

LIBERALS REALIZING THEIR WEAK POSITION

Futility of Obstructing Naval Bill Very Apparent

CAUCUS CALLED FOR FRIDAY MORNING

Government Debate on
Second Reading Will
Close Today—Opposition
Spellbinders Will
Then Have Floor.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The Liberal camp tonight shows signs of something doing. Conferences, which have not been rare of late, were frequent today, the corner room occupied by Sir Wilfrid Laurier being the rendezvous of prominent Liberals, including the ex-ministers Hon. Sydney Fisher and W. L. King.

The situation among the Liberal strategists seems to have drifted into that stage when some sort of definite stand must be taken. They managed to avoid calling a caucus up to last night, when notices were sent out for a council of the members on Friday morning. With this caucus in prospect, it has become necessary to settle the question as to who is leading the party, Sir Wilfrid Laurier or those of his former colleagues who lost their seats. Hence the conferences will be known when the debate is continued after the coming Liberal caucus. In the meantime the opposition has apparently realized the danger of obstructing the naval bill on its merits and has attempted to inject a redistribution issue into the debate.

It is expected that the debate on the second reading, so far as the ministerial members are concerned, will close tomorrow, the last speakers being Hon. T. W. Crothers and R. B. Bennett, of Calgary. The floor will then be left to the opposition.

The naval debate held the floor today. It came on immediately after the transaction of some routine questions, such as the answering of questions, and it continued until a late hour.

Mr. Carvell Starts.

Mr. Carvell was the first speaker in the naval debate, and he continued until five o'clock. He argued at great length, that there was no emergency, and went on to assail the Borden government for not having signed the contract for ships, when the Laurier government did not sign.

They were recalcitrant to their duty, he said, and the City of St. John today is not receiving, and will not receive, the advantage to which it is entitled.

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STATES EXPERIENCED CAPTAIN CAN HANDLE SHIP IN ST. LAWRENCE

Pilotage Commission Concludes Montreal Sessions— Pilots Ask New System for Slow Vessels.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—W. I. Gear, of the Robert Reford Company, was the principal witness at today's sitting of the pilotage commission. He expressed the opinion that a captain who had traded to the St. Lawrence for one year was competent to handle his ship without the assistance of a pilot.

Wilfred Gauthier, president of the Montreal Pilots Association, took exception to the view expressed by Mr. Gear. Pilot D. Ferrault urged that a pilot of slow vessels should be relieved at Three Rivers.

The matter will be considered at a meeting of the pilot association, and the result reported to the commission. The commission ended its sittings here today and will resume in Quebec on Friday.

ANOTHER GAIN FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 19.—The senate this afternoon, besides receiving from Gov. Wilson a batch of about sixty appointments, passed the senate constitutional amendment providing for a constitutional amendment extending to women the right to vote. The resolution passed 14 to 5 and now goes to the house.

DID POLICE INCITE RIOT?

Garment Workers and Operatives Clash During Demonstration by Pickets— Four Seriously Injured.

Boston, Feb. 18.—Rioting in connection with the strike of men's garment workers developed again tonight as a result of the activities of pickets. Four strikers were injured in disorders outside a factory in East Boston at which operatives had remained at work. President Samuel Zorn, of the union, said that charges that a policeman tried to force the crowd to attack the pickets will be brought before Police Commissioner O'Meara.

New York leaders of the workers on women's clothing, established headquarters in this city today, from which they announced that they were directing preparations for a strike of 12,000 persons, to be called unless the manufacturers acceded to demands for wage increases.

POLICE GRAFT IN NEW YORK IS ENORMOUS

District Attorney Whitman Gathers Figures Which Proves Orderly Places, Violating No Law, Had to Pay.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Additional figures to show the enormous proportions of the alleged graft payments to the police, were obtained by District Attorney Whitman today.

Twenty saloon and hotel keepers were questioned by Mr. Whitman and his assistants in his graft investigation, and one negro Roy Wilkins, later appeared before the grand jury, to which he repeated his statements, that he was assessed from \$60 to \$100 a month by the police for protection. Wilkins was so frightened after being questioned by an assistant district attorney that Mr. Whitman rushed him before an ordinary grand jury, not daring, he said, to wait even one day for the extraordinary grand jury to convene tomorrow.

