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GOVT'S WORD MUST BE KEPT; HOUSE BACKS UP PRESTON

The Opposition Backs Down When Challenged to Make a Definite Charge.

PREMIER OFFERS TO GIVE NAMES TO MR. BORDEN

Ottawa, June 4.—With the statement of the Prime Minister that he had looked over the names of the shareholders of the North Atlantic Trading Company, and found they were respectable firms in Holland, Germany, and Russia, and with an offer of confidential submission thereof to the leader of the Opposition or any committee he might name, which offer was rejected, the House today absolved Mr. W. T. R. Preston from the obligation to make the names public in the committee of agriculture. This off-dressed subject was revived by Mr. Monk in a motion that Mr. Preston be summoned to the bar of the House and required to answer the questions, "If there is anything on which any British country prides itself it is that its word, once given, is to be respected under all circumstances." With that stirring appeal Sir Wilfrid Laurier met the arguments of Mr. Monk. The Premier quoted Todd, the well-known parliamentary authority, against unwarrantable intrusion in private affairs except for just cause, and in the absence of any specific charge he said no just cause existed. He moved an amendment referring to the exceptional circumstances of continental work, requiring secrecy, averring that the House would not compel the minister or any officer of the Government to violate an engagement thus made. Mr. R. L. Borden's remarks were brief; his chief point was that if secrecy had been promised it had been broken by bringing down the contract last year. The debate following lasted till 11 p.m., and when the division came the amendment was carried by a majority of 48. Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Armand Lavergne voting with the Opposition.

Mr. Monk's Argument.

Mr. Monk quoted authorities and presented arguments to show that Parliament was the proper body to compel a recalcitrant witness to answer questions, and Parliament, both by British precedent and Canadian practice since Confederation, had the undoubted right to question witnesses and power to enforce its authority in the matter. He sketched the various stages of the negotiations between the immigration department and representatives of the syndicate, culminating in the agreement which was made and to the refusal of both Mr. Smutt, ex-deputy minister of the interior, and W. T. R. Preston, commissioner of immigration, to disclose the names of those who conducted the negotiations or composed the company. Although notice of cancellation of the contract had been given, Mr. Monk doubted whether, as claimed by the company, it would be terminated in less than four years. He read the evidence given by Mr. Preston before the committee on agriculture, stating that he could not, without violating a principle of honor, which he was sure the committee would not ask him to do, disclose the names of the syndicate, which had been entrusted to him under the seal of confidence, without the permission of the committee. It was, Mr. Monk argued, contrary to the principles of representative government that the people of Canada should make a contract with

people in Europe, to whom they would be required to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars, and that they should not be allowed to know to whom they were paying the money. There was, he contended, no question regarding the legality of the agreement, and, therefore, no need for secrecy respecting the personnel of the company. The contract provided that the company should not contravene the laws of the countries in which they operated, and the Government of Canada had lived up to its part of the contract.

The Premier's Reply.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply, said there was no question as to the power of Parliament in reference to the matter, but the motion was in the nature of an appeal from the decision of the committee of agriculture. Mr. Preston had answered all the questions fully and satisfactorily, except one that he would not give the names of the parties with whom he negotiated the contract, because the relations with them were carried on under a pledge that their names would not be disclosed. The question before the House was whether it would order Mr. Preston to answer the question. The committee on agriculture, which dealt with the matter, had not deemed it advisable to force Mr. Preston to answer the question. There the matter rested. The sentiment of that committee was not in favor of forcing Mr. Preston to go back on the word he had given. Personally, Sir Wilfrid said, he had always taken the position in the House that it was good policy to support the decisions arrived at by any committee to which a subject was relegated. Under all such circumstances it was better to follow the decision of the committee unless the dominant paramount interest of the public necessitated different action. The question was whether or not it was advisable now to go behind that decision and take a new departure. As to the evidence taken by the committee, the Premier said, he was forced to take Mr. Monk's version of it, and he was prepared to do so. Discussing the general question of business integrity, Sir Wilfrid took the ground that anybody would hesitate before requiring an official to go back upon his bonded word given, unless, indeed, it was shown that public necessity made it imperative that all ordinary considerations which governed men in business relations should be aside. It was a fact that for the last 30 years the Government had had an immigration propaganda in certain countries in Europe. A different course had been followed in those countries to that followed by Great Britain, the United States and France. In those countries Canada had her own agents, but in Germany, Holland, Austria, Hungary, and in other countries in Central Europe Canada had departed from that system, and had paid a host to book agents based upon the number of immigrants they have sent to this country.

