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GABRIEL A UNIT ON POWER ISSUE

Takes Full Responsibility for Hy-
dro Commission's Acts and
Stands With Beck With
Back to Wall.

Premier Whitney's emphatic declaration of the unity of the government on the policy of the Hydro-Electric Commission was the feature of the interview yesterday morning between the cabinet ministers, the city authorities and the officers and shareholders of the Toronto Electric Light Co.

The purpose of the deputation was to discuss the hearings of the proposed issue of \$1,000,000 stock by the Electric Light Co., but W. R. Brock, one of the speakers for that interest, maintained a growing reputation for gallantry by a digression into gossip and rumors concerning the commission. He declared that the officers of the commission had let the business of England to refuse to lend the company money.

Premier Whitney remarked that if the Hydro-Electric Commission was to be discussed, they must take a hint in it. He could also say something about the bankers in England.

At the close of the interview he returned to the subject, saying he wished to take advantage of the number of people present to say that the government was prepared to TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION AND ALL ITS ACTS OF OMISSION AND COMMISSION.

There had been much gossip indulged in, and if the subject had not been brought up he would not have referred to it. But there had been misunderstandings and misrepresentations, a charge which he repeated. They had been told that day that the commission were doing all kinds of things to injure the credit of the company. At the same time, The Globe, in a highly honorable and generous manner—the premier was in a sarcastic mood—represented the cabinet as subject to reactionary influences, and that Mr. Beck was fighting alone with his back to the wall.

"HE IS FIGHTING WITH HIS BACK TO THE WALL," asserted the prime minister with great spirit, "AND ALONGSIDE OF HIM, WITH THEIR BACKS TO THE WALL, IS EVERY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT."

The declaration, made in such an emphatic way, evidently created a sensation.

Charges Against Beck.

Proceeding, Mr. Whitney said he had begun to realize from the twaddle talked about Mr. Beck that there were a lot of children dealing with the question, instead of men. Three times in one week he had heard of the charges against Mr. Beck that he had promised to give expropriation, that he had seen the city official, with great representatives of the Municipal Union; and so forth. Mr. Whitney showed the untruth of such charges, and told the deputation they had to get out from home before they got the truth.

He promised that a decision regarding the application would be given at the very earliest moment, and that it would not be put off long.

He added that the government would never be in a position to refuse, or by refraining or not refraining, do anything that would affect the rights of the company. (Applause.) They had the usual sources in English history and law as a fountain from which to acquire the necessary knowledge as to what vested rights were. He was in communication with leaders of finance in Great Britain, and they had told him that the government interest would be injuriously affected by the government's legislation.

Over 150 people were crowded into the council chamber, chiefly shareholders of the Electric Light Co. Premier Whitney was sorry they were so crowded, but the government had been given no notice whatever of such an attendance. Sir Henry Pellatt later on stated that he had been told that the room in the building would have held the attendance.

The city council, represented by the mayor, controllers, several aldermen and the legal department. The Electric Light Co. had Sir Henry Pellatt, Frederick Nicholson, R. Brock, Robert Blair, E. F. B. Johnston, James P. Monaghan, Resaume, Hendrie, Beck and Willoughby, heard the proceedings.

City Counselor Fullerton opened by pointing out the legal position. The application was for delay in issuing supplementary letters patent to the Electric Light Co., until other matters had been considered. He cited the Massey-Harris case, in which the ruling given was that the act was intended to place the government in the position in which the provincial secretary had been. This was followed by the act, R. S. O. 191, section 17-21, which placed the government in practically the same position in which they were before the passing of the Joint Stock Companies Act.

From a series of cases cited he argued that the government and the provincial secretary had the right to refuse applications such as the present, though they had not the power to compel companies to accept terms that might be suggested.

