

COMMONS TO FINISH WORK WITHIN WEEK

Senate Announcement Indicates Big Legislative Drive for Next Few Days.

LIBERAL LEADER TO SPEAK TODAY

Division on Budget is Expected to be Reached Sometime Tonight.

Ottawa, May 18.—Opposition speakers—Liberal and Progressive—held the floor in continued budget debate in the House today. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, was scheduled to speak, but his speech went over a day, as did the close of the debate. A Senate announcement by Sir James Loughhead, Government leader in the upper chamber, that prorogation is expected next week, is an indication, however, of some rapid days ahead.

Follow Beaten Paths

During today's proceedings much of the discussion followed familiar paths. But there were some sharp partings and thrusts. Duncan Ross (West Middlesex) charged Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Militia, with being a "worse thing than a pig" than a union of Progressives and Liberals. W. H. White (Victoria, Alta.) accused the Government of tampering with everything; and never had people in Alberta struggled so hard as today to make both ends meet.

G. N. Gordon—Liberal, elected in the West

to tax food was forcing Canada back to the days of the corn laws and J. F. Johnston (Last Mountain) generally remarked that if Progressives were a "disappointed annex" (calling the Prime Minister) then a recent election, the Government party would be an "exploded bluster."

A New Note

Joseph Archambault (Chambly-Verchères) touched a new note in regard to the credit of Romania. He claimed that certain members of Parliament were interested in companies which had shipped goods by virtue of the credit. Such members might be within the letter of the law, but Mr. Archambault argued they were not within its spirit. Later, W. D. Baker (North Waterloo) created amusement by a query. He referred to pleas made by the Minister of Finance for the use of Canadian railroads in the United States. "Why then," he quizzed, "asked Mr. Baker, pointing to two new clocks recently installed in the House, why does the Government buy American clocks? There are clock factories in Canada."

POLISH REBELS ARE QUITTING

Ten Thousand Men Already Have Given up All Their Arms.

London, May 18.—Information received in official circles regarding Upper Silesia states that the Polish contingent at Brest has informed the inter-Allied plebiscite commission that Adelbert Korfanty has issued a proclamation to the people of Upper Silesia to surrender their arms, resume work and avoid military contact with the Germans. He declared also that 10,000 men have been demobilized.

Two Negroes Killed By Sheriff's Posse

Refusal to Pay Their Taxes Said to Have Been Cause of Fight.

Byronville, Ga., May 18.—Two negroes were killed, four others wounded, and L. C. Davis, of Somerville, N. J., perhaps fatally wounded, in a clash between twenty negroes and a sheriff's posse near here last night. Twenty negroes have been arrested and taken to Vienna, in Dooley county, for safe-keeping. The negroes barricaded themselves in a house on a farm near here after the chief of police had sought to collect city taxes from one of them. Sheriff Vinson deputized a posse and undertook to arrest them. The negroes were said to have opened fire as the officers approached, Davis falling with eight wounds. Threats to fire the house caused the negroes to leave their retreat and they were rounded up after two had been killed and four injured.

First White Settler in Chilliwack Dead

Chilliwack, B. C., May 18.—Isaac Kipp, the first white man to locate in the Chilliwack Valley, is dead at his home here at the age of 92 years. Mr. Kipp was born at Woodstock, Ont., and came to Chilliwack 63 years ago.

GERMANS TO KEEP AERIAL CONDITIONS

Paris, May 18.—The German Ambassador, Dr. Wilhelm Meyer, called on Premier Briand today and during the course of a long conference informed the Premier that the Berlin cabinet accepted unreservedly all the conditions contained in the note of the inter-Allied military control commission concerning the execution for May 15 of the aerial clauses of the Versailles Treaty. The ambassador renewed the assurances that the new German Government was resolved to carry out all the clauses of the Allied ultimatum.

BRITISH FLEET TO MAKE POLES KEEP THE PEACE

Sharp Controversy Breaks Out Between Lloyd George and the French.

BITTER SPEAKING OF THE PREMIERS

Press of Britain Sees Warning to France in Commons Speech.

Paris, May 18.—The conference between Premier Briand and Lloyd George, it is thought possible here, will be deferred beyond the vote of confidence M. Briand expects to receive in the Chamber tomorrow and until after the Silesian high commissioners at Oppeln reach a tentative agreement on a settlement of the controversy so as to form an intelligent basis of conversation either between M. Briand and Mr. Lloyd George alone or at the meeting of the supreme council whichever is ultimately decided upon.