Lord Strathcona's Letter.

With regard to the conditions under which the contract was made, Sir Wilfrid said he could not do better than quote the letter of Lord Strathcona, which gave the history of the transaction from the commencement. The Premier then read the letter, which has been continued on Page Nine.

ASKS PRESTON'S DISMISSAL

Montreal Metal Workers Say He Ran Crooked Business.

Montreal, June 5.—Resolutions condemning the immigration policy of the Government, and demanding the dismissal of W. T. R. Preston, immigration commissioner, were adopted at last night's meeting of the Iron and Metal Workers' Association. Some of the members expressed the opinion that it would be better to wait until the Government had made a pronouncement upon the question.

Some of the speakers said that Preston was the originator and promoter of the alleged dishonest immigration bureau at Charing Cross, London.

LONDON STUDENTS' FINE SHOWING AT THE TORONTO VARSITY EXAMS

Ex-Collegiate Boys and Girls Carry Off High and Many Honors.

The London Collegiate Institute staff have every reason to be proud of the standing taken by a number of the Forest City students at the recent Toronto University examinations. Mr. F. C. Bowman, son of Prof. Bowman, a fourth-year student, stood first in the first class honor list in chemistry and mineralogy. Mr. Bowman simply repeated his work in the three preceding years, when he headed the honor list for his class. He also has the proud distinction of winning more scholarships at Toronto University than any other London student who has ever attended the big institution. Mr. J. W. Cahoon, a fourth-year student, also did very well, being second in the first class honors in classics. Mr. Cahoon has stood second each year

WHY WASN'T OSLER THERE?

55 Years Old Walks 85 Miles Within Twenty-Four Hours.
Toronto, June 5.—James Reynolds, aged 55 years, the barber, and old-time athlete of Port Hope, who started from Port Hope at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, to walk to Toronto, a distance of 65 miles within 24 hours, on a wager of \$135, arrived here at 3:30 a.m. He was in good condition and declared himself ready to bet \$500 to \$1,000 that he could walk back again within 24 hours. Reynolds was accompanied all the way to Toronto by four men in a rig.

GUEST KILLS GUEST AT A BRIDAL PARTY

Wedding Festivities in a Brooklyn Home Wind Up Tragically.

New York, June 5.—In the midst of gaiety attending a birthday party in South Brooklyn early today, one of the guests killed another, and subsequently shot and fatally wounded the latter's wife. The alleged murderer escaped.

In honor of the birthday of his bride John Keller gave a party last night to thirty of his friends, and among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Keller. While supper was being served at 12:30 o'clock this morning John Kilbright, one of the guests is alleged to have made in an undertone an insulting remark to Mrs. Keller. Her husband overheard it and immediately demanded an apology.

Without answer Kilbright is alleged to have risen to his feet and shot Keller through the head, killing him instantly. In terror and confusion the guests as well as the Kellers fled, except Mrs. Keller and Kilbright.

Keller went to call an ambulance from the Northern Hospital, which arrived very quickly, and the surgeon said Keller was dead. He then drove away.

When the Kellers re-entered their home they heard groans, and when they found Mrs. Keller lying under a bed in a room on the second floor. She was fatally wounded, but said that when the others ran away Kilbright had pursued her with his pistol, to the upper floor, and following her into the bedroom had shot her. The ambulance was recalled and she was taken to the hospital.

A LIGHT SENTENCE

Girl Slave Who Murdered Master Given Two Years.