The city was coming in good faith asking for power to expropriate the Electric Light Co. and should be allowed to go into the business unhindered by a double cost. One million dollars nominally of stock was to be divided among the shareholders, really worth \$1,500,000. The \$500,000 would be distributed among the shareholders, and the balance used for construction purposes.

Was it fair that large bodies of stock should be dealt out to the shareholders in this way at the cost of the public?

"Do you contend that the deuten-

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John D. Finds The Financial Outlook Dark

Rockefeller Says It Looks All Right on the Surface, But He Doesn't Like the Situation.

New York, March 20.—(Special.)—John D. Rockefeller believes the financial outlook is dark. He thinks the market is none too safe, but he doesn't pretend to know just what is the underlying cause.

He is quoted to-day as saying, regarding the situation: "On its surface it is good. Business is booming and everyone seems to be satisfied. But there is an undercurrent that does not look so good. I haven't quite made up my mind if the increased production of gold is responsible or not. It is impossible to see how such a situation will work out. Personally, I do not like the outlook."

"I do not think our people are saving the money they should save. The nation is unusually prosperous, but financial reports do not show that saving has increased in ratio with prosperity. We are making more money and, unfortunately, spending more."

"I think properties should be capitalized at only their legitimate value, and if that were done there would be such a feeling of security in them among the general public that we would find men with a little money holding highly profitable stocks instead of allowing it to remain at small interest in savings banks."

NEW THEATRE FOR TORONTO

Klaw and Erlanger to Build House for Vaudeville Circuit.

It was announced from New York last night that plans for a new vaudeville theatre in Toronto have been completed.

Klaw and Erlanger will use the house on the new circuit this fall. The theatre will be built in Rochester, Buffalo and other eastern cities.

It was learned on enquiry in this city that such plans have been in contemplation for some time and that they probably will be put into effect immediately.

IN ONE ICE HOLE, OUT ANOTHER

See Man Falls in Rescue Attempt, But Saves Himself.

Sault Ste. Marie, March 20.—During the storm yesterday, Donald McDonald, while crossing the river on the ice bridge, tried to recover his hat, which blew off, but broke thru the ice and was drowned.

McDonald went in to try and rescue McDonald, and was swept under the ice.

He came up in another hole, after it was supposed he was drowned. He crawled out unscathed and went to his boarding house.

MRS. SAGE GIVES \$200,000

American Seamen and Syrian College Aided by Financier's Widow.

New York, N.Y., March 20.—Mrs. Russell Sage to-day gave \$150,000 to the American Seamen's Friend Society, to erect a new sailors' home and institute in this city, and \$75,000 to the Syrian Protestant College of Beirut, Syria.

Mrs. Sage also has promised to give a building to the association for the relief of respectable and indigent women in this city, and to provide an annex to the building given by Miss Helen Gould to the sailors of the American navy, which adjoins the New York navy yard in Brooklyn.

OLD TOMBS FOUND IN ITALY

Excavators Hope to Find Grave of Pythagoras.

Naples, March 20.—The excavations at Metapontum, on the Gulf of Taranto, Southern Italy, have resulted in the discovery of many Greek tombs, some covered with enormous tiles, others with cylinders and still others with stone.

One tomb evidently was that of a distinguished personage, and was made of large, heavy blocks of stone carved in a Greek setting and had inscribed a skeleton intact, with vases and other objects. The great Greek philosopher, Pythagoras, was buried at Metapontum, about 500 B.C., and as his tomb still existed at the time of Cicero, who died in 43 B.C., it is hoped it may be found.

BANKERS FOIL ROBBERS.

Clerks Shoot First and Get Two Hold-Up Men.

Johannesburg, March 20.—An attempt was made by two masked men to rob the National Bank on Harrison-street, this afternoon, but it was foiled by the employees, who were quicker with their revolvers than their assailants.

In a brief interchange of shots one of the desperadoes was fatally wounded by a shot in the mouth, and the other was captured as he was trying to flee. One of the bank employees was slightly wounded.

HYMAN SOON TO RESIGN.