Controversy Sharp.

London, May 18.—The freedom with which Mr. Lloyd George and Premier Briand are debating the Silesian situation through the newspapers and the strong words they are using in the House, has caused the British public to be accustomed to the courteous and smooth methods of the old diplomacy and the spectacle of most delicate differences being handled by vigorous public debate amazes the people.

The heads of the two governments after their numerous conferences were expected to understand each other. Apparently each has chosen the plan of campaign which he considers the most effective against his opponent. M. Briand will have the next word in the French parliament tomorrow and there is great interest in London as to whether he will maintain the same high key of conversation which Mr. Lloyd George started upon in his recent speech in the House of Commons.

Warning to Briand.

The Prime Minister's expressed statement today is popularly interpreted as a warning to M. Briand not to go too far in his pronouncement before the Chamber.

The Westminster Gazette heads it: "A Grave Warning to France." The Standard designates it "The Premier's plain talk to the French." Mr. Lloyd George's reference to Great Britain's willingness to use her force, followed by the declaration that Britain cannot stand by while the treaty is trampled on, is taken as significant of future developments depending chiefly upon whether M. Briand tomorrow proclaims a widening of the gulf between the policies of the two countries or pictures them as following the same principle.

Ontario Village Has Big Fire

Loss is Estimated at About \$90,000 in Verona Outbreak.

Kingston, Ont., May 18.—Fire which broke out about two o'clock this afternoon in a storehouse owned by E. Lamey, of Verona, 25 miles north of this city, destroyed E. Lamey's general store and storehouse, L. Vanne's furniture store, the A. O. U. W. Hall, a one-story building, and the residences of E. Lamey, J. Dier, H. Wagar and Mrs. Snider, as well as outbuildings attached and a frame garage owned by Sam Campbell. Most of the contents of the store, and fully 75 per cent of the contents of the houses were destroyed. The total damage is estimated at between \$90,000 and \$90,000. Lamey had \$4,500 insurance and the others had little.

SECOND READING GIVEN.

Ottawa, Ont., May 18.—The bill to establish a National Research Institute was given a second reading in the Senate today. In commenting upon it, Senator Casgrain suggested the creation of a Senate committee of men interested in research work to advise the advisory council of research.

IRISH REBELS FIGHT POLICE FROM TRAINS

Stop the Railway Trains Opposite Barracks to Make Their Attacks.

INSPECTOR SHOT AT CHURCH SERVICE

Policemen Ambushed in Several Parts of Ireland and Royal Marine Killed.

Dublin, May 18.—Rebels have adopted a new method for attacks on police barracks. Travelling by train yesterday they compelled the trainmen to stop the train at Ballinaderreen, County Mayo and opened fire on a barracks. The police replied, wounding one passenger in the train. The members of the attacking party were pursued by the police, and the belief is expressed that one of the party was killed. A prominent district leader named Jim Hunt was captured.

More Officers Killed

Nine policemen were ambushed yesterday at Lanesborough, County Longford and one of them was killed and three wounded. Seven policemen ran into an ambush at Kinty, King's County, Tuesday evening and one man was killed and three were wounded. A Royal Marine named Williams was taken from a bar-room near Ross' Point, carried to the seashore and riddled with bullets.

Shot at Church.

Belfast, May 18.—District Inspector Walsh was seriously wounded by three men during service in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Tuesday evening. Members of the congregation were searched, leaving the church and eight men were arrested.

Sinn Feiners Surrender.

Dublin, May 18.—An official announcement issued today says that a party of thirteen rebels near Kilmac Thomas, County Waterford, was surprised by the military and surrendered without a fight. The men handed over their arms and five bicycles.

VETERAN SLAIN IN RESTAURANT

Stabbed to Death in Chinese Cafe Where He Claimed He Was Robbed.

Montreal, May 18.—J. J. Lowe, a former member of the 13th Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada, was stabbed to the heart during a brawl in a Chinese restaurant on St. Urban street, this city, at 12.30 this morning, and when picked up by the police was still alive. Lowe had been seen admitted to the Montreal General Hospital, Grace Bianco, 28, of 12 Clarke street, is under arrest, charged with his death.

Lowe is said to have met Bianco and another woman and to have gone with them to a Chinese restaurant at 48 St. Urban street. An altercation arose and Lowe was being pursued by Lowe, who cried: "They have stolen five dollars from me." They ran down the stairs and into the street, followed by the woman. The woman and reached forward to seize them, one of them struck back quickly and Lowe fell. The woman ran away and were traced to 12 Clarke street.