New York, N. Y., June 4.—Berthe Clalche, who pleaded guilty of manslaughter in the first degree for the killing of Emile Gerdron, was today sentenced to not less than two years and two months nor more than five years' imprisonment by Judge Davis. The maximum penalty for the crime is 20 years.

PAVEMENT COMPLETED

Warren Company Gets Through With Richmond Street Work.

The Warren Paving Company completed the pavement on Richmond street north last evening. The pavement, from Fullerton to Oxford streets, cost about \$32,000. The city will pay for about one-third of this, and the property owners for the remainder.

CHARGED WITH RAPE

Farmhand Near Bowmanville Arrested on Serious Accusation.

Bowmanville, June 4.—William Cole, a farmhand in the employ of William J. Snowden, Darlington, lies in the lockup awaiting trial on a charge of rape.

As the little 6-year-old adopted daughter of William Tordiff, who lives two miles northwest of Bowmanville, was going to Sunday school alone yesterday afternoon she was seized by a young man and carried into a clump of bushes and criminally assaulted.

She afterwards went to Sunday school at Maple Grove, and on returning home informed Mrs. Tordiff of what had happened.

She brought the little maid, who is only in her seventh year, to town, and had her examined by a doctor, who confirmed her story regarding an assault.

Mr. Tordiff then laid a charge of rape against the young man, who was immediately arrested by Richard Jarvis, chief of police, and incarcerated in the jail here.

This morning he appeared before Police Magistrate Horsey and was remanded to trial tomorrow for trial. The young man has lived in the neighborhood six or seven years and has heretofore borne a good character.

TULL SENT FOR TRIAL

Caradoc Farmer Must Face Court on a Serious Charge.

Thomas Tull, the young Caradoc farmer, who is alleged to have seriously wounded Edwin Sparksman, a neighbor, during a fight on May 18, was sent for trial for the offense yesterday by Squire Chittick.

The only witness examined was Sparksman. He is still very weak as a result of the injuries received. He told about the quarrel with Robert Tull over a cow that had been injured, and of the subsequent attack by Thomas Tull. It was a most brutal and cowardly assault, according to the statement of Sparksman.

J. M. McEvoy made a plea for Tull's acquittal, alleging that the injuries were received in a fight commenced by Sparksman, but Squire Chittick thought that a prima facie case had been made out, and sent it on to a higher court.

STEAMERS ARRIVED

Grat Waldersee, New York.....Hamburg
Minnetonka.....New York.....London
Corinthian.....Glasgow.....Montreal
Laurentian.....Boston.....New York
Princess Alice.....Bremen.....New York
Lombardia.....Genoa.....New York
Citta di Milano.....Genoa.....New York
L. Champlain.....Liverpool.....Montreal
Italia.....Marseilles.....New York
Furness.....Baltimore.....New York
Milwaukee.....Father Point.....Liverpool

FOUR EXPEDITIONS SENT TO FAR NORTH

Deputy-Minister of Marine Tells Committee of Various Sailings.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 5.—When the special committee appointed to investigate supplies purchased for the steamer Arctic met today, Mr. Caron, deputy minister of marine, first examined to give an idea of the outfitting and despatch of the steamer.

Witness said that there had been in all four expeditions to the far north. The first was under Capt. Gordon, the next under Dr. Wakeham, the third under Low and Woods, and the fourth under Major Moodie. Col. Gourdeau explained that the object of these expeditions were for purpose of exploration and for establishing Canadian outposts in the northern parts. Major Moodie was in command, and Capt. Bernier was sailing master. The Arctic was outfitted for three years, but had to return in one year with disabled winds.

NEW MANAGER FOR SOUTHWESTERN

Mr. F. W. Mower, of Detroit, Appointed—Some Changes in the Directorate.

The annual general meeting of the Southwestern Traction Company was held in the offices in the Masonic Temple yesterday.

President F. G. Rumball occupied the chair, and a large number of the shareholders were present. All reports presented were found to be highly satisfactory.