The evidence that the district attorney has been gathering from hotel and saloon keepers in the districts commanded by Capt. Walsh, whose confession followed that of Policeman Eugene Fox, and led to the indictment of inspector, now Capt. Sweeney, on graft charges, will be laid before the extraordinary grand jury beginning tomorrow.

It will show, according to the district attorney, that more than 300 saloons, hotels, many of which violated no law, and disorderly resorts paid regularly every month for freedom from interference. The total revenue from these places is estimated by the district attorney at about \$250,000 a year from this inspection district alone.

PETITION GOVERNOR AGAINST INCREASED STOCK TAXATION

New York, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The authorities of the stock exchange today petitioned to Governor Sulzer protesting against the proposed increase tax on stock transactions. Members of the exchange have called meetings of their employees urging them to work against the bill through their assemblymen and senators.

The petition will be supplemented by representations from counsel for the exchange denouncing the measure as "class legislation" and pointing out its "unfairness" to investors.

Members declared today that if this bill and others aimed at the exchange become laws, a movement might be started to move the exchange outside the state.

KING GEORGE MAKES LARGE DONATION.

London, Feb. 19.—King George today donated \$1,000 to the funds being raised for a memorial to Captain Robert F. Scott and his four companions, who died on the expedition to the south pole. The amalgamated total subscribed now amounts to \$100,000.

Arrangements Made for His Departure From Capital.

IS ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY AND AIDE

Members of Cabinet and Other Political Prisoners Released—Huerta and Diaz Agree as to Future of Country.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Reassuring news regarding the fate of Canadians in Mexico reached the government today by cable. Two messages were received, the first announcing the fall of the Mexican government. The second stated that, so far as could be learned, no Canadians had lost their lives in the fighting which has taken place in the City of Mexico.

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—Francisco I. Madero, deposed from the presidency yesterday, will be exiled. Arrangements have been made for his departure from the capital for Vera Cruz tonight. From there he will sail for some European port. Madero will be accompanied by his wife and perhaps by his father and other members of his family.

His loyal aide, Captain Federico Montes, also will go, but in the capacity of a guard. The party will proceed to Vera Cruz under escort.

The execution of Gustavo Madero, brother of the deposed president, was the most tragic occurrence of today. He was subjected to a grand jury, and was shot to death by his guards.

The members of the cabinet and most of the other prisoners were released this morning. Francisco Madero, Jose Pino Suarez the vice president and Federico Gonzalez Garza, governor of the federal district, were the only important prisoners held. Ernesto Madero, the former finance minister, paid a lengthy visit this afternoon to Francisco.

General Huerta who has assumed the post of governor general, and General Diaz had an extended conference after which it was stated that they were in complete accord. Later General Huerta was in conference with the American ambassador, Hon. Lane Wilson.

A group of senators discussed the question of the presidency with General Huerta, who it is understood, will receive the appointment of provisional president at the hands of congress, a meeting of which body has been called.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Although the censorship on despatches from Mexico City was lifted, soon after the change of government Tuesday, the greatest difficulty is being experienced tonight in getting news out of the capital of the latest occurrences there.

During the term of the censorship news despatches and commercial telegrams accumulated in vast quantities, and the opening of the wires necessarily added greatly to the congestion with the result that the overtaxed operators hardly made a visible impression on the mass of despatches awaiting transmission to all parts of the world.

The delay in the receipt of news despatches from Mexico City was accounted for by the fact that many important government messages and commercial messages were given precedence. At a late hour news of the exile of Madero and other important happenings began to filter through.

Will Maintain Position.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Reaction from the severe strain under which the diplomatic, military and naval branches of the government have been laboring for the last ten days, because of the Mexico revolt, was marked by the comparative lethargy prevailing in those departments today. A hasty consultation between the heads of the various departments, conducted to some extent by subordinates, resulted in a general decision to maintain the existing attitude towards Mexico, not only in a diplomatic sense, but so far as that involves the preparation of the army and navy to meet any emergency that might arise.

Though naturally gratified at the termination of the almost continuous battle that has raged within the heart of Mexico City for so long a period

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THE FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN HEAR PRACTICAL ADDRESSES

Yesterday's Session of Convention in Fredericton Proved Interesting—Women's Institute Con- vention Ended—The Poultry Show.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Feb. 19.—The delegates to the Farmers and Dairymen's convention found much in the proceedings of the third day to repay them for their journey to the convention. The greater portion of the day was devoted to sheep husbandry. In the morning classes in judging were conducted by J. A. Telfer and Andrew Elliott, the latter of Galt, Ontario. Interesting discussions were carried on during the classes, the two experts being showered with questions.