Member for London to Return Home Shortly and Then Retire.

London, March 20.—(Special.)—It was announced to-night by a man in close touch with Mr. Hyman that the member for London will return to London "within a few days" and shortly after will place his resignation in the hands of the Speaker of the house.

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70 ARRESTED IN SUFFRAGE RIOT

Women Storm House of Commons to Lay Grievances Before Parliament, But Are Driven Back by Police Cordon.

London, March 20.—The women suffragists attempted a demonstrative raid on parliament, more important and more numerous than any other previous effort, to-day. The police had timely warning and made preparations that resulted in making the demonstration somewhat ineffective.

The only result was some amusing disorderly scuffles and the arrest of nearly seventy suffragists, who were at once liberated on bail.

Previous to this demonstration an indignation meeting, which was largely attended by the so-called "suffragists" and their friends, was held at Caxton Hall, where the speakers denounced the house of commons for silencing the Dickinson Woman Suffragist Bill.

The women drove up in wagons and, after promenade before the houses of parliament, stormed the entrance of the house of commons, where the police reinforcements, drawn up for the occasion, awaited the onslaught and drove the women back.

After this first rebuff the women made a second determined attempt to penetrate the police cordon, but to little purpose. In accordance with the instructions, the police employed as little force as possible.

At a late hour this evening the suffragists reassembled at Caxton Hall and, amid the greatest enthusiasm, they resorted to send another deputation to the premier and to renew their demonstrations before parliament.

Accordingly, another move was made against the house of commons, the disorderly scenes were repeated on a smaller scale and several further arrests were made.

LID WILL NOT BE LIFTED IMPRESSION AT OTTAWA

Mr. Bourassa's Motion to Be Voted Down—Other Graft Charges May Prolong Session.

Ottawa, March 20.—(Special.)—There is no end of gossip about the corridors to-night, as to the outcome of the scandals and the probabilities as to prorogation.

The impression is well held universal that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will sail for England on April 5, and persistent rumors repeat that the session will not be prolonged beyond that date, although it is announced to-night that the house will take a recess from Wednesday of next week until the following Tuesday.

On both sides of the house there is believed to exist an almost unanimous feeling that the lid must not be lifted and that Mr. Bourassa's philippic on the 26th is to be endured in absolute silence, and his motion voted down without discussion.

Whether the opposition is committed to keeping the lid down, will be disclosed by Mr. Fowler's speech or silence as the case may be when he is called upon by Bourassa to make good his charges of "women, wine and graft" and to produce the "data" which he claims is in his possession.

There is a possibility, however, that the session may be prolonged by the disclosures promised on the debate, which began to-day, and bids fair to continue for some time.

Mr. Ames of Montreal is to speak to-morrow, and he has prepared his case very thoroughly. It will be shown that the G.T.P. spent \$250,000 in the province, the result may be imagined when the English ticket agent consults his list and advises the emigrant to go to Salt Creek or Fodunk or Toronto Junction as the fancy seizes him, following this up with a strict injunction to have nothing to do with the G.T.P.

Just what the object of the Dominion authorities may be is not quite clear, but the difficulties of the situation are clear, and as it has been created by the Dominion it seems right for the Ottawa authorities to provide a remedy.

G.T.P. TO GET CENTRAL.

New Brunswick Will Sell or Lease Short Cut to St. John.

Fredericton, N.B., March 20.—(Special.)—In the budget speech in the house to-day, Premier Pugsley announced that, within a few months, the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Co. property, known as the Central Railway, and owned by the province, would be sold or leased to the G.T.P., which would use it to divert traffic to St. John from Chipman, where the Central Railway and G.T.P. connect.

The run to St. John is only 78 miles, several hundred miles shorter than to Halifax.

SHIP LOST; 21 DROWNED.

Lubeck, Germany, March 20.—The German steamer Horn has been sunk in the North Sea with the loss of 21 lives.