Mr. F. W. Mower, of Detroit, was named as the new manager of the line, to succeed Mr. A. T. Welch, who managed the road during the construction period.

Mr. Mower is a man of large experience, and the company felt that it would be in the interests of all to have a practical man at the head of the line now. He has been for several years with the Detroit United Railway Company, and has had much experience in inter-urban lines. He will commence his new duties at once.

A slight change also took place in the personnel of the directorate, the following being elected:

President—F. G. Rumball.
Vice-President—Dr. Mackay, Ingersoll.
Secretary—A. E. Welch.
Directors—H. M. Rumball, chief; Capt. T. E. Robson, Elderton, and Col. McEwen, Byron.

The reports presented showed that work is being rushed on the line to Port Stanley, and that everything possible is being done to open traffic with the lake at once.

Work will also be begun on the lines to Ingersoll as soon as the line to the Port is completed.

SEAFORTH WINS SHIELD

Cadet Corps of That Town Made Best Score for Beck Prize.

The following is the result of the musketry competition, open to the cadet corps of military district, No. 1, which took place on June 1. The shooting was for the Beck shield.

The excellent score of 175 out of a possible 200 points, was made by Seaforth. Ingersoll was second. The scores were as follows, 200 being the possible:

Seaforth	175
Ingersoll	146
Arthur	146
Strathroy	145
St. Thomas	138
Sarnia	129
Guelph	129
Mount Forest	119
London	92

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—PARTLY FAIR AND WARM.

London, Tuesday, June 5.
Sun rises, 4:31 a.m. Moon rises, 6:21 p.m.
Sun sets, 7:36 p.m. Moon sets, 3:58 a.m.

Warm weather has prevailed today in all portions of Canada, and in Ontario temperatures of 80° have prevailed in many localities. Showers or local thunderstorms are reported from Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Lake Superior district.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 60-66; Vancouver, 48-63; Kamloops, 56-74; Edmonton, 40-70; Calgary, 44-74; Qu'Appelle, 50-78; Winnipeg, 42-80; Port Arthur, 48-54; Parry Sound, 50-52; Toronto, 62-76; Ottawa, 56-82; Montreal, 65-78; Quebec, 62-76; St. John, 46-60; Halifax, 46-60.

FORECASTS.
Today and tomorrow—Moderate to fresh southeasterly to southwesterly winds; occasional showers or local thunderstorms, but partly fair and continued warm.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary.....64.....66.....Fair
Winnipeg.....64.....66.....Fair
Port Arthur.....56.....50.....Cloudy
Parry Sound.....56.....50.....Cloudy
Ottawa.....62.....62.....Rain
Montreal.....62.....62.....Rain
Quebec.....62.....62.....Cloudy
Father Point.....42.....42.....Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.
Local showers are reported in all the Provinces, except in Manitoba and Nova Scotia, and conditions are favorable for showers and local thunderstorms generally.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 79°; lowest, 47.5° above

COTTON UP IN SMOKE; LOSS ABOUT \$200,000

Two Great Warehouses Destroyed at Tompkinsville, Staten Island.

New York, June 5.—A second fire within a space of two weeks today destroyed two more warehouses of the American Cotton Dock Company at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, and caused a loss estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The buildings were partly filled with manila and hemp. Two weeks ago two other buildings in the same plant were burned. The origin of the fires is unknown. Fireman George Brader was crushed and partly buried under the ruins of a brick wall of one of the burning warehouses. His legs were broken and it is feared that his skull is fractured and that he is fatally injured.

DEBENTURES FOR SCHOOL EXTENSION

Council May Issue \$10,000 If Board Reduces Estimates a Thousand.

The board of education meets this afternoon. It is quite likely that an attempt will be made to reduce the board's estimates by the sum of \$1,000, so that this amount may be handed over to the city. If this is done, the council, or at least a part of it, has agreed to sanction the issue of \$1,000 debentures for school extensions in London.