In the afternoon Messrs. Telfer and Elliott addressed a large gathering in the City Hall. The former dealt with the sheep industry from a commercial standpoint. Mr. Elliott gave a technical address on breeding.

The evening session was held in the Opera House, and the attendance was one of the largest of the convention, several members of the provincial government being present. His Honor Lieut. Governor Wood occupied a place on the platform, and being called by the president gave a short address of encouragement.

The meeting was of especial importance in view of the addresses by Dr. C. C. James, special commissioner for the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and J. H. Grisdale, director of Experimental Farms under the department of agriculture and the results proved it successful. It is merely introducing business methods into antiquated ideas. By putting the land under rotation, a larger crop is possible, the soil will be improved, and the farmer will reap a greater benefit from the time and labor expended than he is doing by following the present methods.

Lieut. Governor, the chairman introduced Mr. Grisdale.

Crop Rotation.

"Rotation of Crops," was the theme of the addresses by J. H. Grisdale of Ottawa, director of experimental farms for the Dominion. He laid emphasis on the advantages of systematic growing of crops by employing the rotation system and showed that not only will the yield be greater but economy will be effected. Experience has demonstrated that large crops can be raised by means of rotation; a great saving of time and expenditure will follow and only when the farmer realizes the benefits of systematic soil cultivation can he get the best possible returns from his land.

The system of crop rotation, the speaker said, is being tried out on all the experimental farms under the department of agriculture and the results prove it successful. It is merely introducing business methods into antiquated ideas. By putting the land under rotation, a larger crop is possible, the soil will be improved, and the farmer will reap a greater benefit from the time and labor expended than he is doing by following the present methods.

Would Double Farm Output.

"The sooner our farmers come to realize the advantages of using crop rotation the better for the country. The solution of the whole problem of agriculture depends to a very great degree in the adoption of the system. The farmers of New Brunswick, I am almost certain, can under the system now being tried, produce twice as much as they are now producing."

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MR. BORDEN STANDS UP FOR THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Tells Montreal Delegation that Our Transportation Facilities to West Indies Can Not "Be Diminished or Interfered With"—Trade was Built Up Here.

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Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The Prime Minister and other members of the government received today a delegation comprising representatives of the Montreal Board of Trade, Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Montreal Chamber of Commerce and the Montreal City Council, urging that provision should be made for a steamship service between that city and the West Indies, it being urged that the summer service should be from Montreal and Quebec, and the winter service

from Halifax and St. John, or, at least, that alternate sailings should take place from the St. Lawrence.

The Prime Minister informed the delegates that the principal business of the West Indies had been built up by the Maritime Provinces and that this business seemed capable of considerable development, that while the government would be glad to consider the necessity for assistance to a freight service from the St. Lawrence, the transportation facilities to the West Indies heretofore enjoyed by the Maritime Provinces could not be diminished or interfered with.

SUFFRAGETTE LEADER ADMITS WRECKING THE CHANCELLOR'S HOUSE

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst De- clares She is Ready to Take all the Blame—Will Go on Hunger Strike.

Cardiff, Wales, Feb. 19.—"We have blown up the chancellor of the exchequer's house," said Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, addressing an enthusiastic meeting of suffragettes here tonight. "The authorities need not look for the women who actually did it. I personally accept full responsibility for it. Mrs. Pankhurst declared that if she were sent to penal servitude, "I would go on hunger strike."

"The government will then either have to set me free," she added, "or let me die. If I drop out of a hundred women are ready to take my place."

LATE SHIPPING.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 19.—Ard sch Jereenth Smith, Matland, N. S.; sch Otaka, Mabone Bay, Vineyard Haven, Feb. 19.—Sld sch Wilens Gertrude, Halifax, N. S.; sch Kenneth C. Lunenburg, N. S.; sch William P. Litchfield, Bath, Me.

CLERK CAUGHT BOLD ROBBER

Attempted Hold Up of Jewelry Store on Broadway in Rush Hour—Throgs Assist to Capture Thieves.