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OLD MAN ONTARIO: What me 'n' you've got to do, James, is to see that these here stones don't turn over when the young lady's on the plank.

IMMIGRANTS IN QUANDARY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

Directed by Dominion Authorities to Apply to Alleged Agent at Toronto Junction.

An incident illustrating the embarrassing and inconvenient overlapping of the Dominion Immigration Bureau and police as adopted recently by W. D. Scott and its effects upon Ontario immigrants, occurred yesterday. A party of 54 from Norwich arrived at the instance of the Norwich district committee and directed by the booking agent of the Allan steamship line.

These 54 had very definite instructions in writing to go direct to the Dominion immigrant agent at Toronto Junction and to have nothing whatever to do with anyone else. They went out to the Junction to find this accredited agent, who proved to be J. Patterson, a respectable mechanic, who was not easily located, and who, when found, had absolutely no knowledge of the party or of his expected duty to go to Salt Creek or Fodunk or Toronto Junction as the fancy seizes him.

Very much incensed at the state of affairs the party found their way back to the Union Station, and there got in touch with the provincial officials, who sent them to employment at once, the men being a very likely and satisfactory lot.

As the booking agents in England are supplied with a list of 190 Dominion agent sin Ontario, all of about the same degree of proficiency as Mr. Patterson at the Junction, and as these are scattered all over the small towns and rural districts of the province, the result may be imagined when the English ticket agent consults his list and advises the emigrant to go to Salt Creek or Fodunk or Toronto Junction as the fancy seizes him, following this up with a strict injunction to have nothing to do with the G.T.P.

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PEASANT UPRISING SPREADS

Troops Stop Attack on Jews and Kill Several Rioters.

Bucharest, March 20.—Peasants again to-day invaded Botosani and set fire to different parts of the town, especially the Jewish quarters. Troops intervened and several peasants were killed or wounded.

Brigadier General Tell has been placed in command of the fourth army corps, with full powers to suppress the agrarian revolt. A number of regiments have been ordered to Jassy to reinforce his troops.

The peasant uprising already has spread over the whole of Upper Moldavia, including the districts of Botosani, Dorogoi, Jassy, Neamt, Tulcea, Baku and Roman. In spite of all precautions, the vandalism is spreading.

LEOPOLD AND CABINET SPLIT

King Angry Over Congo Concessions and Ministry May Resign.

Brussels, March 20.—An acute disagreement exists to-day between King Leopold and his cabinet over the question of the Congo Independent State, the king considering the concessions made by his ministers to the parliamentary Congo commission to be unwarranted.

A special envoy from the Belgian foreign office has had an audience with King Leopold at Beaulieu, France, the result of which was unsatisfactory. It is believed in well informed quarters that the resignation of the cabinet is certain as soon as the king returns to Belgium.

DUELISTS HURT EACH OTHER.

Paris, March 20.—A duel with swords that went to six bouts was fought here to-day between Emmanuel Arène, senator from Corsica, and Adolphe Brisson, a well-known journalist. Both contestants were wounded slightly.

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\$400,000 STOLEN ON LINER FROM AMERICAN MAIL BAG

Detectives to Solve Theft of Fortnight Ago.

Paris, March 20.—An American mail bag the contents of which were valued at approximately \$400,000, has been stolen. The theft occurred either on board a steamship running between New York and Havre or between Havre and Paris.

The postal authorities have just placed the affair in the hands of detectives, although the theft occurred a fortnight ago. A cable enquiry to the New York postoffice brought confirmation of the fact that the mail bag in question had been embarked at New York.

The name of the steamer by which the mail bag was shipped has not yet been disclosed.

WOMAN STRANGLES CHILD.

Mother Cuts Her Own Throat and Runs Screaming Into Street.

Winnipeg, Man., March 20.—After strangling her nine-year-old child with a suspender strap, Mrs. Ella Lisie, Fort Rouge, to-day attempted to cut her throat with a razor and ran screaming into the street.