However, it is possible that there will be a lively time at the board meeting, if the matter of cutting off the \$1,000 is introduced. It is a well known fact that the trustees are divided as to the advisability of building the proposed additions this year. Some of the trustees argue that even in Chesley avenue school, where the congestion is the greatest at present, a couple of transition teachers would obviate the trouble, and would save the city the expenditure of the \$10,000 asked for. These same trustees say that a rearrangement of the school districts will result in the congestion in certain schools being relieved. As matters now stand, some schools are crowded, while plenty of unused space is to be found in others.

It is not unlikely that the non-representative pupils matter will also come up today in the discussion.

Chairman Gammage, of No. 2 committee, has been assured by Manager King that the street railway company is willing to do everything in its power to help make the school plan successful. King is ready to give the children a 5-cent return fare, but adults accompanying the children will be carried to Springbank and back again for 10 cents.

This matter will come up at the meeting today.

DELCASSE MAY RETURN

Indications That Combes Will Again Be the French Premier.

Paris, June 5.—From the statements of influential deputies, it is now obvious that the Radicals and Radical Socialists will combine to form a working majority in the chamber, while the Collectivists and Jean Jaures, will hold the moderate and the extreme left. The moderate and the extreme left, represented by MM. Poincare and Barthou, will be eliminated. It is likely that M. Clemenceau will also be sacrificed owing to personal antagonism between the Minister of the Interior and M. Jaures.

In this case M. Combes will come back to power, and the anti-Clerical movement will gather in strength. A Combes cabinet would be welcome in England, and might lead to M. Delcasse's return to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

SCIENTIST KILLED

Dr. Streun, of Switzerland, Victim of Elephants' Attack.

Geneva, June 5.—Mme. Streun has just received details of the death of her husband, Dr. Streun, the Swiss scientist and explorer, who was killed by an elephant in Sumatra.

In the doctor and the natives who accompanied him left Patembang for the interior of the island, and had just entered a great forest when an enormous bull elephant rushed out at them.

The doctor was thrown to the ground with such violence that his rifle was broken in several pieces, and he was knocked senseless. The servant succeeded in attracting the elephant's attention, and had to run for his life. The infuriated brute then returned to the doctor, who was lying helpless on the ground, and trampled him to death.

DUNNE WANTS MUNICIPAL PLANT.

Chicago, June 5.—Impelled by disclosures at the stock yards, Mayor Dunne announced a new municipal ownership project last night. He declared himself in favor of the city owning a slaughtering plant where the packers would be compelled to kill their cattle and prepare the meat for sale to the public under strict municipal supervision.

REVOLTING CONDITIONS FOUND IN CHICAGO PACKING HOUSES

Terrible Arraignment of Beef Packing Establishments in U. S.—Official Report Sent to Congress.

PRESIDENT SAYS SOMETHING MUST BE DONE AT ONCE

Everybody Cleaning Up Now.

Chicago, June 5.—The Tribune today says: One of the immediate effects of the President's disclosure of packing house conditions was seen in an attempt in at least three of the big plants yesterday to remedy the conditions condemned in the report. Toilet arrangements were renovated, floors cleaned, walls scraped, and light and ventilation improved. The surroundings of the workers in these three plants were improved 50 per cent in one day.

The general manager of one big plant spent the morning in a downtown plumbing establishment picking out the latest sanitary plumbing. Besides renovating the plumbing, the packing companies put up a variety of signs all over the plants enjoining cleanliness. The foremen were told that the rule against expectorating must be enforced or discharge would result. Another new rule posted conspicuously was that forbidding the use of tobacco in all food producing rooms.

Washington, June 4.—President Roosevelt today submitted to Congress the following message to the Senate and House of Representatives: I transmit herewith the report of Mr. James Bronson Reynolds and Commissioner Charles H. Neils, the special committee whom I appointed to investigate into the conditions in the stock yards of Chicago, and report thereon to me. This report is of a preliminary nature. I submit it to you now because it shows the urgent need of immediate action by the Congress in the direction of providing a drastic and thoroughgoing inspection by the Federal Government of all stock yards and packing houses and of their products, so far as the latter enter into state or foreign commerce. The condition shown by even this short inspection to exist in the Chicago stock yards are revolting. It is imperative necessary in the interest of health and of decency that they should be radically changed. Under the existing law it is wholly impossible to secure satisfactory results.