Hon. Dr. Roberts Chosen

Ottawa, May 18.—Hon. W. F. Roberts, St. John N. B., minister of health for New Brunswick, was elected president of the Canadian Public Health Association at the final session of the annual meeting here today. Dr. W. Robertson, O.M.C., outlined the aims of the Red Cross society, and said that he expected the total enrollment to be 750,000.

Police Chief Warned

Sydney, N. S., May 18.—A warning that a repetition of the offence would be punished by dismissal was given Chief of Police J. B. McCormack by the Police Commission, following an investigation of charges laid against him by the Social Service Council of Sydney some time ago.

No Help For Poland

Washington, May 18.—Poland's request for American support in the settlement of the disposition of Upper Silesia has evoked a formal answer from Secretary of State Hughes, that the United States representatives abroad would take no part in the discussions concerning the Silesian question.

CAMERONIA DUE TONIGHT

Halifax, N. S., May 18.—Anxiety expressed in shipping circles in connection with the failure of the new Anchor Line Cameronia to report by wireless, was relieved this evening by the receipt of a radio addressed to the agents of the vessel. The message stated that the Cameronia would arrive at Halifax at six o'clock tomorrow evening.

World News Today

CANADA.

The House of Commons is likely to conclude its session next week; the division on the budget amendment is expected tonight. Military stores valued at \$700,000 were destroyed by fire at Toronto last night.

Canadian Railway Board announces that there will be a reduction downward of all railroad pay schedules in Canada. Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., will build a big gymnasium this summer.

UNITED STATES.

The Hon. Franklin Lane, former secretary of the interior, is dead. He was a native of Prince Edward Island.

Admiral Benson declares he will fight to the last against labor control of the U. S. merchant marine.

BRITISH ISLES.

More policemen and soldiers have been killed by the Sinn Feiners in ambushes. Prospects are brighter for a speedy settlement of the coal strike. Loss to coal miners in wages in the Birmingham area alone is estimated at 10,000,000 pounds sterling. Premier Lloyd George makes startling speech on Upper Silesia and French attitude in the House of Commons.

MILITIA DEPT. BIG LOSER IN TORONTO FIRE

Three Quarters of a Million Dollars is Estimate of Mid-night Outbreak Damages.

CAMP EQUIPMENT IS ALL DESTROYED

Building Stood on Site of Fort Burned by Invading Americans.

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WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Spinney Bill Reported.

Shocked by Death.

Washington, May 18.—Word of the death of Franklin K. Lane, former secretary of the interior, at Rochester, Minn., came as a peculiar shock today to the United States capital for so many years even more his home than his chosen place of residence in California.

MARRIED AT MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., May 18.—The marriage of George Carroll McWilliams, a returned veteran employed in the C. N. R. here, to Miss Margaret Helen Mills, daughter of Corey Mills of London, N. B., was solemnized this evening at the Highfield Baptist parsonage Rev. E. S. Cochrane officiating. The young couple were attended by Roy McWilliams and Miss Edith Mills. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams will reside in Moncton.

Celebrate 50th Anniversary On the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. J. Irvine Smith were tonight presented by the Session of St. John's Presbyterian Church of which Mr. Smith is a member with fifty roses, accompanied by an address.

DR. H. A. FARRIS CHOSEN

Toronto, May 18.—Dr. H. A. Farris, of St. John, has been added to the executive of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

RAILROADS TO REDUCE WAGES FOR DOMINION

Notices Sent Out Already by Employers Saying Revision Downward is Essential.

WORKING CONDITIONS TO BE CHANGED TOO

Conferences Between Lines and Men to be Held to Determine Reduction.

Montreal, May 18.—It was stated at the offices of the Canadian Railway Association today that notices had been issued by the Canadian Railways to the employees that the time had come for a general revision of wages and working conditions. This means a downward readjustment in wages, and as regards working conditions, the abolition of the present onerous conditions imposed on the carriers by the terms of the McAdoo award.

Notices Sent Out.

Notice of termination of existing wage and working term agreements have been sent out by the railways and these will be handed by the Railway Association of Canada on behalf of all the railways. C. P. Riddell, secretary of the railway association, stated today that no immediate action was looked for, but that preliminary steps were being taken by the railways which would be followed by conferences between the executives of the railways and representatives of the men.

YAMASKA FIGHT GROWING LIVELY

Government Candidate Demands Tariff Views of His Opponent But None Given.