To-day, the woman, who is thought to be suffering from emotional insanity, has been lodged in the provincial jail.

Two weeks ago a younger child died and there probably will be an investigation.

FRANCE TO OPEN PAPAL PAPERS.

Paris, March 20.—The chamber of deputies by 370 to 164 votes to-day adopted a motion calling for a commission to examine and make public the contents of the documents seized at the papal nunciature after the expulsion of Mgr. Montagnini, secretary of the nunciature.

Time for a New Hat.

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JEROME MAKES COURT HALT THAW CASE

District Attorney Accuses Defence of Withholding Evidence and Justice Stops Trial to Investigate.

GLEASON REPLACES DELMAS

Prisoner Dejected as Expert Upholds Charge That He is Not Able to Confer With Counsel Intelligently.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The blow of which Harry Kendall Thaw has been in terror since his trial began fell to-day. District Attorney Jerome did not apply formally for a commission in lunacy, but in an impassioned speech he appealed to the conscience of the court.

He asserted that Thaw as he sits daily in court is unable intelligently to advise his counsel, and is believed to be insane by everyone who has watched and come into contact with him.

Jerome declared his own alienists—the six men who testified for the state—were convinced Thaw was of unsound mind. He dramatically accused counsel for the defence of concealing testimony that would make the continuance of the trial a crime.

So earnestly did he plead that Justice Fitzgerald dismissed the jury until Friday morning and adjourned court until to-morrow afternoon, when he will consider whatever evidence either side has to offer and decide whether the trial shall go on, or whether a commission in lunacy shall be appointed to pass upon Thaw's condition.

Closing Sensational.

The scenes attending the adjournment of the court shortly after one o'clock were sensational. Thaw's counsel seemed taken utterly by surprise. It had been expected this would be the last day of the trial, except for the summing up.

Soon after the three-cornered discussion between Justice Fitzgerald, Jerome and Delmas began, Thaw, five other attorneys one by one sought the judge's desk and for a time all seemed intent upon denying what the court had termed the charges of unprofessional conduct brought against them by the prosecuting officer.

Thaw sat dejected and despondent at his counsel's table. He seemed unusually pale and somewhat haggard when he entered the court at the beginning of the morning session, having complained of fatigue and restlessness.

When the district attorney and Mr. Delmas began their usual early skirmish, his spirits seemed to brighten and he laughed in good humor at some of the passages-at-arms between the "learned district attorney" and the "learned counsel from the Pacific Slope."

But, as the argument began to assume a more serious phase, he became deeply concerned. He flushed crimson as one by one his attorneys left him to support Mr. Delmas, who, however, in the middle of the argument, was superseded by Attorney John B. Gleason.

Thaw bit his nails, opened and closed his hands nervously, sank down in his chair in an attitude of utter despondency.

In an adjoining room, where they could hear the excited voices of counsel wrangling one with the other, stood Mrs. William Thaw, the prisoner's mother, and Evelyn Thaw, his wife.

The climax of the nine weeks' trial was precipitated by the defence in calling to the stand Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, the alienist, who was first brought into the case by Thaw's original lawyers, Black, Olcott, Gruber and Bonnyage, but who was dismissed, together with them, when he reported that Thaw was suffering from a form of paranoia which might never be cured.

Jerome Blocks Delmas

It was the intention of Mr. Delmas to confine Dr. Hamilton to four visits he made to Thaw in June and July. Mr. Jerome said that if Dr. Hamilton was to testify at all, he must tell everything he knew about the case, including the defendant's family history.

The argument that ensued became so pertinent to the question of the present sanity or insanity of the defendant that Justice Fitzgerald ordered the jury from the room. Then the discussion took on the broader range which resulted in the court's determination to have presented to him the facts which, the district attorney asserted, have been withheld by the defence.

"If the real facts were known," Je-

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