When my attention was first directed to this matter an investigation was made under the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture. When the preliminary statements of this investigation were brought to my attention they showed such defects in the law and such wholly unexpected conditions that I deemed it best to have a further immediate investigation by men not connected with the bureau, and accordingly appointed Messrs. Reynolds and Neils. It was impossible under the existing law that satisfactory work should be done by the bureau of animal industry. I am now, however, examining the way in which the work actually was done. Before I had received the report of Messrs. Reynolds and Neils, I had directed that labels placed upon any package of meat food products should state only that the carcass of the animal from which the meat was taken had been inspected at the time of slaughter. If inspection of meat food produced at all stages of preparation is not secured by the passage of the legislation recommended I shall feel compelled to order that inspection labels and certificates on canned products shall not be used hereafter. The report shows that the stockyards and packing-houses are not kept even reasonably clean, and that the method of handling and preparing food products is uncleanly and dangerous to health. Under existing law the National Government has no power to enforce inspection of the many forms of prepared meat food products that are going from the packing-houses into Continued on Page Three.

NEARLY A HUNDRED WENT HIS LIFE THREATENED

Big Party from London and West on Homeseekers' Excursion.

Nearly one hundred Londoners, and others from points as far west as Chatham, left on the C. P. R. this morning on the homeseekers' excursion. About forty came from Chatham and intermediate points, the remainder of the hundred being from this city and the surrounding country. Among the Londoners on the excursion and their destinations are: Mr. Chapman and family, Edmonton; A. R. Orme, Calgary; Mr. Smith, Edmonton; Mr. Reid, Mr. Warren, Dr. R. Walsh, Mrs. Horner and T. N. Hayne, Calgary; Miss Ethel Warren and Miss Lily Dawe, Winnipeg; Miss McBride, Nelson, B. C.; Mrs. Groshen, Regina; F. Hulet, Calgary; P. H. Tennant and Mr. Talbot, Winnipeg; Miss K. Barnes, Saskatoon; Mr. J. R. Cartwright, of Dorchester, went to Calgary, and Mrs. Holby, of Lucan, went to Winnipeg.

AFTER INDUSTRIES

Woodstock Delegation Looking Into a Detroit Concern.

Detroit, Mich., June 5.—Mayor Butler, of Woodstock, accompanied by a delegation of three members of the council, and four members of the Woodstock Board of Trade, is here to inspect several large manufacturing plants that are desirous of establishing branches in the Dominion.

Woodstock is making an especial effort to secure a large Detroit iron-working plant, which is anxious to establish a Canadian branch.

A member of the firm has visited Woodstock and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the town's railroad facilities.

In tracing the elephant's movement, and C. F. Hamlyn, of the Woodstock Express, accompany the party.

FELL 110 FEET.

Moosejaw, N. W. T., June 5.—While a well was being sunk on a farm near here yesterday, Jos. Kerr was lowered into the well to remove some stones. At the 30-foot level the hoist was stopped and Kerr was hailed and asked if everything was all right. No reply being received the hoist was started to ward the surface, when the bucket overturned and Kerr fell to the bottom of the well, a distance of 110 feet. His death was instantaneous.

MURDER AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, June 5.—Another murder occurred in the Galician quarter of the city last evening, when guests at a wedding became too jovial under the influence of liquor, and a fight ensued. The victim was Martin Soley, aged 20. He was struck on the head by a stone, and when he fell was battered to death with a chair. The murder was committed on the street, and three fellow-countrymen have been arrested and charged with the crime.

Thomas Harding, a young man aged 20, was almost instantly killed this afternoon by falling beneath a street while alighting from it.