New York, Feb. 19.—Rush hour throngs on Broadway witnessed an attempted hold-up this afternoon, gave first aid to the victim and captured one of the assailants.

The hold-up was attempted by two men who entered the jewelry establishment of Henry G. Blocker and company in the financial section. They went to buy diamond ear rings, they said. A clerk brought out a tray containing \$5,000 worth, for their inspection. They knocked him down, grabbed the gems and bolted for the door, but he regained his feet in time to catch the man with the tray, recover the jewelry and held the burglar till the crowd came to his relief.

He said he was John Cahill, a teamster, but central office detectives declared that he was Thomas Kelly, a member of the notorious "gas house" gang.

PENNSYLVANIA COAL MINERS DEFEATED A STRIKE RESOLUTION

40,000 Miners Refuse to Assist West Virginia Strikers— Was Aimed at Closing Strike Orders.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 19.—A sympathetic walkout of upwards of 40,000 miners in western Pennsylvania to aid the striking miners in West Virginia was urged and defeated in resolutions presented today to the convention of District No. 6, United Mine Workers of America, denounced Governor William E. Glasscock, the West Virginia coal operators and the militia.

The resolutions proposed to call strikes in any mines in the Pittsburgh district filling an order, the West Virginia strikers would be filling if they had remained at work. It was designed, it is alleged, to reach any coal operator in the Pennsylvania field profiting through the strike in West Virginia.

CANADIAN TRADE GROWING RAPIDLY

Customs Revenue Imports and Exports from Beginning of Fiscal Year to End of Janu- ary Show Increase.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—During the ten months from the beginning of the fiscal year to the end of January, the customs revenue of Canada amounted to \$94,223,826.

During the corresponding period in 1911-12 the customs revenue was \$70,268,252, the increase thus being \$24,065,574. This works out at an increase of 34 per cent, or more than one-third.

The total trade of Canada in January 1913, was \$75,871,000, as against \$65,680,000, an increase of over 12,000,000, or nearly 20 per cent.

For the ten months ending January 31 last, the total trade was \$884,332,000, as against \$711,199,000 in the corresponding period in the last fiscal year, an advance of \$173,133,000, or nearly one-quarter.

The imports in January last were \$52,752,000 as against \$38,662,000 a year ago, an increase of \$14,090,000, or not far short of 40 per cent.

For the ten months period the imports were \$549,445,000, an increase of \$128,000,000 over the \$421,144,000 of the ten months period of 1911-12. The exports in January, 1913, were \$19,570,000 as against \$19,557,000 in January, 1912.

In the ten months period just concluded domestic exports were \$298,022,000, as against \$246,442,000 in the same period a year ago.

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Canada's State Prisoner in Rather Difficult Position

NOT LIKELY TO BE MUCH OF A JOKE

Government Determined to Probe \$41,000 Graft Transaction, and if Miller Does Not Speak He Will Go to Jail.

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Ottawa, Feb. 19.—R. C. Miller is still a prisoner of the state. He has not yet consented to answer the question as to the payment of the \$41,000, although it is said that a Montreal man has been informed as to what was done with part of the money.

Miller was not brought before the bar of the House today. He will be brought in tomorrow afternoon, and a motion made to commit him. He has been, and is still in the custody of the acting sergeant at arms, Capt. Bowie, but this is not to continue indefinitely.

Those who have his case in charge are satisfied that the procedure defined by the British precedents can be followed here and that the man can be continued in the local jail. If he goes to jail he is likely to remain there until prorogation unless he decides to answer the question put to him in the House. He could, of course, obtain his liberty at the end of the session but could be summoned again to public accounts committees and later in the House. He could, of course, obtain his liberty at the end of the session but could be summoned again to public accounts committees and later in the House.

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FREDERICTON NEWS

Lieutenant Governor Holds Re- ception—Death of Louis Lavine.

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Fredericton, Feb. 19.—Lt. Governor and Mrs. Wood held their second reception at the Queen Hotel. Miss Tait of Shediac and Miss deSoyres of St. John assisted in receiving and about 100 attended, including many of the out-of-town visitors.

Louis Lavine, a local junk dealer, died suddenly tonight of heart trouble, aged 42 years. He was well known in St. John and recently was involved in a case with the Bank of New Brunswick and S. Arscott and Co., of St. John.

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