G. H. Bradbury brought the matter up showing that about 45,000 acres were disposed of. The largest portion was about the Indians receiving the money, part being paid to them in cash, partly being funded for their benefit. An area of 21,000 acres was given in individual lots. Subsequently the Indians sold their individual holdings for small sums and the auction of the remaining land was carried on after ineffective advertisement and realized small prices.

It took place in the middle of the Manitoba winter. Practically Robbed. "The Indians claimed," said Mr. Bradbury, "that they had been practically robbed of their lands by a few Grit party agents and land speculators under the very nose of the Indian agent who seemed to be looking after the interests of the Indians whom he neglected entirely." He gave the particulars of the way in which speculators got the money, the statements of Indians and reflected severely on the conduct of Mr. Frank Pedley, deputy superintendent for Indian affairs.

The department in January, 1908, assured persons who had bought the land, that the Indians had no claim on the land and that the transfer or pledge by any Indian would be recognized by the department, and the patents would be issued to the Indians without regard to claims by white men or others. This deterred most people from buying. However four men bought about 18,000 acres resorting to various devices to induce the Indians to part with their property and when the patents came they were handed over to the purchasers, 90 per cent of the Indians not seeing the patents at all.

Mr. Bradbury concluded by moving an amendment to the motion to go into supply, condemning the method by which the government secured the surrender and its failure to safeguard the interests of the Indians in the disposal of their land so surrendered.

Mr. Oliver Angry. Mr. Oliver was very angry when he rose to reply this morning. His opening observation was: "Never since this chamber was opened has there been heard within it such a pervading and sustained tirade of unwarranted assertion and insinuation. This in its gratuitous inextinguishable is an offence against the privileges of Parliament and an insult to its intelligence."

He defended the course of the Government throughout. He met the fact that the auction had been held in violation of the government's policy by declaring that the reason was that the crops being in, purchasers would have plenty of money.

Mr. W. H. Sharp asked why the Government held its school land auction sales in June. Mr. Oliver replied that intending purchasers must be given notice of the school lands, whereas the reserve was close to Winnipeg and was well known.

Ottawa's Policy. The effort to secure the surrender of the reserve, he said, had been made in pursuance of the government's policy of administering Indian lands for the benefit of the Indians and for the development of the country.

The reserve presented peculiar and indeed extraordinary circumstances, and therefore extraordinary measures had to be taken in connection with the surrender. That these measures might be beyond question the highest authority obtainable in the province of Manitoba's chief justice Howell, was engaged to do the work. The attempt was successful. The Indians have received their land in severalty. They have received a large sum of money as the result of the sale of the land that was surrendered. They still have the marsh land to be sold as it comes into value. They have received a new reserve very much better suited to their manner of life, of an area of 75,000 acres, and they have received assistance at the hands of the department to remove to the new reserve and to establish themselves upon it.

As a result the Indians have benefited. Instead of having lost anything by the transaction they have gained greatly. The only criticism of the arrangement from Mr. Oliver's point of view was that the Indians had been too liberally dealt with. That they had got more than the country could afford to give to another hand. But the circumstances were exceptional.

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