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Extent of Reductions.

There was, however, a meeting of minds in a cordial and conciliatory spirit which has resulted in the British wage scale being reduced about \$12.15 per month. As nearly as can be estimated the average reduction approximates the 15 per cent reduction proposed here.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Long Now A Viscount

Hesitated to Accept the Title Removing Him from Commons.

London, May 18.—The acceptance by the Right Hon. Walter Long of a viscountcy involves a by-election at St. George's Westminster, one of the safest Tory seats almost from time immemorial. It is believed that Mr. Long accepted the offer of a peerage with hesitancy, his inclinations being entirely for the retention of his seat in the Commons. His personality in public life has been one of the most acceptable to all parties. Some years ago, returning from a trip to Canada, he declared that the Dominion not only claimed a share in the fleet, but meant to help pay for it.

Chief Justice Weaker

Washington, May 18.—Chief Justice White of the supreme court is falling gradually and the end may be expected at any time, attending physicians said at 11.25 tonight after an examination of the patient at the hospital where he recently underwent an

SEE SIGNS OF SETTLEMENT IN MINERS' STRIKE

Renewal of Negotiations is Expected With Premier's Return to London.

DOCKMEN RIOT IN GLASGOW

Birmingham Wage Losses to Date Are Estimated at Ten Million Pounds.

Manchester, England, May 18.—The executive committee of the Northern Counties Textile Federation has adopted a resolution declining to accept the employers' proposed thirty per cent cut in wages. Three hundred operatives are involved.

ADMIRAL BENSON WILL FIGHT FOR MERCHANT SHIPS

Determined That Arbitrary Exercise of Power by Unions Shall Not Interfere

WAGE REDUCTION \$12.15 PER MONTH

"I Have Taken My Stand," Admiral Says, "and Will Adhere to It."

New York, May 18.—Whether the "arbitrary exercise of power over leadership" is to be permitted to defeat the purpose of the people of the United States to maintain a merchant marine under their own flag is the fundamental issue in the present controversy over reduction of marine wages, Chairman Benson of the United States shipping board declared in an address here today before the convention of the national association of manufacturers.

Blames The Unions.

"Asserting the union heads had shown an 'uncompromising attitude' on the question of the 15 per cent wage reduction, and, while presenting many irrelevant questions, had refused to discuss the necessary wage reduction, Chairman Benson reiterated his determination to insist upon the wage cut as 'not only justified but imperative.' 'My appeal directly to the personnel of the merchant marine has met with a very gratifying response,' declared Mr. Benson.

To Protect Workers.

"Many offers of assistance have come to us. I have stated publicly and again reaffirm the intention of the shipping board to give fullest protection, both now and after the settlement of the controversy, to all who come to its aid. Reports from all of our outlying districts continue to be encouraging. The movement of ships is going on steadily on. A remarkable endorsement of the position of the shipping board has come through the reduction in marine wages which has just taken place in Great Britain. The negotiations in England were conducted in much the same manner as in this country.

BANDIT GANG IS WIPED OUT

Two to be Executed While Two Others Get Long Penitentiary Terms.

Toronto, Ont., May 18.—Four members of the dangerous Conley-Hotrum-McFadden gang of robbers and gunmen have been put out of the way of doing further mischief for a good many years, and the fifth member, Walter Hulse, chauffeur for the bandits, is yet to be dealt with. Following the conviction of Roy Hotrum on Saturday for the murder of Leonard Cecil Sabine, druggist, on the night of March 5, and the conviction of William MacFadden today on the same charge, and MacFadden's sentence to be hanged on August 3, John Conley, their companion on the night of the murder, pleaded guilty to two charges of robbery and was sentenced to penitentiary for twenty years. His uncle, Arthur Conley, with whom John Conley and Roy Hotrum lived, also pleaded guilty to the two robberies admitted by John Conley, and a third robbery, and was sentenced to penitentiary for fifteen years.

Grattan Must Stand His Trial

Vancouver, May 18.—O. T. Grattan Esmonde, must stand trial at the criminal assizes court now in session here, on a charge of uttering seditious words. The grand jury today returned a true bill Esmonde's case may not be heard until next week.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Elaïne Hammerstein in "The Point of View."

OPERA HOUSE—Milton Pollock and Company and four other acts.

QUEEN SQUARE—Charles Ray in "Peaceful Valley."

STAR—Clara Kimball Young in "The Eyes of Youth."

EMPRESS—Blanche Sweet in "The Girl in the Web."